



CITY OF LONDON  
SCHOOL

COMMON ROOM

**Kevin P. Rogers** MChem  
CHAIRMAN

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Dear Ian,

I am writing to you regarding a recent Meeting of the School's Common Room, which was held on Monday 4th September.

Firstly, thank you for your kind words as relayed to the Common Room regarding the School's and boys' recent successes in this year's public examinations. The hard work and dedication of all colleagues is committed to the success of the boys and the future prosperity of the School, and once again this has yielded super results.

Secondly, I have been asked by the Common Room to write to you, and the Board of Governors as a whole, to reconsider the status of Gary Griffin and David Heminway in respect to them being allowed, as other colleagues who have retired "with honour" are, to school events such as concerts, plays and the summer's end-of-term luncheon. Of course, it would be highly unlikely that either Gary or David would attend even a couple of these, if any – Gary is, as I am sure you are aware, the Head Master of an HMC School, and is very busy.

At the Meeting of the Common Room a motion was passed asking that I write to you in these terms. I shall not, here, repeat the detailed arguments that were offered by Members of Common Room at the Meeting except to state that *all* contributions were in favour of a positive reconsideration by the Governors. When a vote was called mandating me to make this request to you and the Board, it was passed with seventy votes in favour, one against, and with seven abstentions.

Thirdly, I have also been asked to write to you and the Board to consider the appointment of a Governor with a specific role dedicated to Staff (teaching and non-teaching) welfare. Again, all contributions during the Meeting were supportive of this idea. It was envisaged at the Meeting that such a Governor would be available as a direct contact in School, say once a month, for the purpose of representing the views of staff directly to the Board. The vote asking me to write to you was passed with 82 votes in favour, with no votes against nor with any votes of abstention.

(The difference in totals between the two votes is due to some colleagues choosing not to actively abstain in the first.)

I look forward to your thoughts on these matters, and if you would like to chat with me, I, of course, would be more than happy to see you.

I remain,

yours sincerely,

Kevin Rogers