

JAGS Choral Society Constitution

Adopted at a Special General Meeting on 4th June 2019

1. Aims and scope

- 1.1. To provide opportunities for adults to take part in choral singing.
As a Community Choir we shall seek to widen participation in the local community.
- 1.2. To provide mature voices in support of the girls at James Allen's Girls' School to help broaden the repertoire for the school's concerts.
- 1.3. The repertoire covers music of a variety of traditions but concentrates on classical music.

2. Membership

- 2.1. There is no audition and membership is open to anyone, irrespective of connections with the school.
- 2.2. Members of the Choral Society shall pay a regular subscription to be agreed annually by the Committee..

3. Committee

- 3.1. A committee of no more than fifteen and no fewer than seven should be elected annually at each AGM by and from the choir. Membership of the committee shall include a Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Social Secretary and Music Librarian. In addition, the Music Director is a member ex-officio. The Vice Chair shall normally be the previous chair.
- 3.2. The Committee may co-opt members between AGMs and fill casual vacancies.
- 3.3. There should be at least one committee meeting each term.
- 3.4. The quorum shall be four members.
- 3.5. The Committee will agree procedures with the Music Director to ensure that all members may help decide future concert repertory.
- 3.6. Matters or motions may be brought before the committee by any member of the choir or committee.
- 3.7. When a motion has been proposed and seconded a majority of the committee must be achieved before the motion is accepted. If there is an equality of votes the chair may exercise a second or casting vote.

- 3.8. A member of the committee, normally the Secretary, will take minutes of all committee and general meetings
- 3.9. With the exception of the Music Director, all officers and members of the committee retire at the end of the Annual General Meeting, unless re-elected.
- 3.10. The maximum term of office for the chair is normally three years.
4. General meetings
 - 4.1. The annual general meeting will be held in the autumn term.
 - 4.2. Nominations for officers and committee members shall be invited at least two choir rehearsals before the AGM. Any choir member interested in standing may nominate him/herself. Nominations shall go to the secretary.
 - 4.3. A Special General Meeting may be called for business specified in the calling notice either by the committee or any ten choir members. In the latter case the meeting shall be called within the next three regular choir rehearsals.
5. Constitution and financial procedures
 - 5.1. The constitution and financial procedures, including bank signatories, shall be reviewed annually by the committee. The constitution may be changed only at a general meeting.