

PANGBOURNE

— Independent, co-educational day and boarding school, ages 11-18 —

OP SOCIETY EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) ADDITIONAL STATEMENT FROM PANGBOURNE COLLEGE

31.03.2026

Responding to unacceptable actions, the College was left with no choice but to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the College and the OP Society on 19 September 2025. This precipitated a strategic review of Old Pangbournian engagement and initiated discussions with the Old Pangbournian Society Committee. The MOU set out an enduring contract for College support to the OP Society Committee, including the provision of extensive College funded staffing and resources to facilitate the Committee's plans.

In an unprecedented market, the unwavering focus for the Head and Governors is securing Pangbourne College's future for the next 100 years, through delivering the College's strategic plans and necessitating a review of all aspects of the College operation.

Our Old Pangbournians are a vital part of the Pangbournian Community and through various functions we welcome Old Pangbournians back to celebrate their time at the College, be that through Parades, events, sporting fixtures, reunions and careers talks.

Our aim is always to maximise the value and impact of those experiences, and, in these challenging times for the independent schools sector, there is even more expectation that the value of a Pangbourne education will last long after a student leaves the College.

Having collaborated with the OP Society Committee Officers about the plans since March 2025, the Pangbournian Community launched at Pangbourne Proms in June. Further communications followed in the Autumn, along with the launch of [Pangbournian Connect](#), the online platform which offers even more opportunities for networking, event attendance and valuable career support, including mentoring to both pupils and OPs.

Like any change, this has been a catalyst for discussion, but as this process has the backing of the OPS Committee, it has resulted in the EGM and resolutions being put before you by the OP Society Committee.

The OP Society Committee and the College's mutually agreed recommended route – Option Three – seeks to continue the OP Society Committee's work in an informal capacity, represented by selected OPs invited onto the wider College Pangbournian Community Advisory Board. This is designed to achieve greater connection and engagement with all of the Pangbournian Community, including Old Pangbournians. There is no difference to the scope of the alumni activities which will continue to run (i.e. the programmes, clubs, societies and events currently on offer, run by OP groups), whilst gaining an even clearer sense of purpose, coordination and impact.

Old Pangbournians can be assured that they will continue to be welcomed at and valued by the College, as they are today and have always been. Whilst there are safeguarding restrictions to consider during term time, the College is always open to discussing events and reunions on site out of term time. Old Pangbournians will continue to have a range of opportunities in which to be involved through a selection of College bodies, which will provide input and shape future plans for Old Pangbournian engagement, meeting the interests of every gender and generation. Please email community@pangbourne.com if you would like to be involved or considered as an OP representative on the Pangbournian Community Advisory Board (PCAB) or the Development Advisory Board (DAB).

We look forward to seeing Old Pangbournians on Pangbournian Day on 19 April when the new College Archive facilities: The Captain Lewis RN Room, The Lionel Stephens Archive and The Harry Sykes Room will be formally opened. Tickets can be booked [here](#).