

PRINCE OF WALES SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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The Prince of Wales School Alumni Foundation (POWSAF) is a non-profit organization based in Georgia, USA that is committed to supporting the Educational Attainment at the Prince of Wales School in Freetown, Sierra Leone. It is a registered Internal Revenue Service 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization in the US and a registered Domestic Non-profit Corporation in the State of Georgia. It was formed after the realization by several alumni that the current fund-raising efforts could not sustain the school.

Ways to Support the Foundation

There are several ways to support the mission of POWSAF and these include (but are not limited to):

- Via Website - Donate through the POWSAF website. Options include:
 - Personal Donations (one-off or recurring) that informs the donor's donation tiers.
 - Donations on behalf of a sponsored Princewalean (one-off or recurring) informs the beneficiary's donation tier.
 - Other donations for special campaigns (do not inform donation tiers).
- Via Mail - Send a check to POWSAF in Atlanta. Check can be for personal donations or on behalf of a beneficiary. Cash donations are also welcome.
- Matching Gifts - Employers may match employee donations. Check with your employer for matching gift programs. These donations inform the donor's donation tier.
- Charity Events - Participate in events to raise funds. These donations inform the donor's donation tier.
- In Memoriam - Donate in memory of an Alumnus/ Alumna. Leave a tribute message on the website.
- In-Kind Donations - Non-cash gifts like stocks, stock options, securities, cars, boats, or houses. These do not inform donor's donation tiers. Submit the In-Kind Donation form after reviewing our policy.
- Personal Time - Volunteer your time for tasks such as website management, bookkeeping, and business management.

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PRINCEWALEAN SPOTLIGHT

Khadiru Mahdi, POWSAF Trustee and Member

Khadiru Mahdi joined the Prince of Wales School in 1967, where he quickly distinguished himself as a talented and committed all rounder. Representing Wilberforce House, he competed in athletics, football and cricket, excelling particularly as a left arm medium pace swing bowler. He was a key member of the school cricket team that won the inter-secondary schools championship in 1973. Following his time at Prince of Wales, he completed his sixth-form education and A-Levels at St. Edward's Secondary School.



Khadiru went on to pursue higher education internationally, gaining a BA (Hons) in English Literature from Kuwait University and an MA in Drama from Westfield College, University of London. He began his professional career in the civil service with the Department of Health and Social Security but soon shifted towards arts, education and community development. He joined the Hackney African Organisation as Arts and Recreation Officer and taught drama for the Inner London Education Authority.

During this period, Khadiru cofounded The African Players (TAP) with fellow Princewalean Dr. Kayode Robbin-Coker. Serving as Artistic Director, he helped establish TAP as a platform for producing African theatre in the UK. He later became Centre Director of a youth charity in Lambeth, where he designed and delivered programmes for children and young people while continuing to develop his theatre practice. This included completing a postgraduate diploma in theatre lighting design at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama. With support from Arts Council England, Khadiru served as Associate Director on Talawa Theatre Company's all Black production of

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The Importance of Being Earnest, which toured London and Newcastle. He also directed several TAP productions, including Wole Soyinka's The Lion and the Jewel, touring venues across London and other major UK cities. TAP received the Sainsbury's Education Award for its theatre in education programme, recognising its educational impact and artistic quality.

Balancing fulltime employment with theatre eventually prompted a career reassessment. Khadiru completed an MSc in Social Policy and Public Administration at the London School of Economics, specialising in the public and voluntary sectors. He joined Lambeth Borough Council as Policy and Strategy Officer for the voluntary sector, where he strengthened relationships between the council and civil society, managed a multi million pound funding programme and developed the borough's grantmaking framework. He was later promoted to Town Centre Manager for West Norwood, contributing to major regeneration and community projects.

Khadiru subsequently moved into senior voluntary sector leadership, serving as Director of Projects and Services at the London Voluntary Service Council, founding Chief Executive of Tower Hamlets Council for Voluntary Service, and later Chief Executive of Merton Voluntary Service Council. He retired in 2019 and now works as a consultant specialising in governance, leadership and strategic development across the public and voluntary sectors. Reflecting on his time at Prince of Wales School, Khadiru credits it with shaping him academically and personally.

As a Muslim pupil, his experience of the school stands as an example of its longstanding culture of inclusivity, where students from different backgrounds were supported to thrive. A member of the Chartered Institute of Fundraising (MCIOF), a founder member and former President of POWAAUK, and a founder trustee of POWSAF, he remains deeply committed to supporting the school and encouraging alumni engagement.

DONATIONS (AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2025)

Donations cited in this Newsletter reflect contributions through 31 December 2025 and differ from the POWSAF Website total, which is updated continuously.

	[+] / [-] (During Q4, 2025)	Total (@ End of Q4, 2025)
Alumni Donor Count	8	16
Alumni Member Count	0	103
Alumni Assoc./Org. Count	0/0	4/3
Unrestricted Donations	\$33,435.00	\$160,626.00
Restricted Donations	\$400.00	\$10,395.00
Total Donations	\$33,835.00	\$171,993.00

Location of Donors (Region)	No of donors, Alumni Members, Assocs. & Orgs.	Donations @ End of Q4, 2025	Donation Percentage
Africa	18	\$14,977.00	8.71%
Asia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Australia	0	\$0.00	0.00%
Europe	23	\$29,876.00	17.37%
North America	85	\$127,140.00	73.92%
South America	0	\$0.00	0.00%
	126	\$171,993.00	100.00%

FINANCIALS (AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2025)

Summary of Cash Activity		During Q4 2025	Total @ End of Q4, 2025	Explanation
Sources of Funds	Dividends	\$179.51	\$7,444.39	
	Donations	\$33,836.62	\$171,993.00	
	Merchandise	\$400.00	\$2,306.72	
	Total Revenues	\$34,541.62	\$176,802.23	
Uses of Funds	Development Costs	\$0.00	\$35,648.55	One-off Marketing and Set-up Costs including Website & E-Shop Development
	Operating costs	\$2,764.25	\$22,220.50	Steady State Operating Costs of the Foundation
	ML Investment	\$10,000.00	\$80,000.00	Transferred to Endowment Fund
	Allocated to Projects	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	Funds allocated to Approved Projects
	Inventory	\$0.00	\$12,438.60	Merchandise Stock
	Movement in Reserves	\$21,777.37	\$16,494.58	Funds in Bank Acct. & Investment Acct. yet to be spent, invested or allocated
	Total	\$34,541.62	\$176,802.23	

INVESTMENTS (AS AT 31ST DEC, 2025)

The total investments mentioned in this Newsletter pertain to the investments and the corresponding fiscal returns made up to Q4, 2025

Cost Category	@ End of Q3, 2025	In Period Addition	@ End of Q4, 2025
Capital Invested	\$70,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$80,000.00
Fiscal Gain/(Loss)	\$21,474.00	\$598.00	\$22,072.00
Cash Balance (incl. of div.)	\$1,478.00	\$0.00	\$1,478.00
Investment Portfolio Value	\$92,952.00	\$10,598.00	\$103,550.00