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West London Tamil School

Gifford Primary School, Greenhill Gardens, Northolt, UB5 6BU.

Founded 1978

B.N.R No: 2229289

Registered Charity No: 1021545

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Charity information

Trustees:

Hon. Chairman: Mr. Subramaniam Kugasenan Chettiar BEM

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Amirthalingam Nagarajah

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Nagaratnam Nanthakumaran

Trustee: Mr. Srivijaya Sitampalam

Trustee: Mr. Selvanathan Thambithurai

Trustee: Mr. Thiya Prasanna Sharma

Trustee: Mr Vivakaran Thavamoorthy

Head Teacher: Dr. Poothathamby Rasiah (*ex officio*)

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Charity office
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Introduction

West London Tamil School (WLTS), established in 1978, is the first Tamil community forum school in the United Kingdom. Originally created to support Tamil-speaking children in West London, the school has since expanded its services to students across London, the wider UK, and Europe. WLTS now offers a broad curriculum including Tamil language, Fine Arts, Sports, Religious Studies, and a range of extra-curricular activities. The school provides education for children aged 4 to 18, as well as lifelong learning opportunities for adults.

Educational Achievements

The trustees are delighted to report exceptional academic performance among senior students. Most candidates who sat for the Cambridge GCE O/L and A/L examinations achieved A* or A grades. Notably, one student who took GCE O/L Tamil in Summer 2023 received the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Award, earning the prestigious title “Top in the World.”

Standards in Fine Arts examinations (OFAAL) have also risen significantly. Due to increasing demand, new OFAAL examination centres have been established internationally, including in the United States and Sri Lanka.

Community Support and Governance

WLTS continues to provide vital support to refugees, underprivileged children, and students with disabilities. Many from these groups benefit from the school’s services.

The school is overseen by an eight-member Board of Governors, elected for two-year terms. All governors serve voluntarily and remain committed to the school’s mission and community.

Financial Overview

The school charges a modest fee to help cover operating costs, which have risen substantially due to increased rental expenses. Additional income is generated through OFAAL examinations, fundraising events, student fee adjustments, and contributions from local businesses. Most teachers and staff volunteer their time, receiving only reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

OFAAL – Background and Current Issues

WLTS established an examination body for Fine Arts in 1989, later named the Oriental Fine Arts Academy of London (OFAAL) in 1993. WLTS remains the parent charity of OFAAL. Although OFAAL is separately registered, only WLTS members are eligible to be OFAAL members, and WLTS is the sole beneficiary of OFAAL income under its constitution.

OFAAL examinations continue to grow in popularity, with new centres opening and further expansion under discussion. OFAAL held its first graduation ceremony in 2018 for 41 graduates, followed by another in February 2023 for 33 graduates. Additional ceremonies are planned for Diploma and Post-Diploma students.

Governance Concerns

Members have raised serious concerns regarding OFAAL’s governance:

- No valid OFAAL AGM has been held since 2013.
- Members had no opportunity to scrutinize AGM minutes or accounts since 2012–13.
- Documents submitted to the Charity Commission appear not to have been formally approved by OFAAL members who are Parents and staff of West London Tamil School.
- The Charity Commission previously confirmed (Stage 1 Review, 11 February 2015, paragraphs 16–17) that OFAAL does not have properly appointed trustees.

Members are also concerned that individuals claiming to be OFAAL trustees are operating under the name of an unrelated Tamil school in Alperton, despite having no connection to the original OFAAL (Charity No. 1103602). Mediation attempts, including those facilitated by the Charity Commission, have failed.

As a result, OFAAL members filed a CPR Part 8 claim in the High Court (Chancery Division) on 10 February 2017, under claim number HC-2017-000418, which remains ongoing.

IPO Trademark Proceedings

A long-running trademark dispute between WLTS/OFAAL members and the purported OFAAL trustees concluded with an IPO tribunal decision on 21 October 2021. The full IPO tribunal decision can be found here: https://www.ipo.gov.uk/t-challenge-decision-results/t-challenge-decision-results-bl?BL_Number=O/792/21. The has also been submitted to the Charity Commission for their consideration.

The tribunal found that neither party should be awarded costs, noting that both sides had achieved roughly equal success across the proceedings. The tribunal also commented on the conduct of one of the purported OFAAL trustees (paragraphs 26–27), and these concerns have been reported to relevant authorities.

Following the IPO decision, an attempt was made on 9 December 2021 by the purported trustees' IPO attorney to intimidate WLTS trustees and OFAAL members. These matters have been addressed through IPREG and the Charity Commission.

Future Vision and Building Fund

The Board recognises the long-term importance of securing a permanent venue for the school. WLTS members have worked tirelessly over many years to build and protect the OFAAL Building Fund for this purpose. However, the purported OFAAL trustees continue to retain control of these funds. The Board remains deeply grateful to OFAAL members, Fine Arts teachers, and centre coordinators for their dedication in sustaining and expanding the OFAAL examination programme.

