



Trustee Annual Report – Belfast Royal Academy Old Girls’ Association

Name of Charity as it appears on the Register and any other names it may be known by

Belfast Royal Academy Old Girls’ Association (BRA Old Girls’ Association)

NI Charity Commission Number

NIC104739

The principal address of the Charity- this should be the address that was used at the time of

92 Mount Pleasant Road, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, Co Antrim BT37 0NQ

registration with the Charity Commission

The names of all Charity Trustees on the date the report was approved and all individuals who

Caroline Dillon– Chairperson
Nikki John – Vice Chairperson
Johanna Richardson – Treasurer
Claire McGovern – Secretary

served as Charity Trustees during the year

A summary of the Charity's main activities to further its purposes for the public benefit and the main achievements in the year

During the year a number of activities were carried out by our Members to support the pupils of Belfast Royal Academy. These included:

Continued administration and co-ordination of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme by two Old Girls – 300+ pupils involved.

Continued supervision/support with route planning/Training/Tests on Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions and the Scheme in general by a number of our Members, with 300+ pupils involved.

Alumni Enrichment Programme included Members offering insights into a range of sectors, offering placements for work experience and careers advice into a wide range of vocational areas.

The PE department also benefitted from volunteering. Throughout the year our Members have helped to coach pupils during games.

Ben Madigan Prep. Dept continued to benefit from several Old Girls volunteering to supervise school trips and prepare for the Christmas Dinner. Members supported fundraising initiatives and help to co-ordinate coffee mornings, preloved uniform sales and other events.

The range of activities through the year were focused on providing information on various career pathways, developing reading and literacy skills in the Preparatory Department, as well as supporting extra-curricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, which would simply not be able to operate on the scale that it does without the volunteering by our Members.

Therefore our main achievements have been:

- Enriching the careers information given to pupils.
- Ensuring that the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme operates.
- Ensuring that Ben Madigan had full supervision on school outings.
- Supporting coaching of sport.
- Providing financial assistance to the School, details are included within the accounts.

There was no harm flowing from the Charities purposes and that there was no private benefit.

A summary of the Charity's main purpose.

The aim of the Association is to assist in the advancement of education for pupils of the Belfast Royal Academy (the beneficiaries) and to unite former girls and female teachers (past and present) of the School.

The Association will aid the School by enhancing career advice/ mentoring and developing opportunities for the pupil's future career paths.

The Association will also support the School's extracurricular activities in line with the experience and skills of our Members.

A statement that the Trustees have had regard to the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance

All Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission NI's Public Benefit requirement. In planning our activities throughout the year we have given careful consideration to the CCNI's guidance relating to Public Benefit to ensure that these activities support the Charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

A review of the Charity's financial position at the end of the year

Accounts are attached separately.

This is attached separately.

Governing Document

Belfast Royal Academy Old Girls' Association are satisfied that effective safeguarding is in place for all pupils that come into contact with our Members through our range of activities.

Safeguarding

One or more of the Charity Trustees must sign and date the box below.

Caroline Dillon – Chairperson, Belfast Royal Academy Old Girl's Association