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CSJPPA/CTF Newsletter Summer 2024

Dear CSJPPA Members,

As we embrace the spirit of transparency that was pledged during our 2024 Annual General Meeting, we are excited to announce the introduction of a regular newsletter! This initiative aims to keep all our members informed and engaged with the latest events, and updates within our association.

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1. CSJPPA update

We are proud to highlight that CSJPPA is the sole recognised Alumni Association representing Chundikuli Girls' College and St John's College in the UK for the last 40 years. We are also delighted to share that the current leadership of the CSJPPA—the president, secretary, and treasure are all distinguished past pupils of CGC.

As we celebrate our 40th year, we invite you all to join us for a special dinner dance in honour of this significant milestone on the 19th of October 2024 at Thistle Hotel, Heathrow Terminal 5.



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1.1 CSJPPA 2024 events

We are thrilled to inform that CSJPPA has successfully organised a range of exciting events ranging from ladies' only fun activities to Kool Party in the park to indoor cricket for the children of past pupils and sports activities such as TSSA, Big match and netball match. These events have fostered meaningful connections and provided memorable experience to our members.

We are happy to share some photos from this year events.





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1.2 CGC principal's letter

The Principal of CGC, Mrs D Thuseetharan has formally copied the CSJPPA on the letter addressed to the divergent group of people who have named themselves as CGC OGA, asserting that the CSJPPA is the only officially recognized organization operating in the UK. In her correspondence, she unequivocally stated that any other body established under the name of Chundikuli Girls' College will not be associated with Chundikuli Girls' College Jaffna. This clarification underscores the commitment to maintaining the integrity and recognition of CSJPPA as the sole representative of our esteemed school Chundikuli girls College within the UK.

1.3 CSJPPA committee's vision

The primary objective of the current committee is to resolve any underlying issues and bring everyone together in unity. We firmly believe that 'unity is our strength', and by working collaboratively, we can foster a more inclusive and harmonious community. As we approach the celebration of our Ruby Jubilee, we hope to mark this milestone with the participation of all past and present members, honouring our shared history and looking forward to a bright future together.

CSJPPA is delighted to see strong participation and support from its members at our recent events. Your enthusiasm has been key to our success, and we deeply appreciate the engagement from all involved.

2 CTF update

CTF is the registered charity of CSJPPA, dedicated to supporting the advancement of education and the relief of poverty, suffering and distress amongst the students of Chundikuli Girls' College and St John's College and their families in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

As per the constitution passed at the 2024 AGM, CTF consist of 9 trustees. We are excited to introduce the current CTF Committee and the new president:

- At the 2024 AGM, two new trustees - Mr. Ratnasingham Sivakumar and Dr. (Mrs.) Pushpam Vinayagamoorthis were appointed.
- Committee meetings are held at regular intervals and Dr. MuttaiahTheivendra was unanimously elected as the CTF President,
- Mr. Ananthan Arnold as the Treasurer,
- Mr. Arjuna Somasekaram as the Secretary.
- From CSJPPA, the following office bearers will act as trustees, bringing the total number to nine:
 - Mrs. Thusa Kiritharan (CSJPPA President),
 - Mr. Akshayan Athmanathan (Vice President),

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- Mrs. Ambikai Puvi (Secretary),
- Mrs. Agita Suresh (Treasurer).

Accordingly, the CTF is now well served by 5 representatives from SJC and 4 from CGC.

2.1 Students' sponsorship opportunities at SJC and CGC

Presently there are 29 children at SJC and 13 at CGC and 5 at university for further studies who are being sponsored by the generous sponsors. We sincerely thank all our kind sponsors.

CTF is actively looking for new sponsors to support the needy children through Eagle Nest program at both schools. Due to the current economic situation, quite a few students are finding difficult to pay the tuition fees. We would be requesting to set up a standing order for £30 a month to cover the financial cost of a student on full boarding or 2-day scholars. Please contact us if you can change the life of a child!

2.2 An update on the situation of Late John Fussey's donation

2.2.1 Initial background information

- A law firm acting for the executors of the will of Late John Roy Fussey wrote to CTF in 2017 enquiring if CTF can accept a bequeath of a share of a residuary assets of the Late Mr Fussey's estate as a most suitable substitute charity as the original indented bequeathed recipient "Handy Memorial Fund" had become defunct.
- The CTF committee of that time, accepted the donation from the executors.
- A generous donation of £259,503 was received by CTF.
- Some monies from this windfall donation were sent to SJC and only a very small amount (£2000) was sent CGC.
- A majority of the amounts has been put away into a company "Eagle Care Trust (guarantee) Ltd" which had become totally outside the jurisdiction or control of CTF.
- "Eagle Care Trust (guarantee) Ltd" was incorporated on 13th Jan 2021.

2.2.2 Fiduciary duty to safeguard CTF's assets in the best interest of SJC & CGC

Since the formation Eagle Care Trust and placing monies of CTF into that company, several members had raised concerns at the AGM, by emails, by telephone calls and by way of letters to CTF. We would like to note that the recent AGMs have been affected because of this issue. The committee of 2023 commenced communication with the directors of ECT to regularise and bring



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these funds back under CTF jurisdiction. This matter was raised to the principals of the two schools as well.

At the 2024 AGM, the members unanimously agreed to take all necessary steps to resolve this matter once and for all-

Trustees sought guidance from the Charity Commission and legal advice on this matter and have initiated the process of regularising this fund back into CTF's jurisdiction.

2.2.3 Efforts to Retrieve John Fussy Funds

- We are pleased to inform you that significant progress is being made to retrieve the John Fussy funds and bring them back under CTF control.
- The proposal to return the funds to the CTF and the schools was officially approved by both schools and governors.
- In June 2024, all nine CTF members met and have approved legal action to address the discrepancies and ensure the ECT monies are brought back under CTF administration. Letters were sent to ECT director through the appointed solicitor.
- We shall update the progress and outcome of our initial lawyer's letters in due course and we are confident that this matter will be resolved soon.

Thank you once again for your continued support and active participation in the CSJPPA community. We are deeply grateful for your trust and engagement, which make everything we do possible. The committee remains fully committed to transparency, accountability, and working in the best interests of all members and the schools. Together, we look forward to another successful year filled with collaboration and growth.

Best Regards,
The CSJPPA/CTF Team