

## **APPENDIX 1 – EXTRACT FROM THE CHRIST'S HOSPITAL GUIDE FOR DONATION GOVERNORS**

### The Presentation System

What is a 'Presentation'?

The Presentation system, believed to be unique to CH, is a means of supporting and encouraging the selection of suitable pupils to be considered for admission to CH, by persons or organisations who have demonstrated a serious commitment to CH. An individual Donation Governor, business, charity or Livery Company selects and nominates - that is to say 'presents' - a child for entry to the School

The child is said to be in receipt of a 'Presentation' and the individual or corporate representative Donation Governor is known as the 'Donation Governor' or 'Representative Donation Governor'. A system of patronage has been in place in varying forms over the centuries since the School's early days; its purpose has always been to encourage and facilitate the identification and admission to the School of children with need for the education that CH can provide, and for whom such an education would otherwise be unlikely to be available

### The Governance of Christ's Hospital

Christ's Hospital has provided a boarding education to boys and girls in need since its foundation in London by King Edward VI in 1552. Since shortly after the Charity Commission was created in 1853, the School has been a UK registered charity, governed until 2007, by a series of some eighteen consecutive Schemes (the equivalent of Trust Deeds). In 2004 a major re-structuring of the then current Scheme was embarked upon, and the new governance arrangements became effective from 1st August 2007. Christ's Hospital is now a charity in two parts, each with its own Board.

The Foundation of Christ's Hospital, whose trustee body is the Council of Almoners Limited, holds and is responsible for the endowments and other major assets of the charity and for raising and allocating funds for the running of the School.

The School of Christ's Hospital, has its own policy-making Board of School Governors (BSG) to whom the Head Master is responsible for all aspects of the education and welfare of the pupils. The common purpose shared by these two bodies continues unchanged – namely the education of children and especially those with need to board who would otherwise not realise their potential.

### Rules for the Presentation of Candidates

1. No Donation Governor may present his/her own child, stepchild or grandchild or any children, stepchildren or grandchildren of such child or stepchild.
  2. Any Donation Governor who delegates the exercise of his/her presenting privileges to another shall be liable for all acts by that other person in relation to the Presentation, unless the Council of Almoners shall, on consideration of any special circumstances, otherwise order.
  3. No Presentation may be the consequence of a sale, bargain or any other consideration made to achieve the Presentation.
  4. A presenting Donation Governor must state to the Clerk on his/her Presentation Petition whether or not, and to the best of his/her knowledge, the Presentee for whom he/she is petitioning is related to any Donation Governor and if so to what degree.
- The Council of Almoners has discretion to decide the Presentation privileges available to Donation Governors. The following are the current rules under this discretion:**
5. Donation Governors may apply for a second or subsequent presentation upon making a further donation.
  6. If a Presentee leaves the School for any reason in the first two years, the presenting Donation Governor is invited to select another Presentee without making a further donation.