



From: ASPA Chair, Richard Stone

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ASPA

Dear Fellow Parents,

I hope you are well and enjoying the final term of the year, and hopefully looking forward to some warmer weather when it (eventually!) arrives.

I have been Chair of ASPA since 2021, picking the parents association back up after the pandemic which had put a hold on all the usual activities. In that time we have, amongst other things, hosted welcome drinks events each year for new parents in the Lower School and Third Year, organised other events including our Quiz last year and the fabulous Burns Night Ceilidh and Dinner earlier this year, and continued with the travel awards for students.

We're keen that the association, parent socialising and engagement with the school continues to grow. Most of the ASPA committee have children in the sixth form and are therefore leaving their parent relationship with the school either this summer or next. I am grateful to the handful of parents who have stepped up from other years but, in short, we need more. In particular, we need parents willing to take on the officer roles (Chair, Treasurer, Communications and Secretary) none of which are unduly onerous but without which the association cannot function.

I know I have asked before, but if you would be willing to take on one of these roles, to join the ASPA committee and to help take the association onto the next stage please contact me (aspa@abingdon.org.uk). The sooner we have volunteers stepping forward the more can be done in terms of handovers and helping settle into the roles.

Thank you in advance.

With best wishes

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