

Dear Sir/Madam,

During the election process I have been receiving several representation concerning certain procedural aspects relating to the forthcoming election of the Ballygunge Government High School Alumni Association (BGHSAA), scheduled to be held on 27 September 2026.

At the outset, I would like to state that, being a prestigious organisation such as the Ballygunge Government High School Alumni Association, it is expected that the AGM and the extension of the voting process should be conducted in a peaceful, transparent, orderly and dignified manner, keeping the interest of the Association and its members above individual considerations.

In my capacity as the Election Commissioner appointed to conduct the election, I would like to clarify the following matters:

1. Election Process and Nomination Form

The BGHSAA By-laws presently available to me do not contain any specific provision prescribing the detailed procedure or mechanism for conducting the election.

Accordingly, after receiving my appointment as Election Commissioner and with the objective of ensuring a fair and orderly election in accordance with the existing By-laws, I prepared and circulated an **Election Process** on **15 September 2026**.

The Election Notice was also issued by me on **15 September 2026**, incorporating the relevant dates and timelines applicable to the election. The dates relating to the election process have been mentioned in accordance with the applicable By-laws and the election schedule.

For clarity, there is no separate or additional set of By-laws being introduced. There is **one set of BGHSAA By-laws**, and the **Election Process** is the procedural framework prepared by the Election Commissioner for conducting the election in the absence of detailed provisions in the By-laws regarding the actual election procedure.

The Election Process has also been referred to in the Nomination Form, and the candidate's acknowledgement/signature is intended to confirm that the candidate has received and taken note of the applicable election procedure. It should not be construed as introducing a new By-law or altering the substantive rights of any member.

2. Final Voter List and Member Information

The updated voter list was published by me on **18 September 2026**, as per the election schedule.

The published voter list contains the relevant particulars necessary for determining voting eligibility, including:

- Name of the member;
- Year of passing/batch; and



- Membership status, i.e. Life Member or Annual Member.

The objective of publication of the voter list is to establish and communicate the list of eligible voters for the election.

I would also like to clarify that the existing BGHSAA By-laws do **not contain any provision requiring the Election Commissioner to publish or circulate the mobile telephone numbers, email addresses or other personal contact particulars of members along with the voter list.**

Accordingly, the voter list has been prepared and published with the particulars required for determining membership and voting eligibility. The absence of mobile numbers or email addresses from the published voter list should not, therefore, be construed as non-publication or withholding of the electoral roll.

The issue of custody or management of any database containing additional personal contact information is a separate administrative matter and should not be conflated with the publication of the official voter list for the purpose of the election.

3. Extension of Nomination Dates

With regard to the question concerning the nomination timeline, I reiterate that the detailed election procedure was prepared and circulated after my appointment as Election Commissioner.

The Election Notice dated **15 September 2026** clearly communicated the applicable election schedule. The relevant dates have been incorporated into the election process for the purpose of conducting the election in an orderly manner.

Since the existing By-laws do not prescribe a detailed mechanism governing the conduct of the election, including the complete sequence of nomination, scrutiny, withdrawal and polling, the Election Commissioner was required to formulate a practical election procedure consistent with the By-laws and the objective of conducting a fair election.

There has been no intention to disregard or supersede the By-laws. Rather, the Election Process has been formulated to operationalise the election in areas where the By-laws are silent.

4. Alleged Errors or Discrepancies in the Voter List

The publication of the updated voter list on **18 September 2026** was undertaken specifically to provide clarity regarding the members entitled to participate in the election.

Any genuine discrepancy relating to a member's name, batch/year of passing or membership status can be brought to the attention of the Election Commissioner with supporting particulars so that the same may be examined appropriately.

However, allegations concerning the authenticity or integrity of the electoral roll should be supported by specific and verifiable particulars rather than general assertions. The Election Commissioner remains committed to examining any legitimate objection concerning voter eligibility in accordance with the applicable By-laws and the Election Process.



5. Equal and Peaceful Conduct of the Election

The fundamental objective of the election process is to provide an orderly and fair opportunity to eligible members to exercise their voting rights.

All candidates are expected to abide by the applicable By-laws, the Election Process circulated by the Election Commissioner and the election schedule. Equally, all participants are expected to maintain decorum and refrain from making unsubstantiated allegations against fellow members or office bearers.

The Election Commissioner has no personal interest in the outcome of the election. The responsibility is limited to conducting the election fairly and in accordance with the applicable rules and procedure.

Please be advised that all candidates, or one authorized representative per candidate, are permitted access to the polling zone and the counting zone.

The entire process will be conducted transparently in the presence of all candidates or their representatives.

I would therefore request all candidates and members to extend their cooperation so that the AGM and election process on **27 September 2026** can be completed peacefully, smoothly and with the dignity befitting a prestigious alumni organisation such as BGHSAA.

I assure all concerned that any specific and bona fide procedural issue brought before the Election Commissioner, which falls within the scope of the election process, will be considered appropriately. At the same time, it is important that the election process is not disrupted by issues which are outside the scope of the Election Commissioner's mandate or which are not supported by the applicable By-laws.

The common objective should be to ensure that the election is completed in a transparent, impartial and peaceful manner and that the interests and reputation of the Ballygunge Government High School Alumni Association are duly protected.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,



Election Commissioner

Ballygunge Government High School Alumni Association (BGHSAA)