

The Kingsway Association

Spring Term Meeting

Date: 27/04/26

Time: 18:00

Location: Broadway Campus

Attendees:

Joel Sadler (Associate Headteacher); Cathy Georgeson (Parent); Fiona Leary (Treasurer); Pradip Patel (Parent); Lyndsay McDonald (Parent); Debs Wilkinson (Secretary); Jane Grace (Parent); Catherine Stuart (Parent); Carol Bonfield (Parent)

Apologies: Claire Cowen; Charmain May

Introductions:

Round-the-table introductions. FL Chairperson for this meeting.

Apologies:

As above.

Review of Previous Minutes / Actions:

- Review of previous actions.
 - Discussion around new signatories for Bank Account. FL stated that many of the existing TKA cohort are Year 10 parents and so will be looking to handover roles in the next academic year due to their children finishing at TKS. LM offered to be one signatory. Carry action whilst team consider initiatives to recruit new parents.
 - HS has been sending Comms as requested.
 - Action re. Gift Aid link – Carry.
 - JS to speak to AF re. additional information for funding trips. School calendar to be visited in next few months and will be able to use this to get a better idea of costings. Carry

Flyers are now at school and available for distribution at events. Suggestion for flyers to be included in packs for next intake of Year 7 pupils. JS confirmed there is also an upcoming Year 6 Parent event on 2nd July '26. LM / CB happy to support and promote TKA to new parents. Action Point.

Update from School:

JS discussed latest OFSTED report, which had been welcomed and shows some very positive change throughout the school. All agreed that once you read the detail in the report, it clearly evidenced how the

changes implemented, are having desired outcomes throughout the school. General consensus is that the dialogue about TKS is changing in the local community, for the better.

CG highlighted that due to the report being in the new format it does not align with other school ratings in the area (ones that have not yet been inspected under the new framework) but that this will of course change over time.

JS advised that TKS are going to use some of the positive quotes and feedback from OFSTED in future marketing and promotion of the school.

School have no major changes planned in the foreseeable future:

- Year 9 will continue to “Graduate”
- Focus is now on making the separate campuses more joined up / making it feel like one school.
- Work is taking place on the “All Through” curriculum – making sure that the curriculum supports pupils all the way through high school and into college. Working with other schools (who have approached TKS) and Aquinas College. JS discussed that members of the leadership team had also met with external education advisors and the focus on making KS3 valuable learning years, referencing “Mary Myatt: KS3 - The Ambitious Years”. All very inspiring.
- Good intake of pupils for September 2026.
- Staffing is good. Few posts being recruited for.

Summary from Treasurer:

Treasurer Report as addendum.

Grant from SMBC was approved and funds have been received. Thanks to CS and LM for their support in progressing this. This will fund the purchase of washing machines for school (not yet purchased). CS suggested thank-you be sent – would be welcomed by those who supported the bid. Suggest this be drafted in next meeting. Action Point.

Drop in overall donations. Unsure why the dip. FL to look at spikes in donations and feedback, so that can attempt to align with Comms (and repeat). Action Point.

New Bids:

Latest Bids.

Dept: Exams Team

Amount: £150 Ringfenced, pending more detailed discussion.

Item(s): Balloon Arch

Request for balloon arch to be provided for Year 11 results day. Something that school would like to repeat annually. In bid provided, there was a graphic of a banner and balloon arch. TKA suggested a banner could be a good idea (so it can be used annually and can feature in any pupil photos they wish to take) and that alternate sources be considered for the balloons. CB to obtain details for GPS contact who provides these. DW suggested parents / local businesses also be approached. All agreed to ringfence £150 for this. CG to speak with Sarah Holmes to progress. Action Point.

Dept: Leadership

Amount: £1,950 requested. £250 agreed.

Item(s): Food items to support Culture and Identity Day

All agreed that this was a worthy event to run throughout the school, as it embraces TKS values and ethics, but that the amount requested was too high and perhaps not the best use of funds with the event only being three weeks off. The question of resource – who would purchase the food, prepare and serve the food – was raised, along with the belief that these shop-bought items are likely to be processed foods. There were also queries around what percentage of pupils would try the cuisine and that those with dietary requirements would likely be hesitant. Suggested TKS provide an amount of money for the Culture Club to spend on the event – perhaps buying world-flag bunting to decorate the hall / canteen; consider speaking with Canteen to see if they can help prepare some world cuisines to be tried throughout the week, as foods would then be prepared in line with Food Hygiene Standards, would not take staff resource, and may be cheaper. All agreed to assign £250 and request the Culture Club feedback how they were able to use these funds to support the event. Action Point.

Promotion of TKA:

Discussion around how to further promote and gain more buy in. CS suggested a full-pronged attack / flooding the socials with good news stories / purchases / wins for the school.

Agreed that once we have info on (any) donation patterns, the group can work on a strategy for next term.

AOB:

Proposed that Bid limits be set, so that staff & pupil expectations can be managed. Appreciate it can be disappointing to put in bids and either have them declined or only receive art-funding – perhaps bid limits would help mitigate this.

Next Meeting:

Date: Monday 29th June 2026

Time: 18:00hrs

Site: Broadway Campus

TABLE OF ACTIONS:

No.	Action	Owner
1	New Parents to be added to bank account for fluidity / take over from current Yr 10 parents.	FL
2	FL will email Finance team about adding the Gift Aid link to School Gateway in the "additional info" or in receipt email.	FL
3	Projection from SLT for annual extracurricular/trip costs.	JS / AF
4	Upcoming Year 6 Parent event on 2 nd July '26. LM / CB happy to support and promote TKA to new parents.	LM / CB
5	Prepare & Send "Thank You" for the Council funding in next meeting.	All
6	FL to look at spikes in donations and feedback.	FL
7	CG to speak with Sarah Holmes to re. Yr 11 Balloon Arch / Request	CG
8	Feedback from Culture Club re. how funds will be / have been spent	JS
9	Add discussion around "Bid Limits" to next agenda	DW

The Kingsway Association Treasurer's Report 24/04/26

Bank account

Balances:

Current: £3 288

Reserve: £2 601

Total: £5 889

Bids approved so far this academic year but not yet invoiced (exact amounts tbc):

Science (visualisers): £714

Maths (visualisers): £714

PE: £960

Available funds: £3 501

Income / Expenditure:

	Money in	Money out
1/9/19 – 31/8/20	£2 275	£3 090
1/9/20 – 31/8/21	£1 683	£0
1/9/21 – 31/8/22	£2 085	£3 939
1/9/22 – 31/8/23	£721	£0
1/9/23 – 31/8/24	£1 500	£3 648
1/9/24 – 31/8/25	£4 385	£12 739
1/9/25 – 27/4/26	£2 428	£0

Gift Aid:

- 21-22 claim received £256 (05/02/26)
- 25 Gift Aid declarations on Jotform held (previous number included some duplication)

Council Grant:

Stockport Council Washing Machine Grant received: £960 (05/03/26)