



JAGS Choral Society

Constitution

This constitution supersedes the previous constitution dated 20th September 2011.

1. The aims and scope of the JAGS Choral Society are:-
 - To provide mature voices in support of the girls at James Allen's Girls' School and to broaden the repertoire for the school's concerts.
 - To provide opportunities for adults to take part in choral singing.
 - There is no audition and membership is open to anyone, irrespective of connections with the school. The repertoire covers music of a variety of traditions.
2. A committee of no more than twelve and no fewer than seven should be elected from the body of the choir. Membership of the committee should include a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, membership secretary and librarian. The Musical Director should be a member *ex-officio*. Ideally there should be a representative of each vocal section of the choir. An additional post of Vice Chair is available, to be filled as and when required.
3. The maximum term of office for the chairperson should be three years, save in exceptional circumstances. The same applies to all members of the committee. Exceptional circumstances are defined as cases where a member has specifically required expertise, is willing to serve a longer term and where no other members of the choir have offered themselves for the post.
4. Any matter or motion may be brought before the committee for discussion or decision, either by a member of the committee or by any member of the choir, through their section representative.
5. When a motion has been proposed and seconded a majority of the committee must be achieved before the motion is accepted. Only committee members who are physically present may vote on a motion, although absent members may make their opinions known through an appointed representative. Seven members of the committee at least must be present.
6. Members of the Choral Society should pay a sessional subscription, subject to review.
7. A member of the committee, normally the secretary, should take minutes of all committee and annual general meetings.
8. There should be at least one committee meeting a term and one annual general meeting, to be held in the autumn term.
9. Any matter or motion of sufficient import that cannot be agreed by the committee should be put to the full choir for a general discussion and vote.

The constitution is reviewed periodically by the committee, to ensure that it continues to meet the needs of choir members and the school.