



## OLD SEDBERGHIAN CLUB

Dear Old Sedberghians

Inaugurated in 1897, we look to celebrate our friendships and heritage; to keep in touch with the School, and the wider Sedbergh community; and to help younger members with their career aspirations as they make their own way in the world.

In normal times we have a busy diary of events such as sporting fixtures where 'old' boys and girls compete against alumni of other schools or against each other at our annual Sports Weekend in Sedbergh. We have social functions ranging from informal meet-ups to Gala Dinners in London. We have overseas trips as part of a wider interest in those who gave their lives for their country. We organise the Global Run which seeks to celebrate the importance of the Ten Mile Race by asking those in our global community to connect with us through running. The two flagship events of the year that we host at Sedbergh are The Wilson Run Dinner and OS Weekend which take place in the spring and autumn respectively where we welcome more than 200 members of the community.

Apart from these events, and being a conduit to enable alumni to keep in touch with each other, another important aspect of our work is assisting school leavers and younger Club members with their career choice and progression. We do this in a number of ways. We have a large number of volunteers from older generations happy and willing to give advice and guidance to those who seek it.

We also hold career seminars at Sedbergh and support with the annual School Career Fair. Most importantly, we provide a networking facility called OS Connect which allows sixth form pupils, alumni, parents, staff, and friends of Sedbergh, to find mentors and be mentors, (re)connect with old friends and make new connections, advertise job opportunities, and keep up-to-date with the latest OS news, amongst other things. All are warmly invited to join OS Connect via this link - [www.oldsedberghianclub.com](http://www.oldsedberghianclub.com).

Perhaps this aspect of our Club is best summed up by what I have said at the Leavers' Chapel Service:

*There are some six thousand of us Old Sedberghians. Decent people, with all the traits that Sedbergh gives us. This is the Club. It's not at Sedbergh, it's out there, across the world, a collection of people with a shared experience and a common heritage. We, the Club, the six thousand, now want to help you just as we, in our time, were helped. To offer guidance and advice when you make those early career decisions, support and encouragement as you make your way in your professional lives, and a friendly face in a foreign land when there is simply no one else to turn to. This is our commitment to you.*

The OS Club is an important part of coming to Sedbergh. After all, Sedbergh is a School for life. Again, as I say at the Leavers' Ball:

*I'm not here today to say goodbye to you as you leave Sedbergh, but to welcome you to this*

*vast, amazing, supportive family as you step for the last time beyond the gates of the School. It is a Club with a membership that no money can buy, it is a lifelong legacy, it is a rich heritage, and it's yours.*

Of course, the Club is not just about the alumni, although that is its principal focus. We extend our friendship to others in the Sedbergh community, such as staff, parents (both current and former), and honorary members who have in one way or another served the School.

As a result of the pandemic, we are having to reinvent our events. We have hosted two popular Sedbergh Global Online Quizzes with special guests from around the globe. It was not just a quiz but a journey around the world talking to people with amazing stories to tell, not only Old Sedberghians but former and current staff and parents and friends of the School. The event brought people together, provided a connection for those feeling isolated, informed the young, and provided much-needed entertainment for many in difficult times.

The OS Club is a not-for-profit organisation, and we try to keep the subscriptions to a minimum. As such they have not been increased for five years. However, due to increasing costs and in order to maintain our many initiatives and level of service, we have had to increase the subscriptions from £40 to £50 per annum. A £50 annual subscription will ensure you receive a physical copy of the new OS Club Magazine due out in the spring. As a Club we are making great strides in supporting the careers of our new alumni as they leave the school, as well as organising an ever-increasing number of social events, ones which are relevant and varied, as well as hosting annual sporting fixtures and various other ventures.

**If you would like to set up a standing order of £50 per year, the account details are: 380676993 and 20-45-28 (Account Name: Old Sedberghian Club).**

**Current members who already pay a subscription by standing order, please could you amend the amount to £50.00 rather than setting up a new standing order. The OS Club are very grateful your continued support!**

I hope to meet you one day in person at one of our future events. If you would like to know more about the Club, please contact our Alumni Director, Ben Collins [bpc@sedberghschool.org](mailto:bpc@sedberghschool.org).

Many thanks for supporting the Club.

With best wishes



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