

Trustee's Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

The Trustees present their report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Governance

The Meta O'Donnell Trust Fund is a charity governed by its Trust Deed. The Trust Fund was set up in November 2019 and registered as a charity with the Charities Commission of Northern Ireland under Registration Number 108978.

The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

Mrs P Leeson
Miss C L'Estrange
Mrs M Nolan
Mr G Wilson
Mr J Woods

The management of the Trust Fund is the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the charity. The Trust Fund met twice during financial year 2023/24 to discuss the needs of the pupils in St Joseph's College and to prioritise those needs and plan the appropriate use of the charitable funds. Decisions were made by a resolution of a meeting of Trustees passed by a majority of those present.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining accounting records and are satisfied that the financial systems in place generate high quality information for the Trustees.

Objectives and Public Benefit

The purpose of the Trust Fund is for the education, recreation and extra-curricular activities of pupils and students attending St Joseph's College and the advancement of citizenship or community development.

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission NI statutory public benefit guidance. The direct benefits which flow from The Trust Fund include the improved outcomes for pupils in St Joseph's College and the increased opportunities to access a better educational journey. During 2023/24 the Trust Fund supported pupils through school based awarded bursary schemes for Music. These schemes allowed pupils to benefit from practical and theory music tuition. An extract from a review by the Music Department:

"The bursary scheme has greatly benefitted our student's progression in Music. For some, financing lessons would not be possible without a bursary sponsorship and reaching the level required for GCSE practical wouldn't be possible without individual instrumental or vocal tuition. For others this is a great incentive to contribute to the

musical and life of the College through participation in various school events in house and in the community.”

The Trustees will continue to promote the objectives of the Trust Fund in the years ahead and plan to continue with the Music Bursaries and rolling out bursaries in other areas: PE; Art; Drama as well as Post 16 opportunities.

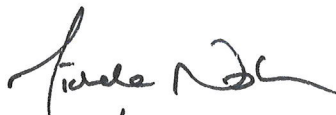
Financial Performance

The Trustees are satisfied with the financial position at the end of the financial year.

Declaration

This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Nolan
Trustee
Dated:


05/12/2024