

# Whitehill School Former Pupils Club



## Constitution

Founded 1923

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#### **Name**

1. The name of the Club shall be the “Whitehill School Former Pupils Club”. Its objectives shall be to promote and support the interests of the school together with its pupils, and reinforce the friendship and contact between former pupils worldwide.

#### **Membership and Eligibility**

2. The Club shall consist of Members, Honorary Members and Associate Members.

3. All former pupils and present and former teachers shall be eligible for Membership or Honorary Membership. The Head Teacher of the school shall be an Honorary Member. People who have rendered special service to the school or those thought worthy of special honour may be appointed Honorary Members on the recommendation of the Management Committee. People who are not former pupils may become Associate Members of the Club with the agreement of the Management Committee.

#### **Governance and Office-Bearers**

4. The Club shall be a not-for-profit unincorporated association. The direction and control of the Club shall be vested in an unpaid volunteer Management Committee consisting of the Office-Bearers, the next President and four members who have volunteered for Committee Membership who have been endorsed by the Management Committee. A quorum shall consist of an Office-Bearer and three members.

5. The Office-Bearers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice-President (normally the President elect), Past President, Secretary and Treasurer. If agreed by the Management Committee, the latter two offices may be combined in one person. The President shall be the chairman of the Committee. In the absence of the President the chairman will be the Vice-President. All offices shall be held annually, but Officer-Bearers shall be eligible for reappointment by the Management Committee. If any Office-Bearer resigns during the year, the position shall be filled by co-option.

6. With the agreement of the Management Committee, Honorary Members and Associate Members may be co-opted to the Management Committee for specific meetings, but they shall not vote at any Management Meeting.

7. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Management Committee will be held in autumn each year. At that meeting a report and an abstract of the audited

Treasurer's accounts for the previous year ending as at 30th April shall be submitted, and the Office-Bearers of the Management Committee appointed for the ensuing year agreed. A notice calling the AGM will be circulated to members of the Management Committee at least fourteen days prior to the date of the proposed meeting. In addition to the AGM, the Secretary will convene regular meetings necessary for the good management of the Club and the furtherance of its objectives.

8. The Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club (at least fourteen days' notice) at the request of the Management Committee or at the request in writing of at least twenty members of the Club. In each case, the subject for which the meeting is called must be specified in the request and in the circular calling the meeting and that subject alone shall be discussed.

9. No alteration to the Constitution of the Club shall be made except at the AGM of the Management Committee. Any proposed alterations must be given in writing to the Secretary at least twenty one days previous to the date of the AGM and must be included in the circular calling the AGM.

10. The Secretary will keep a record of all proceedings of the Management Committee and be responsible for maintain all documents pertinent to the history of the School and the Club.

11. At all meetings of the Management Committee in cases of parity the Chairman will have a casting vote.

12. Any member of the Club who wishes to resign should give notice in writing to the Secretary.

13. Any member of the Club not conforming to the rules of the Club set out in the Constitution, or who's conduct is in any way objectionable, shall, after consideration by the Management Committee, be liable to be expelled from the Club. The motion for expulsion shall be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club Management Committee, called by circular at least fourteen days before the Meeting. A two thirds majority of the Management Committee will be required before an expulsion can be endorsed.

### **Finance and Funding**

14. The Club shall have a Fund to support the objectives referred to in paragraph 1 above. The funds of the Club shall be kept by the Treasurer in such bank as the Management Committee shall appoint. The Management Committee shall appoint an Auditor who will be co-opted to the Management Committee. The bank account shall be operated by the Treasurer and the Secretary with cheques or authorisation for expenditure countersigned by a registered member of the Management Committee. If the Treasurer/Secretary is not available, cheques and financial expenditure can be signed and authorised by two members of the Management Committee who have been designated by the Management Committee. To be valid, all cheques and authorisation of expenditure must have been sanctioned under the process stipulated above.

15. The title to any heritable and moveable property held the Club shall rest with the Management Committee. Any disposal of these assets can only be sanctioned by the Committee after Club members have been informed of the proposal at least twenty eight days in advance of any decision. The views of the Club members will be taken into account by the Committee in reaching its decision.

16. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are empowered to recover and discharge all debts owed to the Club on the authority in writing of the Management Committee.

17. No member shall be at liberty to make any disbursements or incur any debt or liability in the name of or on behalf of the Club without the authority in writing of the Management Committee.

18. The Management Committee shall agree a discretionary annual membership fee payable in November of each year. The level of the fee shall be reviewed and set at each AGM of the Committee. The fee is intended to meet administration costs and the revenue generated shall be held in the Club bank account. Members shall receive a Membership card on payment of the annual fee.

19. Subject to confirmation that any proposal will not lead to a loss of Club funds, the Management Committee may agree to sell a range of merchandise bearing the Club crest to raise funds for the Club. Any use of the Club crest and the purpose of its use must be agreed by the Management Committee.

### **Dissolution**

20. The Club may be wound up at any time on a proposal from the Management Committee endorsed by two thirds of the Club members in a postal and e-mail ballot. Any assets shall be returned to their providers, if they require it, or shall be passed on to Whitehill School or to another group with similar aims acting in support of the school.

### **Promotion of Club Objectives**

21. The Club shall hold a formal annual dinner in the spring of each year and an annual autumn lunch. Other Social events for or on behalf of members may be convened at the discretion of the management committee.

