

**Chairman's Annual Report:** Kevin Cheung read the following Annual Report:

AFS Chair Report 2022-2023;

A warm welcome to everyone, and thank you, for attending this year's Annual General Meeting.

The AFS (Association of Friends of the School) is the school's Parent Teacher Association. Each year we aim to raise funds to provide support for the school and the students of King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys.

Everybody associated with King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys are members of the AFS, and I am thrilled that you are here today to support your child's journey. The AFS is run by an elected committee each year at the AGM. The AGM meeting is the only formal meeting of the year for the AFS and is one that deals with the formalities of committee elections, financial audits, reviews and plans for the future.

Every single penny raised will provide support to the school. Through fundraising events and donations, the AFS purchased both educational and sporting equipment and provided numerous bursaries for Camp Hill boys to attend educational, sporting and personal development events both nationally and internationally. May I direct you to our web pages on the school website for more information regarding the different ways you can help contribute. However, we appreciate everyone's circumstances are different, so we would emphasise that any financial contribution is purely voluntary and any donation is welcome.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank and express my sincerest appreciation to all those parents who have returned the standing order forms.

In addition to the fundraising, we also host a number of social events where parents, carers and friends of the school are all invited. The social side of the AFS is an important part in bringing the school community together.

Before I launch into the formalities, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the serving AFS committee and the countless parent volunteers for all the support and commitment over the past year.

I would like to specifically express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to:

- Mr Bowen our Honorary President for your support and guidance over the past two years. We as parents pay a particular interest in your half termly presidents report which provides us with updates regarding our school.
- Mrs Nithya Menon our Vice Chair You are stepping down today, but thank you, for all the help and support you have provided as vice-chair. Always contributing and by my side to face every challenge or problem, but together we've achieved a lot. A couple of times, at my request, you've had to take over the role, and you were fantastic doing it
- Mrs Liz Dainty our Treasurer. An individual with great commitment and dedication to fulfil the role to the fullest. Over the many years of your time with AFS, you have been impeccable and worked earnestly, keeping a track of all the money coming in and then distributing it wisely. Thank you, for everything you have done, your advice, the input and being objective on the way the decisions are made regarding the AFS finances.
- Mr Jitesh Samani our Secretary and Digital Officer. Jitesh has done an amazing job with updating our AFS webpages and managing our social media pages. And for all your help at the events throughout the year.
- Mrs Rukhsana Abid and Mr Ben Smolden our buying coordinators. My thanks to you both for doing all the purchases for the various events we hold over the year. I have to say the samosas have been a huge favourite at the events. And Ben my thanks to you for organising and taking the lead at the Saturday morning refreshments for the students that represent

our school in rugby and cricket. And equally extending our warm and kind welcome to the away teams that visit our school.

- Mr Tom Breakwell our Staff Liaison Officer. It is with sadness that you will also be stepping down today. I would like to thank Mr Breakwell for all the input you have provided with AFS; contributing at our meetings and relaying the necessary information. Your help with this year's year 7 social held back in November. Who would have thought the idea of a treasure hunt around the school has become a popular and regular feature in our annual year 7 social. Furthermore, you have been fantastic in organising the prefects for these events. The lovely feedback from the parents regarding the boys was heart-warming and made me very proud indeed.
- Mrs Louise Bates our Pre-loved uniform Co-ordinator. I would like to thank you for taking this new role and many thanks for your help and taking the lead at a number of the events over the past 2 years. My thanks also extend to Layla who supports Louise with the pre-loved uniform events.
- Mrs Garima Singh, thank you for taking on the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator last year. It has not been easy but you have done a remarkable job albeit the challenges and difficulty of recruiting help for the various events. Sincere gratitude for attending to all of my endless emails, texts around the time of events.
- Lastly and by no means least, I would like to say how grateful I am to Mrs Jeanette Crutchley our School Liaison Officer. Jeanette has been a part of the school community for over 20 years, providing excellent AFS communication to the parents, as well as organising the annual AFS quiz, which was an amazing success back in July. You have provided the committee and I a lot of support and guidance throughout the year. On behalf of the committee, thank you.

The AFS have been able to support and organise a number of the usual events which we, as a school community sadly missed over the past 2 years during the pandemic. Some of the highlights over the year:

- At the last AGM in September, through Mr Breakwell, the head of PE Mr Burgess requested the help from the AFS to see if we can fund a new cricket score board. Mr Osman a parent new to the school generously donated £1000 towards the cost of the score board. Jitesh had previously applied for a development grant for £1000 which was successfully granted. With the funding in place the AFS proudly purchased the cricket score board for the PE and Games department. Which was finally installed in time for this year's cricket season.
- The Art department put in a request for new camaras. I'm pleased to say this was purchased and where the AFS donated £1000 towards the cost of the camaras and our very own Liz Dainty for donating the rest of the funds to pay for the camaras. Huge thanks to Liz for your help in arranging this.
- The AFS provided financial support to the "Prom Access Scheme" for those Year 13s who are on a bursary.
- The AFS funded the book tokens for the students who won a prize at prize giving held in December.
- The committee and parent volunteers sold refreshments at the house festival (which is held every 4 years). And School performances of "One Man and Two Guvnors" which was professionally and brilliantly acted by the girls and boys from both Camp Hill Schools.
- We were pleased to invite Year 7 parents to a social evening last November. This was an opportunity for the parents to come into school, meet other parents, and have a fun evening taking part in a treasure hunt around the school.
- I'm also pleased to report that Jitesh applied to B'ham Device Bank and was successful in being awarded 20 laptops.

- In addition to raising funds, the AFS has arranged and organised the volunteers to assist at these events. Some of these events may not have happened without parents volunteering their time to help.
- One of our latest initiatives is the pre-loved uniform collection and sale which was launched during the summer term of 2022, led by our co-ordinator Louise Bates. This initiative has been very well received by the parents and carers of the school.
- As mentioned earlier, Mrs Crutchley organises the annual AFS Quiz every year. My extended thanks to all those who donated some lovely prizes for the raffle and again my sincerest of gratitude to all the volunteers who helped sell refreshments, samosas and doughnuts on the night. A special thanks to our very own Mr Giles Hill for hosting and being the quiz master for the evening.
- As well as all the fundraising activities and volunteering for various school events. The AFS even had time to a social evening for volunteers and committee members. A lovely evening sampling great food and enjoying each other's company.

We have lots more to look forward to, which are in its planning stage

- Art Auction – Autumn / Spring Term – date TBC
- International Event – Summer 2024

I have been involved in the AFS when my son started back in September 2018 and I have proudly been the chair for the last 2 year. It has been great pleasure to contribute in so many ways to support the school and enhance the student's education. I am sad to say that I will be stepping down as Chair, however now is the time for new batch of parents to strengthen the AFS further.

I would like to conclude my annual report in saying thank you, to everyone who supported us, whether that's monetary, helping at events or coming to our meetings. AFS is solely dependent on your contribution, donations and input, therefore, every help that is given, great or small is tremendously valued. I am confident the new committee will continue with the immense support and achieve great success for AFS as we have in these last few years. It would also be good to see many new faces being active in helping the new team at AFS and the school. You all have been wonderful, and it has been a great pleasure working with you - parents, staff and the boys! I will miss you all!

Kevin Cheung

Chairman 2022-2023