

The Friends of Clare Mount
Annual Trustee Report
For the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Introduction

The Friends of Clare Mount is a registered charity dedicated to supporting the students and community of Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. The charity aims to enhance the educational experience of students by funding resources, activities, and opportunities that are not provided through standard school funding.

Objectives and Activities

During the financial year 2023-2024, the charity has continued its mission to support the school and its pupils. Our key objectives this year were to:

- Provide financial support for extracurricular activities, including sports and arts programs.
- Improve school facilities by funding new equipment and resources.
- Organise community events and fundraising initiatives to foster greater parental and local engagement.
- Support students with additional needs through specific interventions and funding.

Achievements and Performance

Fundraising and Donations

The Friends of Clare Mount successfully organised various fundraising activities throughout the year, including:

- **Summer Fair (July 2023)** – Raised **£1,350** through stalls, raffles, and activities.
- **Sponsored Colour Run (June 2023)** – Engaged students and staff raising **£569**.
- **Kenya Trip Fundraising** – A significant initiative raising **£20,000** through various activities and generous donations to support a school trip to Kenya.
- **Grant for Special Olympics in Greece** – The charity received a **£4,350 grant** to support students attending the Special Olympics in Greece.

Through these events and individual donations, the charity raised a total of **£30,518** over the financial year.

Funding Contributions

The charity has made significant contributions to the school, including:

- **£560 to support the running of the minibuses for sports and outdoor activities,**
- **£200 for mental health and wellbeing initiatives,** including staff training and student workshops.
- **£20,000 allocated towards the Kenya trip,** helping students gain invaluable international experience.

- **£4,350 allocated to the Special Olympics trip**, supporting students representing the school in Greece.

Financial Review

The charity remains in a stable financial position, with an end-of-year balance of **£19,424** to carry forward into the next financial year. Full accounts will be submitted to the Charity Commission in accordance with legal requirements.

Governance and Management

The Friends of Clare Mount is managed by a board of trustees, who meet regularly to oversee fundraising, financial decisions, and project allocations. Trustees for the year included:

- **Chairperson:** Trudi Brooks
- **Treasurer:** Lindsey Egan
- **Secretary:** Clare Hanley
- Committee Member: Sally McCannon:

We extend our gratitude to all volunteers, parents, staff, and supporters who contributed their time and resources to make this year a success.

Looking Ahead

For the next financial year, the charity aims to:

- Expand fundraising initiatives to increase financial support.
- Strengthen partnerships with local businesses and sponsors.
- Support additional projects that enhance student wellbeing and educational opportunities.

Conclusion

The Friends of Clare Mount has had a successful year, making a tangible difference in the lives of students at Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. We look forward to continuing our mission in the coming year and appreciate the ongoing support of our community.

Approved by the Trustees on: 30.01.25

Signed: Trudi Brooks, Chairperson

Date: 30.01.25

Final Accounts for Financial Year 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Charity Number : 117715

Barclays Bank : Sort Code 204545 A/C No: 201367

FRIENDS OF CLARE MOUNT

B/F 22/23

Bank Opening Balance 01/04/23

Bank Income

Bank Expenditure

Balance at Bank 31/03/2024

B/F 22/23

Cash Opening Balance

Cash Income

Cash Expenditure

Cash Available 31/03/2023

4/1/2024 Balance to Carry Forward

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13,721.04

30,518.09

2,511,275.00

19,126.38

Reconciled

298.38

0.00

0.00

298.00

19,424.76

Auditor's Report

I have examined the accounts of The Friends of Clare Mount for the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024. Based on my review, the financial statements accurately reflect the charity's income and expenditure and have been prepared in accordance with relevant accounting standards and regulatory requirements.

I confirm that:

- Proper financial records have been maintained.
- Funds have been used in alignment with the charity's objectives.
- No material discrepancies or misstatements were identified.

The financial position of the charity remains strong, with a positive balance carried forward into the next financial year.

Approved by the Auditors on: 28.01.25

Signed: Mr. Martin Jones, Auditor

Date: 28.01.25