**SOMERVILLE COLLEGE**

**OXFORD**

The Annual General Meeting of the Somerville Association was held on Saturday 18th March 2022 at 2.15pm in the Flora Anderson Hall, Somerville College.

The President, Alison Wolf (AW), welcomed everyone to the AGM and explained the reason for the very short AGM which was to maximise time for the stellar guest speakers.

AW proceeded to the primary business of this AGM:

Firstly, election of new SA President.

Proposed and seconded by the SA Committee:

Dr Nermeen Varawalla (1989, DPhil Clinical Medicine), Chief Medical Officer, Relief Therapeutics

*Unanimously elected.*

Dr Varawalla thanked AW and the AGM attendees for electing her and said she was looking forward to steering the SA for the next 3 years.

Secondly, election of Joe Smith (2013) to serve for a second period of three years, i.e. until 2025

*Unanimously elected.*

AW reflected on her time as President of the SA Association. Despite the challenges of Covid and lockdowns she felt great pride in how successfully the SA online activities managed to maintain a strong connection with the alumni community. AW congratulated Somervillians recognised in the Queens Birthday and New Year Honours Lists:

Dan York-Smith (1998, History) received a CB for public service. (London, Greater London

Honorary Fellow Dame June Raine (1971, Physiology) awarded a DBE in recognition of her service to the public as Chief Executive of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

AW then closed the AGM and introduced the Principal who welcomed everyone to the Spring Meeting with guest speakers Dr Dame June Raine and Dame Kate Bingham