

JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST

Registered Charity No.1000964

Patron: Princess Michael of Kent

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2024 – 31 MARCH 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

PURPOSE:- 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. On 1 January 2025 April the School became a member of the Learning in Harmony Trust.

TRUSTEES:- Frank Smith – Chair, Isobel Bidder – Treasurer, Michael Lewis - Secretary, William Bidder, John Chipperfield, Roy Hooper and Janet Lewis.

Patricia Theron resigned as a Trustee on 19 March 2025.

All Trustees are volunteers, and as such do not receive payment for their services.

REGISTERED ADDRESS:- 63, Endlebury Road, London E4 6QB.

REGISTRATION NUMBER:- 1000964.

EMPLOYEES:- There are no employees.

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.

MEETINGS:- Management meetings were held on 8 May 2024, 26 June 2024, 18 September 2024, 20 November 2024, 22 January 2025 and 19 March 2025 with a mix of face-to-face and remote attendance.

ACTIVITIES - FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

Highlights of 2024/25 activities include :-

- **Donation from Wanstead and Woodford Association for the Blind** - In November 2024 the Trust received a significant donation of £82,009.12 from the Wanstead and Woodford Association for the Blind. This weekly social club for visually impaired adults in the area closed. As a result, the Trustees of that charity agreed that it should close, and they agreed that a significant portion of its balance of funds should be given to the Joseph Clarke School Trust.
- **Quiz Night** – A Quiz Night was held at the school in May 2024. This was a fun evening with a raffle. The total raised was over £500.
- **Charity Golf Day 2024** – Golfers enjoyed a day of golf at the Theydon Bois Golf Club followed by a dinner with their friends and families. The main sponsor was Borno Pharmacy. Twelve other local companies sponsored holes and two more made significant donations. There was

a raffle with generous prize donations from individuals and local businesses. The event raised around £5000.

- **Charities Aid Foundation** - £ 500 An anonymous donation was received through the Charities Aid Foundation.
- **Residential Education** – Two short-term residential education visits were supported at a cost of £7493.94. These visits provide important opportunities for pupils to gain new life experiences and learn to be away from their families, many for the first time.

In partnership with the Arundel Cricket Foundation, a group of pupils accompanied by school staff went to Arundel. They stayed at a nearby residential centre and enjoyed cricket coaching, with perfect weather. During the trip, pupils enjoyed woodland activities, fire lighting and a trip to Arundel castle.



The School Principal said:

They all had a wonderful time. Thank you to the Joseph Clarke School Trust for funding this residential trip each year. It always gives our pupils an exciting opportunity to learn new skills and experiences, and to help build their confidence.

Twelve pupils accompanied by four members of staff went to the Kingswood Activity Centre in Kent.

- **School Enrichment Activities** - The Trust support several educational enrichment activities. Many of the school's pupils have additional learning difficulties, mobility difficulties and social communication issues. £3600 was spent on such activities. These activities included hatching chicks, the English Touring Opera and story tellers.

- **Equipment** - £5958.47 was spent on equipment. This included computer equipment, a mud kitchen and sensory items for the Early Years play area.



JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST – ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Financial Year 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ - p		£ - p
Golf Days	2792.60	Residential Education	7493.94
Quiz and Raffle	1948.00	Other Educational Experiences	3600.00
Wanstead and Woodford Association for the Blind	82,009.12	Educational Equipment	5958.47
Charities Aid Foundation	500.00	Insurance	65.46
Donations	100.00		
Easy Fundraising	55.38		
Interest	1756.71		

Total Receipts	89,161.81	Total Payments	17,117.87

Note 1 - All funds received in 2024/25 Financial Year were Unrestricted.

Note 2 - Cash balance carried forward at 31 March 2025 is Unrestricted.

Note 3 – At 31 March 2025 £5,020 of the balance was pre-planned expenditure for FY 2025/26 and £44,000 was discussed as possible expenditure.

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	
2024/25 NET RECEIPTS	£72,043.94
CASH BALANCE C/F FROM 2023/24	£96,387.22
CASH BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2025	£168,431.16

Account Summary by I. J. Bidder – Trustee & Treasurer



THE JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL TRUST

Raising money & hope for blind & partially sighted children

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

For the attention of the Trustees

I have examined the accounts for The Joseph Clarke School Trust for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 and have found them to be correct in all respects.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B Hearn". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Date: 24 July 2025
Mrs B Hearn
Independent Examiner
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