



**Agenda for the 95th Meeting of the Merchant Taylors' Senior Boys'
School Parents' Association Focus Group
Tuesday 22nd May @ 7pm in the Ian Robinson Sports Centre**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous meeting.
3. Chairman's Report (delivered by Mr Williams)
4. Focus Group with Mrs Lynn Hill (Director of Finance and Operations)
5. Events for the Summer Term 2018:
 - Sports Day – **Saturday 16th June 2018**
(support with PA marquee serving drinks, sandwiches from 2pm/marquee has been ordered)
6. Events for the Autumn Term 2018:
 - Merchant Taylors' Company Joint Schools Concert – **Sunday 11th November @ 2pm in the Birmingham Symphony Hall – SAVE THE DATE**
 - Speech Day and Prizegiving – **Friday 7th December, 2018** in the Philharmonic Hall. Guest speaker – Mr Mark Bereton.
Mark attended MTS until 1991. Studied Law and Accounting at the University of Southampton. "I tried and failed to get into the RAF as a pilot, thereby missing out on a dream I should have been much better prepared for. I speak to kids now about trying to identify what their dreams are and how to best turn them into reality. And I emphasize that some opportunities just come along that one time, so do whatever it takes when you get that chance. I then go on to talk about how to handle failure whenever it comes along. I joined Pirelli Group (tire and cable manufacturer) in 1994 and trained as a chartered accountant. Once qualified, Pirelli sent me to the USA in 1998, when I was 25; and I have been here almost 20 years now. I gained my pilot license in 1999, partly to try to correct the failed RAF bid. I also started racing motorcycles in my spare time eventually entering professional Superbike races that were televised. Having realized my goal of flying around a racetrack on a fast motorcycle, I was once again faced with adversity when I crashed at 150 mph and became a paraplegic in 2007. I returned to flying in 2009 and got my helicopter license shortly afterwards. I was able to fly the helicopter using my feet since my

spinal chord injury was incomplete and gave me good control and feeling in my lower body. I now enjoy giving kids air experience rides, especially kids who are in some way disabled.

7. Any Other Business
8. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 18th September, 2018 in the Ian Robinson Sports Centre @ 7pm.