

# **Friends of All Saints College PTA**

**Annual Trustees Report and Statement of Accounts**

**For the year to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024**

# Annual report for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024

The trustees of Friends of All Saints College (PTA) are pleased to submit their report and accounts for that period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

The organisation changed its name from Friends of CBS to Friends of All Saints College, to reflect the amalgamation.

## **Meeting Programme**

As a Parent Teacher Association, we meet termly, so for the period covered by this report we had 3 meetings including our AGM. Membership comprises of parents, past and present, past pupils and teachers.

The aim of our association is to explore avenues to enhance the curriculum and provide our pupils and their families with a range of additional resources and opportunities that would not normally be available.

In this financial year, the Irish Youth Foundation continued its generous support to our beneficiaries seeking to the alleviate the deleterious effects of poverty and hardship with a grant of £4,000.

The James Kane Foundation supported the PTA, and by extension All Saints College, to deliver a breakfast club, ensuring pupils were provided with a safe and secure environment before school, wherein they can avail of a nutritious breakfast with their friends.

Cash for Kids supported 76 of our families with a donation of £50 to each, seeking to alleviate pressures associated with the ongoing cost of living crisis. The total grant was a generous £3,800.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our funders for their kind support.

## **Community Access and Outreach Programmes**

We have continued to organise and deliver a number of events both inside school hours and after school for both pupils and parents alike. We have utilised a number of voluntary providers though no cost to the organisation.

## **Membership**

Our membership is composed of parents, past pupils, teachers and Governors of All Saints College. We have a core membership of our Chair, 2 Trustees, 2 Board of Governors' members and 2 parents, although meetings and events are open to all.

# Financial review

## Financial performance

Our organisation continued to support the work of All Saints College in meeting the needs of the school's pupils, parents and staff.

The PTA utilised the funding from the Irish Youth Foundation to alleviate poverty amongst our student body. Families requiring access to WIFI were provided with devices, whilst those requiring additional support with Home to School transport, and those in need of uniforms, school shoes or equipment for physical education, were supported through this funding stream.

We also received an award from the James Kane Foundation. This grant allowed All Saints College to continue with the delivery of a much needed, and hugely popular, Breakfast Club. Pupils have a warm, secure and friendly environment each morning and begin the school day with a nutritious breakfast.

Cash for Kids supported a significant number of our pupils and their families through the provision of a £50 grant per pupil, assisting families in meeting the ongoing cost-of-living crisis. Vouchers were provided for food, clothing, household energy costs, and pupil's most basic needs, as determined through discussions between parents and the pastoral team within All Saints College.

Through our own unrestricted funding we continued to finance small items to allow staff and pupil to work with as few day-to-day barriers as possible. The PTA assisted the school with additional finance to keep the school's ageing fleet of minibuses on the road. Finally, we supported the software license to All Saints College's Language Department to provide Linguascope access to all pupils in Key Stage 3 and a donation to All Saints College's PE Department to enable pupils to gain coaching accreditation through the Irish Football Association.

## Income

Our income over the period covered by this report was £12,656.00. Of this, £680 were donations to our unrestricted funds. The remainder was provided in the form of grant aid. The Irish Youth Foundation deposited £4,000 whilst the James Kane Foundation, donated £4176.00 and Cash for Kids provided £3,800.

We continue to seek possibilities to apply for additional grants to enhance the opportunities of our pupils and their families. Our opening balance was £8177.22.

## Expenditure

Expenditure for the past year totalled £12,420.94.

The majority of the expenditure this year sought to alleviate the effects of economic hardship and poverty on our pupils and their wider families.

The James Kane Foundation's grant was utilised to support to the Breakfast Club for Key Stage 3 in All Saints College.

At the close of the financial year, the £3,800 granted by Cash for Kids had not yet been administered. Work is ongoing to expedite this process for early in the following financial year.

Subscriptions to EE provided WiFi access to families without suitable online provision at home, to the cost of £777.60. Transport for pupils who required additional assistance to reach school came to £573.60. The completion of the programme of work for the provision of PE equipment came to £348.61. £1,409.88 was provided to the Home Economics Department of All Saints College from the Irish Youth Foundation grant. This was to alleviate the cost of materials the growing number of pupils who were not able to pay the annual subscription. The charity provided uniforms to pupils at a value of £1,628.49. The bulk of this support was met through the grant provided through the Irish Youth Foundation.

The conclusion of the Ann McGeeney Foundation's programme, administered through the Community Foundation NI to support a number of All Saints College pupils from our asylum seeking and refugee population, saw expenditure totalling £1,194.38, providing both materials and workshops.

We also renewed our subscription to Parentkind UK at £163.00 and NICVA's Grant Tracker programme, again at £145. Bank charges totalled £49.26. Independent audit cost the charity £150 through Bernard Tierney and Co.

A subscription renewal to Linguascope supported All Saints College's Language Department to provide additional learning software access to all pupils in Key Stage 3 at the cost of £360.

£100 was provided to All Saints College's PE Department to meet the cost of coaching accreditation delivered by the IFA.

Other miscellaneous spending accounted for the remainder of expenditure.

This leaves the charity with a closing balance of £8,412.28.

## Reference and Administrative Details

**Charity Name:** Friends of All Saints College  
**Charity Number:** Registered with The Charity Commission NI - No 103372  
**Principal Address:** c/o All Saints College, Glen Road, Belfast, BT11 8BW

### Charity Trustees as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

**Mr Damien Coyle** Acting Chairperson  
**Mr Sean Quinn** Acting Secretary  
**Mr Martin McCaughan** Treasurer

## Structure, Governance and Management

### Governing Document and Constitution

We are members of Parentkind UK and as such have adopted their constitution. Trustees are staff from the school and gain no financial benefit from their membership of the association.

### Objectives and Activities

We are a charitable organization composed of parents and staff, both past and present. We are committed to the ethos of the school and we value the work and commitment of all stakeholders. We assist those at risk and those who may have missed out on educational and training opportunities through circumstances both in their own life and in the broader community. Our catchment area covers numerous super output areas within the top 10% of Multiple Deprivation Measures in Northern Ireland. As a charitable group, we endeavour to provide opportunities for all to achieve their full potential, whether through academic, vocational, social or cultural activities.

Approved and adopted by a meeting of the PTA on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on their behalf.



Mr Damien Coyle  
Acting Chairperson