

# THE DOUAI SOCIETY

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## RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS

### Amendment of Rule 21

1. A copy of Rules 21(a) to (g) of the Douai Society's Constitution ("the Constitution") is annexed hereto for information.
2. **Pursuant to Rule 27(a)** of the Constitution, the Members **HEREBY RESOLVE** to delete Rule 21 and replace it with a new Rule 21 to read as follows:

"21(a) The Society shall establish and administer a fund, separate from all other funds or assets of the Society, to be called the "Douai Foundation" ("the Foundation"), using the entire funds and assets currently held by the Douai Society Bursary Fund ("the DSBF") and such additional funds as the Society may from time to time decide to allocate to it. Once the funds from the DSBF have been transferred to the Foundation, the DSBF shall cease to exist.

(b) The Foundation will have charitable status and, in due course, it will be registered with the Charity Commission.

(c) The income and capital of the Foundation shall be used for the principal purpose of the promotion of and funding of education at home and abroad with special emphasis on Benedictine teaching and values.

(d) The Foundation shall be administered by a Board of Trustees ("the Foundation Trustees") consisting of no less than three and no more than five trustees. At least two of the trustees shall be Members of the Society (while the Society is still in existence and there are members willing and able to serve as Trustees) and one will

be the Abbot of Douai or his representative (or if Douai Abbey ceases to exist the Abbot President of the English Benedictine Congregation or his representative). The first Foundation Trustees shall be appointed by the Council in consultation with the Abbot of Douai.

(e) The Foundation Trustees shall have full and unfettered discretion to invest the funds under their control in such stocks, shares, securities and deposits and other assets as they shall think fit.

(f) The Foundation Trustees shall have complete discretion as to the application of the Fund, how applications for assistance are made, the decision process that will be implemented by them, the amounts distributed by them and any conditions attached to any such distributions.

(g) The Foundation Trustees shall be at liberty to receive donations from former Douai pupils, their families and any other source acceptable to them.

(h) As soon as the DSBF shall cease to exist, the Council, out of the Society's own capital and income and at its complete unfettered discretion shall continue, where possible, to make grants to Members of the Society, those eligible for membership and their respective families, to defray the cost of voluntary service connected with projects having educational, vocational, environmental, artistic, scientific research, charitable or religious aims including the participation in religious retreats courses and pilgrimages. A report of any grant made by the Council under this heading shall be presented to each of the Society's Annual General Meetings."

**3. PASSED** on this day 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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President

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Secretary