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OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

First of all we would like to welcome your child and hope that they will enjoy their time in Senior Department as much as we did.

The main purpose of the Old Girls' Association is to encourage and enable former pupils to maintain contact with each other and with the school. Our main social event is usually a lunch/dinner which follows our AGM. It is always a festive occasion and a great opportunity to meet old friends. There are also larger scale reunions held in school to commemorate special anniversaries.

The Association can also play a part when a year group wishes to organise their own gathering. The importance for women in particular to develop networks and maintain contacts with their friends from school has become increasingly clear over the last few years. We live in a network society, whether we like it or not, and therefore membership of the Association can be extremely important.

When your child leaves the High School we hope they will take pride in being a member of the Old Girls' Association and enjoy the benefits of membership, receiving regular communications giving news of the school and events organised by the Old Girls' Association. Pupils can access information and advice on keeping in touch with their year group and arrange reunions or smaller functions for their class through our Secretary; Jonny Hall, who is available to contact at j.hall@dhsfg.org.uk at any time. We shall also want to disseminate information over the web and hope that pupils will maintain electronic communication with the school after they leave. This, of course, requires financing and we hope that you won't find it unreasonable if we ask you to pay £5.00 per term throughout your child's school career as a contribution towards life membership of the Old Girls' Association.

If you do not wish to do this, then provision has been made for you to opt out of this payment by paying the reduced amount on your bill, but we do hope you will recognise the future benefits of your child's membership.

Eileen Perkins (President)
Karen Harrison (Chairman)
Jonny Hall (Secretary)
Morag Cummings (Hon Treasurer)