



New Hall Society AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the New Hall Society was held on Saturday 24 September 2016, at 4pm in the Buckingham House Lecture Theatre, Murray Edwards College.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 25 September 2015 were approved.

2. **Report from the Chair**

The Chair gave a brief overview of activities in the last year and thanked the Committee for their work. It was noted that two members of the Committee had stepped down this year, Hazel Wright (NH 1975, Law) and Beatrice Willis (NH 1994 Arch &Anth). The Chair thanked them for their service to the alumnae community. Beatrice Willis was thanked for her work as the editor of the New Hall Society Review.

The Chair encouraged alumnae to join the Committee and help ensure alumnae are connected with each other and the College.

4. **Elections to the Committee**

Dr Camilla Cheung (NH 2001, Medical Sciences) and Dr Abbe Brown (NH 1989, Law) were re-elected to the committee to each serve a further term of 3 years.

There were no other elections to the committee.

6. **Reports from the College President, Bursar and Senior Tutor**

The President, Bursar and Senior Tutor each gave brief reports on strategic developments in the College during the last year. Notably, final year results were very good – with 93% of students achieving a first class or upper second class degree. It was also promising that the first year results had also been very good with a significant increase in the number of firsts.

The President thanked alumnae for all their support for the College and encouraged alumnae to give their “Time and Talent” to help the College meet key goals, such as encouraging more direct applicants to the College.

The Senior Tutor and President had lobbied across the University for the creation and implementation of a new policy on sexual harassment and this was expected to be discussed and voted upon at Senate House in Michaelmas Term 2016.

The College had appointed several new Fellows as a result of fundraising, including a College Teaching Officer in Law, a linked Lectureship in Engineering. It was hoped that alumnae would contribute to a College Lectureship to be named in honour of Dr Owen Saxton who retired at the end of the academic year 2015/1026.

The Bursar reported on-going financial stability, with a smaller surplus in 2015/2016 than the previous year. Loans which were taken out to fund emergency repair work to College buildings in previous years would now start falling due for repayment, and the College has a plan to allocate a certain proportion of surplus to a sinking fund to repay this.