



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 October 2023** Period start date To **30 September 2024**  
Period end date

**Charity name: PRINCE OF WALES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK & IRELAND**

**Charity registration number: 1158526**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The CIO is established for charitable purposes only, to advance the education of the pupils of the Prince of Wales School, Sierra Leone, but not exclusively, by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>The principal activities of POWAA UK are the provision of educational support to the pupils and staff of the Prince of Wales School; working collaboratively as a member of the global partnership of Prince of Wales Alumni associations to improve educational outcomes of the pupils of the school; leading the development of SLEDEF to improve the educational provision for the people of Sierra Leone.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The trustees and executive committee take account of the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on the public benefit when planning the activities of POWAA UK.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>Thank you very much for the confidence and trust bestowed upon me to serve you and the association for the next year. This is indeed an honour and a privilege for me to be elected as the first female president of the Prince of Wales Alumni Association UK &amp; I.</b></p> <p><b>It is my hope that we will continue to move the association forward as we approach 2025 and look forward to celebrating our centenary. My aspiration is to get as many Princewaleans on board to join the ranks as we celebrate this once in a lifetime occasion, but more importantly it is for us to leave a legacy to our beloved Prince of Wales, Kingdom which will benefit pupils and the school for years to come.</b></p> <p><b>The first year has flown by and there has been greater collaboration with the GLC and especially OPWA Freetown. I am pleased to report that our relationship with OPWA Freetown has grown from strength to strength. The president, Mr Sulaiman Rahman Kamara has been instrumental in handing out the monies for scholarships to the parents of the boys. On 6th April 2024, I was honoured to hoist the flag at the Foundation Day ceremony whilst visiting the school in Freetown.</b></p>

