



## **Petition of The Clifton College**

### **TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL**

THE HUMBLE PETITION of The Clifton College (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") SHEWETH as follows:

- 1 Her Majesty Queen Victoria on 16 March 1877 by Royal Charter established the Corporation as a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II granted a Supplemental Charter to the College in 1957 and granted a further Supplemental Charter to the College in 1971, revoking the said Charter of 16 March 1877 and the Supplemental Charter granted in 1957 insofar as it established the Corporation as a body corporate.
- 2 The Corporation has since its foundation and continues to carry on and maintain Clifton College ("the College"). Lately it also carries on and maintains the school known as Tockington Manor.
- 3 The Corporation believes and maintains that it would enhance its ability to effectively manage and operate the College in line with modern business practice and enable it to make greater use of its resources and educational expertise for charitable educational purposes if Your Majesty would be pleased to grant to it a Supplemental Charter revoking the said Supplemental Charter of 1971 and modifying the Corporation's constitution, objects, powers and functions, except insofar as they incorporate the Corporation and confer upon it perpetual succession and a Common Seal.
- 4 The principal changes proposed to the constitution of the Corporation are that:  
  
The charitable objects of the Corporation be expanded to encompass the promotion of education for the public benefit and to expressly provide for the establishment and conduct of other schools in addition to the College, whilst preserving the spiritual life and teaching of the College, updated so as no longer to do so by reference to Polacks House, which closed in 2005.

The existing powers of the Corporation are adjusted and added to in accordance with the drafting of modern corporate powers to give greater clarity as to the ways and circumstances in which the Corporation may act.

The conditions under which members of its Council may benefit from the Corporation are revised, clarified and updated in line with modern best practice for educational charities.

The provisions for the surrender of Your Majesty's Charter, should Your Majesty be pleased to grant it, should direct that surplus property of the Corporation be given or transferred to a charitable association or associations with objects wholly or in part within or wholly or in part similar to those of the Corporation.

Meetings of the Corporation's Governors or Council held by electronic means, or by a hybrid of electronic and physical means, be enabled.

For the more efficient administration of the Corporation, provisions for terms of office of members of the Corporation's Council be improved and simplified including by the replacement of arrangements for retirement by rotation by fixed terms of office.

Provisions inflexibly prescribing how the College should be organised, what officers it should employ and their roles be removed and replaced with simpler powers of delegation.

- 5 At a meeting of the Council of the Corporation held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the following resolutions were passed:

"That the proposed Supplemental Charter and new Bye-Laws, produced to the meeting and for the purposes of identification signed by the Chairman, be approved subject to such amendments as His Majesty or His Majesty's Privy Council may require or request."

"That the draft Petition produced to the meeting be approved."

"That in accordance with Bye-Law 38, the seal of the Corporation shall be applied to the Petition in the presence of at least two members of Council who shall sign the Petition, and it shall be countersigned by Gemma Rudrum as Secretary."

"That the Corporation petition His Majesty to grant the proposed Supplemental Charter subject to such amendments as His Majesty or His Majesty's Privy Council may require or request."

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased in the exercise of Your Royal Prerogative to grant a Supplemental Charter to Your Petitioners in the terms of the draft herewith submitted or in such other terms as may to Your Majesty seem proper.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS will ever pray etc.

The Common Seal of the Corporation was hereunto affixed this 5th day of July 2025

in the presence of:

