



# St Leonards

St Andrews, Fife

19 April 2017

Dear Sir,

I very much hope you will be able to join me at the next Reunion on Saturday, 10 June 2017. As I write, the sun is shining on St Andrews and I sincerely hope the weather gods look kindly on us in June. There is a lot to see and I look forward to your company.

The School has just gone through a thorough inspection from HMI and the Care Inspectorate and I am pleased to tell you that the result is a very good report which will be available on-line in May. We are making enormous progress in a number of areas, not least in leading the country with the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Diploma in 2006, but also now with the introduction of the primary version of the IB curriculum in St Leonards Junior School. The curriculum ethos fits in closely with the philosophy of 'Ad Vitam' in providing a real education for life, traditional but with a highly modern twist. The Council of St Leonards is making significant investments in a number of areas, not least our boarding facilities and I look forward to welcoming you at the Reunion to see the completely refurbished and redeveloped Bishopshall, completely updated for the modern world but retaining a traditional country house feel.

As you may be aware, the SLSS Executive Committee meet twice yearly and the theme for the past two years' meetings has been 2017 and beyond.

The opinions of Seniors were gathered by a survey in 2015 and, more recently, by a study commissioned by the SLSS Executive Committee. This has been undertaken by Sally Anne Dunn (1983 APS), who has collected information from a wide range of Seniors and also from other schools in Scotland and England.

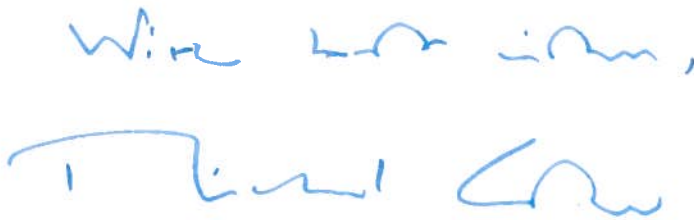
We already have an Alumni and Events Co-ordinator in post and, in more recent years, we have made great progress in using technology to liaise with alumni via email, Facebook and LinkedIn.

Given all the changes that have happened in recent years, the constitution of SLSS no longer adequately reflects a number of key aspects of today's St Leonards. For example the Alumni and Events Co-ordinator, a school employee, is the key point of contact for Seniors, rather than the SLSS Secretary. St Leonards is also fully co-educational and is a leading IB school. As a result, there is considerable support to change the way in which we interact with and engage with our Seniors. In the 140<sup>th</sup> year since the foundation St Leonards, we must ensure we have an inclusive society which works for boys as well as girls, for all age groups and has an active presence worldwide.

Following the presentation at the General Meeting by Sally Anne Dunn, when she will outline and give an overview of her research, I suggest we vote on the following proposals at the General Meeting on Saturday, 10 June.

1. The constitution is put to one side to enable the SLSS to evolve and operate in a way which reflects the changes, not just in school but also in society, to ensure all those who have attended St Leonards, irrespective of their age or gender, may enjoy being part of the wider St Leonards Community.
2. The Vice Presidents of the SLSS remain as an advisory group for the President to call upon from time to time.
3. That the President is empowered to form a new group, the members of which will reflect the experience of all our Seniors, to assist him in carrying out the objectives determined by Sally Anne Dunn as a result of her research work.

I welcome your thoughts on this proposal which will be fully discussed at the General Meeting on the Reunion day and on this basis have included a Proxy Form for you to complete and return to us if you are unable to attend. I look forward to a reinvigorated Seniors Society moving forwards and meeting the needs of all Seniors, female and male, young and old, UK based and international.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Carshaw".

**Dr Michael Carshaw**  
**Headmaster and SLSS President**

**FORM OF PROXY**

To: SLSS Secretary, St Leonards, St Andrews, KY16 9QJ

I .....(NAME)

Of .....

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.....(ADDRESS)

shall be unable to attend the General Meeting to be held on Saturday, 10 June 2017 and hereby appoint the Chairman of the said meeting (Delete if inapplicable) **or**

..... (NAME OF PROXY)

as my proxy to attend the said meeting and vote on my behalf.

**COMPLETE IF CHAIRMAN IS PROXY**

In relation to the Resolution numbered ..... on the President's letter (Complete as appropriate).

I wish to vote

FOR/AGAINST (delete whichever is inapplicable)

I would like the following points to be made to the Meeting on my behalf by my proxy:

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Signature .....

Please send by email to [seniors@stleonards-fife.org](mailto:seniors@stleonards-fife.org) or by post to:  
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St Andrews  
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