

- “the Community” – the community of monks of Ampleforth Abbey
- “F&GP” – the Finance and General Purpose Committee of Ampleforth Abbey Trust.
- “the School” – Ampleforth College and St Martin’s Ampleforth
- “SLET” – St Laurence Education Trust

(1) Your background

(a) Details of your professional background, when you were appointed as Headmaster of Ampleforth School and details of who you succeeded;

1. I have attached a copy of my curriculum vitae to this statement at Appendix One which sets out my professional qualifications as well as my employment history and various publications; in summary:
 - a) I completed my bachelor’s degree in theology in 1989 and obtained my Doctorate in Theology (focused on John Henry Newman) in 1994; from September 1989 to March 1991, I worked for KPMG as a trainee chartered accountant.
 - b) In 1994, after completing my doctorate, I came to Ampleforth as a teacher of Religious Studies and History. I was also appointed a tutor in St Aidan’s House. I completed my PGCE in 1996 (Secondary History) and save for the duration of the two-year novitiate at Ampleforth Abbey and a year’s further study continued to teach Religious Studies and History (as well as fulfilling various other roles) until 2010.
 - c) In 1998 I took the first steps toward becoming a monk, entering the novitiate at Ampleforth Abbey. I took solemn (perpetual) vows in 2002 and in 2004 was ordained as a priest. Also, in 2004 I was made a trustee of the Ampleforth Abbey Trust and the St Laurence Education Trust.
 - d) In 2010, I stepped away from teaching and became the Procurator (or Bursar) of Ampleforth. I continued in this role until 2016 when I returned to the College as Headmaster.
2. Ampleforth is not only concerned with the advancement of the education of the children entrusted to its care, but also the advancement of the education of the members of the Community. This is something which is enshrined in the memorandum of association of AAT and which, in no small part, led to the establishment of St Benet’s Hall, a Permanent Private Hall, of Oxford University.