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## J7 Membership Scheme

The J7 Scheme is one we inherited when the Public Schools Club joined us in 1972 and it enables young men, having attended an HMC School and attained the age of 18, to join a Senior Gentlemen's Club at a modest rate, currently **£390.00.** This offer must be taken up within 18 months of leaving school with the application being supported by their headmaster/mistress. Once elected, there is no further payment due and the membership continues until the January after their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Once the J7 membership expires the member will be written to and invited to continue membership without paying an entrance fee. The subscription from 25 to 30 is on a sliding scale and full membership subscription only becomes applicable after the age of 30.

J7's are <u>Full Members</u> of the Club and indeed may be elected to the Committee if they receive appropriate support. We currently have some 2,400 Members under the age of 30 and so any thought that the East India Club is the sole domain of elderly gentlemen is far from the case. The wide age range contributes greatly to a sociable, interesting and friendly club.

An active Young Members committee help organise a Casino evening and Jazz BBQ and help steer many initiatives. Other annual club events include a Young Members Dinner, Summer and Winter cocktail parties, a House Dinner, Lord Mayor's Luncheon and a Carol Concert. Other dinners, lecture events and wine tastings feature from time to time and go towards a varied calendar of social events for members and their guests.

In addition there are outings to the home internationals at Twickenham and debenture seats at Lords which compliment the clubs sporting societies which currently include, golf, rugby, fly fishing, snooker, cricket, rowing, chess and shooting. There is we hope, something for everyone and the J7 scheme is a tremendous way to become a member.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Alex Bray Secretary