

JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST

Registered Charity No.1000964

Patron: Princess Michael of Kent

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR

1/4/2022 to 31/3/2023

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The Joseph Clarke School Trust is a Registered Charity founded in September 1990. It has a remit to support the pupils, parents and staff of Joseph Clarke School for the Visually Impaired in Highams Park, London E4 9PP. We seek to fund benefits that enrich the education and life experience of children attending – outside those normally supplied by the Education Authority. In April 2014 the School became a member of the Whitefield Academy Trust.

It is the view of the Trustees that this Financial Year has been successful. We also believe that activities were wholly in line with the charitable purposes laid down by the Charities Act 2011.

TRUSTEES:- Frank Smith – Chair, Roy Hooper – Treasurer, Michael Lewis, Janet Lewis, Patricia Theron, John Chipperfield.

In March 2023 we were very pleased to welcome 2 new Trustees to the Management Committee – these were Isobel Bidder a former Head of School, and her husband William Bidder who is a Solicitor by profession. Mrs Bidder was also appointed Treasurer for the upcoming Financial Year.

* NB all Trustees are volunteers, and as such do not receive payment for their services.

MEETINGS:- In another year affected by the world pandemic, Management meetings were held on 15-6-22, 20-7-22, 30-11-22, 11-1-23 and 8-3-23 with a mix of face-to-face & remote attendance.

MRS D.L. LING - LEGACY

In June 2022 the Trust gained significantly from a Probate Legacy. This came from the Estate Account of Mrs Doreen Louise Ling, with an initial payment totalling £50k. In addition, a second & final payment exceeding £40k is expected in FY 2023/24. Such generosity from a long standing & valued supporter will greatly enhance the range of activities the Trust can fund for the children of Joseph Clarke School.

ACTIVITIES - FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st 2023

Highlights of 2022/23 activities include :-

- **Charity Golf Day 2022** – financially this proved our most successful ever. In addition to a well supported and thoroughly enjoyable day's play, the event returned an overall profit in excess of £13k. Special mention must go to Jaspar Foundation - the charitable arm of leading property company Jaspar Group - who made a magnificent £8k Sponsorship contribution.
- **New Mantis Q40 Brailers** – as you might expect a top priority of the School (and therefore the Trust) is to provide pupils with the very latest in Study facilities. For some years now we have been seeking to increase our stock of Braille NoteTakers, which have proved extremely useful as an educational aid.

More recently Senior Management at Joseph Clarke identified the new Mantis Q40 equipment as a study tool with particular advantages for Maths applications. Following good results from a test purchase in the previous FY, the Trust was able to purchase 4 more such units, along with necessary Magnifiers, at a cost of over £16k.

ACTIVITIES - FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st 2023 continued

- **Perkins Brailleurs** - in addition to obtaining new technology, we also recognise that the time honoured Perkins Brailier (invented over 70 years ago) is still a useful means of providing braille reproduction. With this in mind, the Trust organised a thorough overhaul of the School's Perkins machines – and this included the purchase of 5 more such units via e-Bay, plus repairs carried out as necessary. Total cost just under £700.
- **Music Projects** - another priority for this FY was the upgrading of pupils' music resources. Working to school specifications, the Trust facilitated purchase of required musical equipment to the tune of £3k.

Music also inspired pupils when the English Touring Opera Company (ETOC) gave a specially tailored Concert for children. The Trust met the cost of £348.

- **Kingswood Activity Centre** - October 2022 saw a first for the school, when a Joseph Clarke party enjoyed a 3-day visit to this popular Activity Centre in Ashford Kent. The Trust made this possible by meeting the cost of almost £5.5k. Such was the success of this venture that further visits will be planned, and the Trust has already paid a further deposit of £750 to enable more pupils to experience Kingswood in 2023.
- **Christmas Panto** - the Trust traditionally facilitates a Christmas celebration for pupils. In 2022 this took the form of an entire Panto cast visiting & performing for the children. Suffice to say a good time was had by all. Oh yes it was!

JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST – ACCOUNT SUMMARY			
Financial Year 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023			
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
£ - p		£ - p	
<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>			
Mrs D.L. Ling Legacy 1	50,000.00	4 Mantis Q40 + Mags	16,768.00
Golf 2022	3,751.65	5 Perkins Brailers	599.50
Golf 2023	1,650.00	Brailler repairs	90.00
Donations	399.50	Kingswood '22 visit	5,447.75
Easy Fundraising	65.20	Kingswood '23 deposit	750.06
Gift Aid	23.75	Music Project	3,000.00
All other	12.50	Christmas Panto	649.00
		ETOC Opera Show	348.00
		Just Giving Fees	216.00
		All other	12.50
Total Receipts	55,902.60	Total Payments	27,880.81

Note 1 - All funds received in 2022/23 Financial Year are Unrestricted.

Note 2 - Similarly, cash balance carried forward at 31st March 2023 is also Unrestricted.

Note 3 – Currently £16,560 of 31st March 2023 balance is pre-planned expenditure for FY 2023/24.

Going forward the Trust will continue to sustain the School's objective of providing pupils with the latest & most effective Study facilities, as well as developing life skills.

STATEMENT of ASSETS & LIABILITIES	
2022/23 NET RECEIPTS	£28,021.79
CASH BALANCE C/F FROM 2021/22	£31,335.92
CASH BALANCE AT 31st MARCH 2023	£59,357.71

Account Summary by R.W. Hooper – Trustee & Treasurer



THE JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST

Raising money & hope for blind & partially sighted children

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

For the attention of the Trustees

I have examined the accounts for the above named Trust for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 and have found them to be correct in all respects.

Signed

 31/8/2023

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