



Sudanese Supplementary School

Registered Office: c/o One Westminster, 37 Chapel Street, London NW1 5DP
Based at King Solomon Academy, Penfold Street, London, NW1 6RX
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Annual General Report – October 21st, 2017

This report presents to you, the parents and guardians of our pupils, the summary of the Parents' Management Committee (PMC) activities for the past year.

Your recommendations will ensure that the Sudanese Supplementary School (SSS) continues to thrive and improve its performance.

AIMS

SSS is a non-profit-making organisation established mainly for:

- a. Developing our child's cultural identity, self-esteem and confidence.
- b. Promoting the achievement of our children in their mainstream schools.
- c. Encouraging parents' involvement in their children's education.
- d. Fostering means of co-operation with state-maintained schools and other education providers.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The PMC held 8 meetings during the last year. All aspects of academic, cultural and financial performance and activities were covered in those meetings.
- The total number of pupils registered at the start of 2016 – 2017 school year was 180 pupils. This number went down to 160 pupils at the end of the year in July 2017.
- The total number of teachers during 2016 – 2017 was 24 teachers, including the two Mathematics teachers funded by John Lyon Charity. The volunteer teachers continue to provide excellent teaching and mentoring and the PMC, for and on behalf of the parents, would like to extend our sincere gratitude for their efforts.
- The SSS pupils achieved excellent grades in GCSE Arabic, Mathematic and English this year – see academic report.
- To promote voluntary teaching of English back home we have been working for many years with Sudan Volunteer Programme, www.svp-uk.com, a British charity that sends native speakers of English to promote the teaching of the English in Sudan. In May 2017, the SSS hosted the SVP's AGM at St. Augustine's CE Secondary School. We had the good fortune to be able to attend the viewing of The History of Africa documentary episode about the kingdom of Kush in modern day Sudan. The series was produced and presented the Sudanese-British TV and Radio journalist Zeinab Badawi. GCSE pupils were invited to join the SVP members for the viewing.
- The PMC would like to thank Sudanese Community and Information Centre in London for organising our Sports Day on July 15th, 2017 in memory of former pupil Dina Mukhayer.
- The SSS faces financial challenges, in common with the rest of the voluntary sector. We are seeing diminishing financial support from local government bodies, a trend started with post-2010 austerity measures.



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- The SSS covers 80% of its budget from the parents' contribution. The PMC continues to seek additional sources of funding to cover our budget deficit.
- The premises hire cost is the biggest item in our budget. We applied for funding to cover this specific cost. The applications were submitted to AZIZ Foundation and Garfield Weston Foundation.
- After receiving verbal communication about significant increases in the rent planned by St. Augustine's, we started researching alternatives. We are glad to inform that we have reached an agreement to move the school to King Solomon Academy – Penfold Street. The SSS will start the winter term (January 2018) at King Solomon Academy. The main benefits of this move are the central location and the overall lower rent.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

- The PMC decided to prioritise the payment of the rent over the teachers' expenses. This situation arose due a significant number of parents not paying the last instalment pf their contribution.
- The PMC would like to thank all teachers for their continued efforts despite our recent financial difficulties.

Financial Summary: 01/09/2016 - 31/08/2017		
Description	Income	Expenditure
Parents' Contribution	£38,460.00	
John Lyon's Grant	£5,718.39	
Hall Contributions	£800.00	
Catering Sales Contribution	£400.00	
Classrooms & Hall Hire		£24,264.00
Teachers' Wages		£17,245.00
Books, Stationery & teaching Materials		£2,585.35
Insurance		£652.85
Cleaning		£960.00
Website Hosting		£72.00
Accounting Fees		£750.00
SUBTOTAL	£45,378.39	£46,529.20
BALANCE		-£1,150.81

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Increase the efforts for finding new sources of funding. This includes further promotion of the micro-funding platform Give as You Live. Whoever registers with Give as You Live as an SSS supporter, will allow the SSS to collect small donations from their online purchases.
- Convene an academic conference to seek new ways of teaching and explore whether introducing technology, e.g. tablets, will improve the teaching process.



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- Start the Digital School project, with the aim of reducing paperwork and improving record-keeping.
- Keeping the school's web site up to date and devise a social media presence strategy.

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Chair – Parents' Management Committee