



**OLD TRIDENTS'
SOCIETY**

ALUMNI OF TRENT COLLEGE

September 2021

Dear Old Trident

The Future of the Old Tridents Society

The Old Tridents Society ('OT Society') was founded in January 1903 by Housemasters Abraham Shuker and Francis Wortley with the objective to "further the interests of Trent College". The Society constituted a President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Auditor and general committee structure. A structure which remains much the same today, managed as a Board of Trustees.

For many decades, the OT Society has supported Trent College ('the School') and our alumni community serving to foster relationships, provide financial assistance and maintain the traditions of the School, working alongside the Head and Alumni Office.

In recent years, the School has supported the OT Society with the provision of administrative and organisational services and facilitated the activities of the OT Society in compliance with changing regulation.

Following a significant period of consideration, the OT Society's Trustees have concluded that the Society's objectives are being met much more effectively via the Trent College Alumni Office and that there is no longer a need for the OT Society to operate as a separate entity.

Subsequently, and in support of lifting the burden of Trustees, consideration is now being given to the continuing of the running of the OT Society charity, also known as 'Old Tridents Society In Connection With Trent College', Charity No. 810009. The charity's objective is as follows:

To further the interests of Trent College, Derbyshire by providing financial support to Trent College, arranging various activities for the members of the Society in order to further continuing interest in and support of Trent College and providing means of communication between Trent College and its former students.

The Trustees have recently engaged a specialist legal team to consider the winding up of the Society charity, by way of spending funds in accordance with the charity's objectives and subject to the restrictions placed on funds within the charity.

The Trustees feel it only appropriate to bring this to the attention of the OT Society Membership (the school's alumni community) now, and to inform you that the matter will feature as a key item on the agenda at the OT Society AGM which will be held on **Thursday 18 November 2021 at 18:00.**

The AGM is open for all Members to attend, either in person at the School or by way of Zoom video link.

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To state your intention to attend the AGM please register online at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BFON> or scan the QR Code opposite. Once online, you will be able to select your preference to attend in person or to attend virtually. Confirmation details, including the Zoom link (where appropriate), will be sent to you in due course.



Please note, a vote to proceed with amendments to the charity will take place on a future date and with the appropriate notice.

At this time, the Trustees would welcome interest from Members within our alumni community to join them and drive the 'Future of the OT Society' project forward. Trustees would be particularly interested to hear from Members who may have expertise in this field or experience of a similar project.

Following six years in post, OT Society President James Gregory will be stepping down from his position on the Board of Trustees and the role of President will become vacant.

Anyone wishing to apply to join the Board of Trustees, including anyone who may wish to be considered for the role of President, should please contact Jo Slater, OT Society Administrator, at otsociety@trentcollege.net by **12 noon on Friday 24 September 2021** for more information. Nominations will be notified in advance of the AGM, with voting in of new Trustees to take place at the AGM on 18 November 2021.

This is an exciting time for Members to consider joining the Old Tridents Society Board of Trustees, as it is a wonderful opportunity to be involved in setting future plans for the OT Society and working in support of Trent College, its pupils and alumni community.

Yours sincerely,

The Board of Trustees of The Old Tridents Society

James Gregory, class of 2000 (President)
Rex Gooding, class of 1960 (Secretary/Vice President)
Dominic Kalantary, class of 2015 (Treasurer)
Robin Bowen, class of 1965 (Vice President)
David Harrison, class of 1957
David Bladen, class of 2003
Peter Nathanail, class of 2015