		<p><b>CURRENT POWAA SUPPORT PROGRAMMES</b></p> <p>1. Scholarships - POWAA UK has provided scholarships to current POW pupils for several years. In the 2023/2024 and 2024/25 school years, 10 pupils benefited from the scheme. Each scholarship is worth £100 (total of £2000 over two years). Special thanks to all those who have donated to the scholarship scheme</p> <p>2. Mentorship - The POWAA mentorship scheme currently works with 10 POW students who are sponsored by the association. The scheme aims to motivate, encourage and guide students in their career pathway. It is not about offering financial support. Each student is currently mentored by a someone from the Association. All mentors must operate within POWAA UK &amp; Ireland Safeguarding Policy and are DBS checked. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Hazell Shokellu - Thompson, Rev Ian Luke-Macauley and all the mentors who are successfully driving this scheme.</p> <p>3. Our latest contributions have been the payment of £10000 towards the Prince of Wales Brass Band to purchase instruments. Thanks to the members who donated to this project. We will also be contributing to the legacy multi sports complex. POWAA- UK will donate 2500 ties to the Centenary Celebrations Committee (CCC). The ties will be donated to the current pupils (2000) and the CCC (500). All proceeds from the sale of the ties from the ties donated to the CCC will go towards the multi sports complex.</p> <p><b>COLLABORATIONS</b></p> <p>We continue to collaborate with all alumni chapters and The Prince of Wales School Alumni Foundation (POWSAF) and the Board of Governors of the school and stakeholders to work on projects to help the school and to pursue our core objective of advancing education of current and future Princewaleans.</p> <p>It was through the help of the Chair of the Board of Governors that we were able to revive our scholarship and mentoring scheme. Thanks to the Chair of the Board, Sulaiman Rahman Kamara, Dr</p>
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		<p>Alex Blanshard and all the staff at the school who made this happen.</p> <p><b>MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>As we approach our Centenary, we look to increase our membership. We had 154 registered for 2023/24. This includes 15 new members joining our ranks. This is an increase of 22 members from the 132 confirmed members at the start of the prior reporting period. I once again encourage all Princewaleans to join us. Thanks to Ibrahim Jalloh and Remmie Akibo - Betts for the stellar work they are doing.</p> <p><b>PASTORAL</b></p> <p>The Pastoral officers and team effectively performed their role diligently and with compassion in the long-standing tradition of the Prince of Wales School, Kingtom.</p> <p>They conducted several pastoral visits and made representations when called upon to do so. They also provided support to the Association pre- and post-Thanksgiving services. Thanks to the Pastoral officers Benson Strasser - Williams and Dr Mohamed Kamara and all those who have supported them.</p> <p><b>FUNDRAISING EVENTS</b></p> <p>We have been able to stage our regular events starting with the Skool Daze Jamboree in Croydon in November last year. This was followed by our Thanksgiving Service which was held in Manchester in May 2024 and a Meet and Greet Event the day before. The final event in our calendar year in July 2024 was Summerfest. I am pleased to report that all events produced a surplus. Thanks to our Organising Secretaries Reginald Massaquoi and Tamba Ngegba and all who have supported them.</p> <p><b>APPRECIATION</b></p> <p>Thank you to my predecessor, Mr Norman Thompson for his contribution and support during my first year of the presidency.</p> <p>Special thanks to my Vice president, Mr Donald Hanciles for your unwavering</p>
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		<p>support. You have been an invaluable partner especially as you went through your health challenges, but you were always there to support me.</p> <p>Thanks also go the General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary, Mr Randolph Pratt and Mr Henry Sawyerr for producing the minutes on time.</p> <p>To the Trustees and Executive, thank you for your guidance, wisdom and invaluable insights that have been indispensable in shaping our decisions.</p> <p>Thank you to our Freetown Representatives, Dr Lucien Turay and Dr Alex Blanshard for giving up their time to ensure that our community in Sierra Leone is kept updated with the association's work.</p> <p>To our members, thank you for your loyalty and tenacity throughout the year and for your trust in us as an Executive team.</p> <p>As members, by choosing to be a part of this esteemed Association, we owe it to ourselves to be wholly responsible for maintaining the integrity of our organisation and protecting our reputation.</p> <p>Communication, teamwork and mutual respect are vital to the continued existence and success of the Association. We are here to serve and make a difference to our beloved school and the pupils.</p> <p>My continued prayer is for peace and unity to continue to prevail and that we continue to keep a niche within our hearts for Prince of Wales, Kingdom.</p>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>Most of our income is applied to the award of scholarships and other assistance to the Prince of Wales School such as the maintenance of buildings and facilities, support for staff and school administrators to improve conditions of service, professional development and teaching equipment.</b></p> <p><b>We assign designated funds for specific projects and retain enough revenue for our fundraising events and sustainability.</b></p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>CONSTITUTION</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CHARITY INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (ASSOCIATION)</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Trustees are appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>Our policies include Code of Conduct, Equal Opportunity and Diversity, Safeguarding and Volunteering. POWAA UK is volunteer led and do not employ staff but carries out suitable checks for trustees. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>POWAA UK is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>POWAA UK works in partnership with other alumni branches in Sierra Leone and the United States, and it is represented on the global Princewaleans umbrella committee which has a rotating chairmanship among the constituent branches/chapters.</b>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	PRINCE OF WALES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK & IRELAND
Other name the charity uses	THE OLD PRINCEWALEANS ASSOCIATION
Registered charity number	1158526



Charity's principal address

7 Summit Close  
London  
NW9 0UL

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

		<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
	1	Dilys Benjamin	<b>President</b>		
	2	Donald Hanciles	<b>Vice President, Asst Treasurer</b>		
	3	Randolph Pratt	<b>General Secretary</b>		
	4	Henry Sawyerr	<b>Assistant General Secretary</b>		
	5	Remmie Akibo-Betts	<b>Membership Secretary</b>		
	6	Ibrahim Jalloh	<b>Membership Secretary</b>		
	7	Donald Asgill	<b>Treasurer</b>		
	8	Reginald Massaquoi	<b>Organising Secretary</b>		
	9	Tamba Ngegba	<b>Organising Secretary</b>		
	10	Benson Strasser-Williams	<b>Pastoral Officer (Christian)</b>		
	11	Mohamed Kamara	<b>Pastoral Officer (Muslim)</b>		
	12	Patrick Dixon	<b>Director of Fundraising</b>		
	13	Davidson Sawyerr	<b>E-Communications Officer</b>		
	14	Donald Ivan Dixon	<b>E-Communications Officer</b>		
	15	Alex Blanshard	<b>Freetown Representative</b>		
	16	Lucien Turay	<b>Freetown Representative</b>		
	17	Norman Thompson	<b>EX OFFICIO</b>		
	18	Nancy Bolaji	<b>EX OFFICIO</b>		
	19	Eugene Benjamin	<b>EX OFFICIO</b>		
	20	Kayode Robbin-Coker	<b>EX OFFICIO</b>		
	21	Wilfred Macfoy	<b>EX OFFICIO</b>		
	22	Dudley Hanciles	<b>EX OFFICIO</b>		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