22. At the annual dinner a Distinguished Achievement Award will be made to a former pupil, who has had a distinguished career in the arts, education, the public sector, business and commerce, or who has made an outstanding contribution to public life, Whitehill School or the Former Pupils Club Whitehill School or the Former Pupils Club.

23. To promote and support the interests of the school and its current pupils, with the approval of the Management Committee, in addition to supporting the activities of the Club, funds raised by the Club may be used to support Whitehill School in the form of school prizes and other Whitehill School activities.

24. The Management Committee shall maintain a Club website and issue regular Newsletters to inform members of the activities of the Club and provide a forum for communication and interaction between Club members at home and abroad. To strengthen awareness of the Club, the Management Committee may authorise the development and promotion of appropriate merchandising featuring the Club colours and crest.

### **Validity of Constitution**

**This Constitution was adopted by the Management Committee on 6 March 2016 and supersedes all previous Whitehill Former Pupils Club Constitutions.**

President: Iain Callander

Secretary: Myra Hunter

Vice President: James Aitken

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### A short History of Whitehill School

In 1883 the Glasgow School Board acquired Dennistoun Academy, the private school that had been erected earlier on the site. It was renamed Whitehill Public School for Girls but soon demolished and replaced by a larger building opened in 1891 by John Neilson Cuthbertson, the chairman of the Board.

Whitehill Public School's first headmaster was James Henderson, previously the head of Thomson Street Public School. His aversion to turning away pupils meant that Whitehill became one of the most overcrowded schools in the city. Around 1902 it became a Higher Grade School and it stepped up to full secondary status in 1921. In 1967 it became a comprehensive school and in 1977 pupils were moved to the new Whitehill Secondary School on Onslow Drive, built on a site which had belonged to Golfhill Cricket Club.

Reflecting the post-war optimism in society, the school flourished in the decades following the Second World War and ranked highly amongst city schools for both academic and sporting achievement. Subsequently, it had to face the challenges posed by the decline in economic activity and a fall in the population in its catchment area.

**Sir David Anderson**, Director of the Royal College of Science and Technology, up to the time it became Strathclyde University; **Sir Herbert Duthie**; surgeon and Provost of University of Wales College of Medicine; **Christian James Fordyce**, Professor of Humanity, University of Glasgow; **Rikki Fulton**, actor and, author; **Alistair Gray**, artist, author and playwright; journalists and authors **Jack House** and **Robert Kernohan**; **Adam McNaughton**, singer and song writer; Actors **Bill Patterson** and **Dorothy Paul**; **Sir William Weipers**, who was instrumental in the establishment of the modern veterinary school at Glasgow University, are amongst the famous Glaswegians who attended the school.

There are many, many more former pupils who have had distinguished careers in education, medicine, business, engineering, the kirk and the services, in Scotland and the wider world.

Only a portion of red sandstone school wall remains in Whitehill Street, but the war memorial commemorating the former pupils who died in two World Wars is now incorporated in the new building in Onslow drive. (The names of those who died and a photograph of the memorial can be found on The Scottish Military Research Group - Commemorations Project website under Whitehill School)

For further information visit the Whitehill Former Pupils website at <http://whitehillfp.org/>

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The story of the Former Pupils Club

The following text is a summary of various sources notes, but is primarily drawn from a published article by Dr. Andrew S. Barr in the 1960's.

It began one night in 1922, when Andrew Martin and Howard Garvan spent an evening with Willie Edgar at New Cumnock where he had just started his medical practice, missed the last train home and had to wait for the milk train at 4.30am. Three old school pals who sat talking through the night were of the generation who had just left school when the First World War broke out in 1914. For five years, they been scattered abroad in the Army, Navy and Royal Flying Corps. They wondered what had happened to their old school friends and thought it would be wonderful if they could gather together again. After much more talk, the idea of a "get together of old pals" was born.

The first dinner was held in February 1923 at the Grand Hotel in Glasgow, a six course meal including coffee for the princely sum of seven shillings, or 35 pence in today's coinage. Thirty seven gentlemen attended (it was men only for many years). The group grew in size with as many as 180 attending future dinners.

Parallel with the dinner club, the other branches of the FP Club developed various sport teams including the Rugby, Football and Hockey teams. The Whitehill FP football team, founded in 1903, is particularly honoured as one of the original members the Scottish Amateur Football Association. Whitehill FP entered the first ever Scottish Amateur Cup competition in 1910. Remarkably two of those originating teams, Whitehill FP and Vale of Atholl are still in existence and playing today.

The FP Rugby team was founded in 1924 and continued to play for the following seven decades until disbanding in 1989 when many players went on to play at St Aloysius FP situated out on Cumbernauld Road.

The FP club continues today, we continue to work to attract new members and look forward to the centenary of the "dinner club" in 2023. For more details of the Club visit our website at <http://whitehillfp.org/>

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Annex III

The Whitehill School Song \*

Altiora Peto

Jubilemus Pueri  
Virgines Cantemus  
Tempus est Matutinum  
Vitae Tempus Optimum  
Nos Vigore Pleni  
Nos Vigore Pleni

Splendet Aer Tenuis  
Montis Et Cacumen  
Ecce Candide Splendens  
Fortes Surgit Excitans  
Culmen Ad Vicendum

**Altiora Petimus  
Altiora Semper  
Altiora Sectando  
Itur Ad Celcissima  
Astris Altiora  
Astris Altiora**

*\* Normally only the final verse is sung at FP functions*

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