Operational Priorities

WLTS continues to focus on:

- Reducing operating costs
- Office and payments automation
- Maintaining high educational standards
- Meeting member expectations
- Expanding student enrolment, which has increased this year

The school also continues to offer free Hindu Religious classes with the support of Shri Kanaga Thurkkai Amman Temple.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Under the Charities Act, trustees must prepare financial statements that present a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities and position. Trustees must:

- Apply suitable and consistent accounting policies
- Make reasonable and prudent judgements
- Follow applicable accounting standards and SORP guidance
- Prepare accounts on a going-concern basis unless inappropriate
- Maintain accurate accounting records
- Safeguard the charity's assets and prevent fraud or irregularities

The financial statements show a surplus, reflecting effective management and operational efficiency. The Board is confident that WLTS will continue to meet its obligations and expects further income from grants, fundraising, and local business support.

One trustee vacancy remains outstanding, and the Board is in the process of appointing suitable candidates.

Approval

This report was approved by the main trustees (office bearers) and signed on their behalf.
Mr. Subramaniam Kugasenan Chettiar BEM Hon. Chairman 19 January 2026



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**Statement of Financial Activities
For the Year ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Incoming Resources			
Fees and Grants	1	55,635	57,182
Fundraising	2	-	-
Miscellaneous Income	3	8,878	12,287
Total Income Resources		64,512	69,469
Resources Expended			
Direct Charitable			
Direct Charitable costs	4	23,436	25,051
Other Expenditure			
Miscellaneous Costs	5	28,209	32,721
Total Expenditure		51,646	57,772
Net movement in funds for the year	6	12,866	11,695
Total funds brought forward		29,927	18,232
Total funds carried forward		42,793	29,927



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	1,349	1,798
Current Assets	9		
Debtors		-	-
Ofaal Bank		18,125	16,920
Cash at Bank & in hand		28,413	18,400
		<u>46,538</u>	<u>35,320</u>
less:			
Current Liabilities	10	5,094	7,191
		<u>41,444</u>	<u>28,129</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>42,793</u>	<u>29,927</u>
CAPITAL			
Accumulated Fund		<u>42,793</u>	<u>29,927</u>

S K Chettiar
Hon Chairman

N. Nanthakumaran
Hon Treasurer



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	2025	2024
	£	£
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025		
1 Fees & Grants		
Fees	40,127	43,653
Sri Kanaga Thurkai Amman Temple	1,000	1,000
OFAAL Examination & Graduation fees	14,007	12,079
Members Donations & Other Contributions	500	450
	<u>55,635</u>	<u>57,182</u>
2 Fundraising	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
3 Miscellaneous Income		
Cambridge Examination Fees	4,445	7158
Sale of Books	2,555	2,538
Prize Day	-	-
X'mas Party	-	918
Refund from Cambridge exam	-	-
Canteen	1,628	1,613
Advertising	250	60
Sundry Income		
HMRC CJRS		-
	<u>8,878</u>	<u>12,287</u>
4 Direct Charitable Expenditure		
Contractors Salary	4,847	7,385
Other staff wages	-	490
National Insurance-PAYE Tax	368	575
Legal& Professional		
Rent	18,222	16,601
Accountancy Fees	-	-
	<u>23,436</u>	<u>25,051</u>
5 Miscellaneous Cost		
Printing,postage &Stationery	-	1525
Books	1,498	1842
Hall hire	704	1024
Prize Day Printing	3,114	0
X'mas Presents & Teachers	3,448	6837
Cambridge Examination	3,768	8617
Sports	3,523	1263
Bad debts written off	-	-
	<u>16,054</u>	<u>21,108</u>



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Miscellaneous Cost	2025	2024
	£	£
Equipment depreciation	449	599
Advertisement & Recruitment	1,377	904
Travel & Subsistance	-	-
Computer running costs	-	-
Insurance	1,508	1115
OFAAL Exam & Graduation	8,578	8633
Bank Charges	244	363
IPO Application expenses	-	-
	<u>28,209</u>	<u>32,722</u>
Total Expenditure	51,646	57,773
6 Net movement in funds for the year	2025	2024
Net Movement in funds	12,866	11,695
The net movement in funds for the year is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	449	599
7 Staff Costs	2025	2024
No remuneration was paid to the trustees in the year , nor were any trustees expenses reimbursed		
Staff Costs:		
Contractors Salart	4,847	7,385
Other staff wages	-	490
	<u>4,847</u>	<u>7,875</u>
8 Tangible Fixed Assets used by the charity :		
Net book value of fixed assets	<u>1,349</u>	<u>1798</u>
9 Debtors		
Fees & others	-	-
Debtors	-	-
Prepayment	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

10 Current Liabilities	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy Fees		-
Legal Fees		-
Other Creditor		-
P.A.Y.E Liability	247	311
Wages Control Account	4,847	6,880
	<u>5,094</u>	<u>7,191</u>

**WEST LONDON TAMIL SCHOOL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WEST LONDON TAMIL SCHOOL

We report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on page 1 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

- *examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- *to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- *to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of the unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statements.

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement

- *to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of Charities Act 2011 and
- *to prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act have not met; or to which in our opinion attention should draw in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 9 January 2026