	Signature(s)	Dilys Iyalode Benjamin	
	Full name(s)	Dilys Iyalode Benjamin	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President	
	Date	16 July 2025	



## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
<b>FUNDRAISING EVENTS &amp; GRANTS</b>					
Annual Dinner & Dance		-	-	-	18,236
Thanksgiving	9,124	-	-	9,124	3,762
Summerfest Fun Day	7,751	-	-	7,751	6,781
Summerfest Golf	-	-	-	-	-
Skool Daze (virtual event in current year)	7,973	-	-	7,973	8,449
Foundation Day Reunion	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid Returns	2,340	-	-	2,340	-
<b>MEMBERSHIP, BENEVOLENCE &amp; DONATIONS</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Members' subscriptions	2,280	-	-	2,280	2,085
Benevolent Box & Fund	5,033	-	-	5,033	2,735
Donations towards projects at the school	-	-	-	-	810
Donation from ASLEF	-	-	-	-	-
Science & Blind Teacher Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Other Alumni Events	503	-	-	503	505
Members' donations towards POW School Alumni Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
Ancillary Staff Support Donations	150	-	-	150	-
Centenary Donations	100	-	-	100	-
<b>DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOL</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Members Scholarship Donations	285	-	-	285	-
POWAA - US Chapters Contributions	-	-	-	-	1,621
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise, Inc. Lapel pins	2,552	-	-	2,552	2,826
Miscellaneous	35	-	-	35	308
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>38,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,126</b>	<b>48,117</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,126</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,126</b>	<b>48,117</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
<b>FUNDRAISING EVENTS</b>					
Annual Dinner & Dance	1,000	-	-	1,000	14,532
Thanksgiving	7,358	-	-	7,358	5009
Summerfest Fun Day	4,710	-	-	4,710	5183
Skool Daze (virtual event in current year)	5,169	-	-	5,169	5921
Foundation Day Reunion	-	-	-	-	-
<b>MEMBERSHIP, BENEVOLENCE &amp; DONATIONS</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Benevolence	2,698	-	-	2,698	270
Donation towards POW School Alumni Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
Other Alumni Events	875	-	-	875	520
<b>DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE SCHOOL</b>	-	-	-	-	-
POW School staff stipends & Christmas bonus	-	-	-	-	-
STEM & Agricultural Science Curriculum Project	-	-	-	-	-
Association's Scholarships	-	-	-	-	-
Blind Teacher Appeal	-	-	-	-	-
Rehabilitation of Computer Labs & Qsci Project	-	-	-	-	-
POW School Alumni Foundation	3,320	-	-	3,320	-
Scholarship Scheme/Fund	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise - inc. lapel pins & school colours	4,672	-	-	4,672	1258
<b>GOVERNANCE &amp; ADMIN.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
Internet fees- website, Zoom, Paypal	784	-	-	784	402
Auditors fees	-	-	-	-	-
Meeting Room Hire	375	-	-	375	150
AGM Refreshments	360	-	-	360	355
Events Insurance	422	-	-	422	403
Web Development	3,600	-	-	3,600	-
General Assets	1,792	-	-	1,792	-
Rebranding	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	304	-	-	304	713
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,439</b>	<b>34,716</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,439</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,439</b>	<b>174,216</b>

	<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 1,313	-	-	- 1,313	13,401
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		71,090	15,189	-	86,279	72,878
	<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	69,777	15,189	-	84,966	86,279

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>				
	Natwest Bank A/C	521	-	-
	Lloyd's Bank A/c	37,952	15,189	-
	PayPal funds (£)	1,305	-	-
	Lloyd's Fixed Deposit	30,000	-	-
	Cash in hand		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>69,777</b>	<b>15,189</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	<b>Details</b>			
	Refundable Deposit (Skool Daze 2023)	500	-	-
	Benevolent Cash Box		-	-
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>Donald H Asgill</i>	Donald Asgill		



# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
PRINCE OF WALES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK & IRELAND

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1158526

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30 / 09 / 2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** *FRobinson*

**Date:** 13/07/2025

**Name:** Florina Robinson

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Chartered Institute of Management Accountant

**Address:**

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

Nothing to disclose.