

St Edmund's College, Cambridge

ROYAL CHARTER

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS St Edmund's College (hereinafter referred to as 'the Company') was incorporated as St Edmund's House under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890, on the Seventh day of January in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight and with the consent of the University of Cambridge (hereinafter referred to as 'the University') changed its name to St Edmund's College on the Sixth day of October in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and eighty-six:

AND WHEREAS Our trusty and well-beloved Richard Maitland Laws, Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Fellow of the Royal Society, and Geoffrey Malcolm Weston Cook, Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the other Fellows of the Company have by a Humble Petition prayed that We might be graciously pleased to grant a Charter of Incorporation for the purpose of constituting the present community of St Edmund's College under the title 'the Master, Fellows and Scholars of St Edmund's College in the University of Cambridge':

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of all other powers enabling Us so to do have of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion granted and declared and do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare as follows:—

1. The Master, Fellows and Scholars of St Edmund's College and all such persons as may hereafter become members of the Body Corporate hereby constituted shall forever hereafter be one Body Politic and Corporate by the name and style of 'The Master, Fellows and Scholars of St Edmund's College in the University of Cambridge' (hereinafter referred to as 'the College') and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and by the same name shall and may sue and be sued in all Courts and before all Justices of Us, Our Heirs and Successors.
2. The College shall have full power and capacity to accept, assume and hold any personal property whatsoever and shall also, without any further authority, by virtue of this Our Charter, have full power and capacity to accept, acquire and hold any

lands and hereditaments and to dispose of, either by way of sale or lease, and to exchange, mortgage, charge, improve, manage, develop, turn to account, or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property, real or personal, belonging to the College upon such terms and in such manner as it shall see fit and also to do all other things incidental to or appertaining to a Body Corporate; provided always that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to empower the College to dispose or deal with its property in the manner above mentioned without first obtaining such consent as would otherwise be required by law.

3. The objects of the College shall be:
 - (a) to advance education, religion, learning and research in the University;
 - (b) to provide for that purpose a College for men and women who shall be members of the University wherein they may work for degrees of the University or may carry out postgraduate or other special studies at Cambridge;
 - (c) to promote and facilitate contributions from the Catholic Church and from members of the Catholic Church in carrying out the foregoing objects.
4. In pursuance of the objects, the College shall have the powers:—
 - (a) to acquire and take over the properties and liabilities now vested in or belonging or attaching to the trustees of the Company;
 - (b) to apply the moneys of the College including any moneys acquired or taken over as aforesaid to the purposes of the College with power to invest as prescribed in the Statutes of the college;
 - (c) to administer any trust or scheme for purposes connected with the objects of the College;
 - (d) to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the carrying out of the above objects;
 - (e) subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University, to present candidates for matriculation by the University.
5. There shall be a Visitor of the College as prescribed by the Statutes.
6. The first Master of the College shall be Our Trusty and well-beloved Robert Brian Heap, Commander of the Order of the British Empire and Foreign Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society. Such persons as at the date of this Our Charter are Fellows of the Company shall be the first Fellows of the College. The Statutes of the College shall apply to the first Master and the first Fellows as if they had been appointed pursuant to the Statutes save that due regard shall be had to the terms of their appointment as Officers or Fellows of the Company previous to the date of this Our Charter. Any subsequent Master of the College or further Fellows of the College shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes of the College.

7. The government of the College shall be vested in the Governing Body as defined in the Statutes of the College which shall, subject to the provision of this Our Charter and of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923, have full power to make and when made to alter the Statutes of the College provided that no alteration of the Statutes shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University.
8. The first Statutes of the College shall be those scheduled to this Our Charter and the same shall be and shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered in such manner as may be lawful.
9. The Governing Body of the College may from time to time revoke, amend or add to the provision of this Our Charter by a Special Statute in that behalf and such revocation, amendment or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so modified. The College shall seek the consent of the University before requesting any alteration to this Our Charter. This Article shall apply to the provisions of this Our Charter as modified in manner aforesaid. A 'Special Statute' shall be one passed by the votes of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting at a meeting of the Governing Body summoned for the purpose at not less than fourteen days' notice as prescribed by the Statutes at which not less than two-thirds of the members of the Governing Body are present.
10. References herein to the Statutes of the College shall be deemed to be references to such Statutes as are for the time being in force.

AND lastly We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters or the enrolment thereof shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the College as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever of Us, Our Heirs and Successors any non-recital, mis-recital or other omission, defect or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent,

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the sixth day of July in the forty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL