

**LADY MARGARET HALL
OXFORD
CHARTER**

Charter of 17 March 1926, as amended by Supplemental Charter of 31 December 1953, Supplemental Charter of 23 December 1960, Supplemental Charter of 1 June 1978 and Supplemental Charter of 7 June 2012. Supplemental Charters also attached.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting:

WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to Us by Cyril Bailey and Lynda Grier

Praying Us to grant a Charter of Incorporation for the purpose of constituting them and their Successors and such other persons as to Us might seem fitting a Corporation with the object among others of acquiring and taking over the property and liabilities of the Association hitherto known as 'Lady Margaret Hall Oxford' now occupying certain lands houses and buildings in Norham Gardens and Benson Place in the City of Oxford and of carrying on and developing its work under such regulations and with such powers as to Us might appear meet and expedient:

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 Royal Prerogative in that behalf, and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, grant, will, direct and ordain as follows:-

1. The persons whose names are set forth in the First Schedule hereto and such other persons as may hereafter become members of the Governing Body of the College hereby constituted pursuant to the provisions of these presents or of the Statutes hereinafter mentioned or the powers thereby granted and all persons who at any time heretofore have been or are now students of the Association hitherto known as Lady Margaret Hall Oxford and all persons who at any time hereafter shall be admitted students of the College as carried on hereunder pursuant to the provisions of these Presents or of the Statutes or the powers thereby granted and in the case of such last-mentioned persons both while they shall continue such students and also after they shall have ceased to be such students, shall for ever hereafter be one Body Politic and Corporate by the name of 'the Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in the University of Oxford' and by the same name shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power to break, alter, and make anew the said Seal 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. By the same name they shall have full power and capacity to accept, acquire, 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, not only all such lands, houses, and buildings in Norham Gardens and Benson Place in the City of Oxford as are referred to in the Petition, but also any other lands and hereditaments; and they shall have full power to dispose of either by way of sale or lease, 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 they shall see fit, and also to do all other matters incidental or

- appertaining to a Body Corporate: Provided always that nothing in this Article shall be deemed to empower the College to dispose of, or deal with, its property in manner above mentioned without first obtaining such consent as would otherwise be required by law.
3. The College is hereby incorporated and shall be conducted with the following objects:-
 - a) To acquire and take over the property and liabilities of the Association, hitherto known as Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, and hereinafter referred to as the 'Old Association'.
 - b) To advance education and research, in particular by providing for members of the University of Oxford a college conducted according to the principles of the Church of England, but with full provision for the liberty of those who are not members of that Church.
 - c) To invest the moneys of the College not immediately required in any of the securities or investments which may from time to time be authorized by the Governing Body for that purpose.
 - d) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the above objects.
 4. There shall be a Governing Body of the College (hereinafter called 'the Governing Body') as defined by the Statutes for the time being of the College (hereinafter called 'the Statutes').
 5. The persons whose names and addresses are set forth in the first Schedule hereto shall constitute the first Governing Body.
 6. The government of the College shall be vested entirely in the Governing Body.
 7. The Governing Body shall, subject to the provisions of this Charter, have full power to make, and when made, to alter Statutes touching the constitution of the Governing Body, the government of the College, the appointment and removal of the Principal, the Teaching Staff, and all other persons employed in or in connexion with the College, the admission and removal of Students, and any other matters whatsoever relating to the administration and management 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 Charter or to the laws of the Realm or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University of Oxford as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University, nor until it shall have been approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council under the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923.
 8. The Governing Body shall meet at least once in every academic year at such time and place as the Governing Body shall approve.
 9. The first Statutes shall be those contained in the Second Schedule hereto, and it is hereby declared that the same are valid and within the powers conferred by the 7th Article hereof, and shall remain in force unless and until they shall be altered in manner hereinbefore prescribed.
 10. There shall be a Visitor of the College who shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by the Statutes for the time being of the College, and shall have the powers conferred on him by the said Statutes.
 11. The income and property of the College, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the College as set forth in these Presents, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the College. Provided that this Article shall not prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to the Principal, Tutors, Fellows, Lecturers, or any other Officers or servants of the College in return for services actually rendered to the College.
 12. There shall be an audit of all the accounts of the College made every year by a professional Auditor to be appointed by the Governing Body.
 13. The Governing Body may, at a meeting specially called for the purpose, revoke, amend or add to any of the provisions of this Charter, and such alteration shall be valid and binding upon the College and all the Fellows thereof if approved by the votes of two-thirds or more of the Fellows present at such meeting. Provided that no such alteration of

this Charter shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the laws of the Realm or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University of Oxford as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University, nor until it shall have been approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council; after which this Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as so revoked, amended or added to. This provision shall apply to this Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

And lastly, We do by these Presents for Us and our Successors grant and declare that these Our Letters Patent 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 as in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever of Us and Our Successors any non-recital, mis-recital or other omission defect or things to the contrary notwithstanding.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

Witness Ourselves at Westminster the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1926 and in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual

SCHUSTER

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER **of 31 December 1953**

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 Our Royal Predecessor King George the Fifth was graciously pleased to grant a Charter of Incorporation on the seventeenth day of March in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six to the Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall (thereinafter called the Hall) as one Body Politic and Corporate with perpetual succession and *inter alia* it was provided that there should be a Council of the Hall:

AND WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to Us by the Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall praying that We would be graciously pleased to grant a Supplemental Charter amending the said Charter in manner hereinafter appearing:

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 Royal Prerogative in that behalf, and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of Our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion have granted, willed, directed and ordained and by these Presents, Do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant, will, direct and ordain as follows:-

1. That the Body Politic and Corporate named in the Charter as 'The Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall' shall in future be styled 'The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in Oxford' (commonly known as 'Lady Margaret Hall' and hereinafter referred to as 'the College').
2. That in lieu of a Council of the Hall as provided by Article 4 of the said Charter there shall be a Governing Body of the College as defined by the Statutes for the time being of the College. The persons whose names and addresses are set forth in the first Schedule hereto shall constitute the first Governing Body.
3. That in lieu of the Statutes set out in the Second Schedule to the said Charter it is hereby declared that the Statutes of the College shall be those contained in the Second Schedule hereto and it is hereby declared that the same are valid and within the powers conferred by Article 7 of the said Charter.
4. That the said Charter shall be read and construed wherever it shall be applicable as though the expressions 'The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in Oxford' 'the College' 'Governing Body of the College' and 'The Governing Body' had been substituted throughout for the expressions 'Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall' 'The Hall' 'the Council of Lady Margaret Hall' and 'the Council'.
5. Save as aforesaid We hereby confirm the provisions of the said Charter.

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

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the 31st day of December in the second year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT under the hands of the Counsellors of State.

NAPIER

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER

of 23 December 1960

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 on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six Our Royal Predecessor King George the Fifth was graciously pleased to grant a Charter (hereinafter called "the original Charter") constituting a Body Politic and Corporate under the name of "The Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall":

AND WHEREAS on the thirty-first day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three We were graciously pleased to grant a Supplemental Charter altering the name of the said Body Politic and Corporate to "The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in Oxford" and making other amendments to the original Charter:

AND WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to Us by the Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in Oxford praying that We should be graciously pleased to grant them a further Supplemental Charter:

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

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE THAT WE, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative in that behalf, and of all other powers enabling Us so to do of Our especial grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion have granted, willed, directed and ordained and by these Presents Do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant, will, direct and ordain as follows:

1. The said Body Politic and Corporate shall in future be styled "The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in the University of Oxford".
2. Article 7 of the original Charter shall be amended by the deletion of the words from "of the Women's Colleges to the University" to the end of the Article and the substitution of the words "of the Colleges to the University, nor until it shall have been approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council under the provisions of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act, 1923".
3. Save as aforesaid We hereby confirm the provisions of the aforesaid Charters,

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

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the twenty-third day of December in the ninth year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

COLDSTREAM

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER

of 1 June 1978

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 on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six His Majesty King George the Fifth was graciously pleased to grant a Charter (hereinafter called "the Original Charter") constituting a Body Politic and Corporate under the name of "The Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall":

AND WHEREAS by Supplemental Charters granted by Us in the years One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three and One thousand nine hundred and sixty, the name of the said Body Politic and Corporate was successively altered to "The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in Oxford" and "The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in the University of Oxford" and other amendments were made to the Original Charter:

AND WHEREAS by their humble Petition the said Principal and Fellows have prayed that We should be graciously pleased to grant to them a further Supplemental Charter:

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 of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and declare as follows:

Article 3 (*b*) of the Original Charter shall be read as though the words "men and" were inserted after the words "To provide for".

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

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the first day of June in the twenty-seventh year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

BOURNE

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER

of 7 June 2012

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 on the seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six His Majesty King George the Fifth was graciously pleased to grant a Charter (hereinafter called "the Original Charter") constituting a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of "The Principal Council and Members of Lady Margaret Hall":

AND WHEREAS by Supplemental Charters granted by Us in the years One thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, One thousand nine hundred and sixty, and One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight, the name of the said Body Politic and Corporate was successively altered to "The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in Oxford" and "The Principal and Fellows of the College of the Lady Margaret in the University of Oxford" and other amendments were made to the Original Charter:

AND WHEREAS by their humble Petition the said Principal and Fellows have prayed that We should be graciously pleased to grant to them a further Supplemental Charter:

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 of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant and declare as follows:

1. In Article 2 *delete* "situated in Great Britain or Ireland not exceeding in the whole (exclusive of the said property in Norham Gardens and Benson Place) the annual value of £10,000, such annual value to be calculated and ascertained at the period of respectively acquiring the same"
2. *Delete* Article 3b) and *substitute* "To advance education and research, in particular by providing for members of the University of Oxford a college conducted according to the principles of the Church of England, but with full provision for the liberty of those who are not members of that Church."
3. *Delete* Article 13 and *substitute* "The Governing Body may, at a meeting specially called for the purpose, revoke, amend or add to any of the provisions of this Charter, and such alteration shall be valid and binding upon the College and all the Fellows thereof if approved by the votes of two-thirds or more of the Fellows present at such meeting. Provided that no such alteration of this Charter shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the laws of the Realm or to the provisions of such Statutes of the University of Oxford as may from time to time be made to govern the relation of the Colleges to the University, nor until it shall have been approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council; after which this Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as so revoked, amended or added to. This provision shall apply to this Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid."

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

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the seventh day of June in the sixty-first year of Our
Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

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