



WELCOME PACK

PRINCE OF WALES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UK & IRELAND BRANCH

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Welcome from the President

Dear Princewalean

I am delighted to welcome you as a member of the Prince of Wales Alumni Association – POWAA – UK. You are demonstrating the true spirit of “come swell the chorus and join the ranks with me”.

The primary objective of POWAA UK is to support the development of our dear alma mater. To that end, we undertake a series of activities in the UK to raise funds to support key development programmes at the school in Freetown. We also use our activities to raise the profile of the school and to foster a strong community spirit among ex-Princewaleans.

POWAA UK was founded in 1985 in London and the first President was Mr F.G.O Bright. Our governance is based on UK charity law and a copy of our constitution is available from the POWAA UK Secretariat.

An Executive Committee led by the President is elected annually by our membership to oversee POWAA UK affairs. Several committees guide day to day affairs including Constitutional and Review Committee; e-Communications; Membership; Fundraising and Thanksgiving.

We hold members meetings monthly. Current details of venue and dates are given in this Welcome Pack and on our website - <https://www.powaa.uk/>. I trust you will join us as often as possible to help us shape our programme.

As a member of POWAA UK, you will receive several benefits which we have summarised in this Welcome Pack. There are also some obligations including an annual subscription fee of a minimum of £20. Payment details are set out elsewhere in your Welcome Pack.

Finally, if you have not already done so, kindly fill in your details in the attached Membership Record Form and return to any member of the Secretariat or email to princewaleans@gmail.com. This will allow us to enter your details in the POWAA database so that you can receive news and information about POWAA UK.

Thank you once again for joining POWAA – UK. I look forward to working with you

Warm regards

Eugene Benjamin, President, POWAA – UK

BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF POWAA MEMBERSHIP

Members Benefits

1. Access to an efficient channel of support to POW school and participation in a progressive programme of support for the school
2. Input to shaping POWAA programmes and regular updates on the progress of initiatives
3. Networking opportunities, information exchange, fun, fellowship and camaraderie
4. Pastoral care, bereavement support and access to POWAA Benevolent Fund if needed

Members Responsibilities

1. Payment of an annual membership subscription of a minimum of £20 (£10 for Seniors – over 80). Voluntary donations to our Benevolent Fund always welcome (minimum £10).
2. Attendance at monthly meetings as and when possible (see the calendar of events)
3. Participation in POWAA UK events and initiatives
4. Support for fellow members and POWAA UK's programmes

How to pay your Membership Subscription

1. By Bank Transfer

Do an online bank payment to:

Account Name: The Old Princewaleans UK & Ireland

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 30 – 64 – 38

Account Number: 26330368

Do not forget to include your name as the reference

2. By PayPal

Visit <https://www.powaa.uk/>

Click on the PayPal “Pay Now” button

Or

Click on the link <https://www.paypal.me/POWAAUK>

Please mark your payment as “gift/donation” to save fees/commission charges from being deducted from your subscription

You need a PayPal account to use this method

3. In-person or by post/cheque

Contact the POWAA UK Secretariat for further details on –
princewaleans@gmail.com

POWAA-UK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

***IN THE LIGHT OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC, THE PROGRAMME FOR
THE REST OF 2020 IS UNDER REVIEW AND MAY CHANGE IN LINE
WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES***

CURRENT POWAA SUPPORT PROGRAMMES

1. Scholarships

POWAA UK has provided scholarships to current POW pupils for several years. In the 2018/19 school year, 16 pupils benefited from the scheme. Each scholarship was worth £100 (total of £1600).

2. Teacher Incentives

POWAA UK contributes (with other POWAA chapters) to the provision of annual bonuses to all serving staff (teachers and other personnel) at the school. These bonuses supplement salaries and serve as incentives to staff. In 2019, POWAA UK's contribution was just over £1000.

3. Mentorship

The POWAA mentorship scheme currently works with 12 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 Trustee. The scheme may expand to include the general membership if demand grows.

All mentors must operate within POWAA UK & Ireland Safeguarding Policy and are DBS-checked.

4. Infrastructure Development

POWAA – UK consistently supports rehabilitation and maintenance of the school infrastructure. Our latest contributions have been the provision of almost £9000 toward the completion of the restoration and repair of the school assembly hall; and a donation of £2950 for the repair of doors and windows in the Science Block.