

# News from Optimum Kenya Trust and Msaada

## The UK Reunion

This letter is a further reminder that this year, as Old Yorkists and Liabon, we are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the establishment of the Duke of York School and Lenana in 1959.

In addition to a number of events taking place in Nairobi, you will already be aware that, in the UK, we are celebrating the Anniversary with a Reunion on 27<sup>th</sup> July at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Cheltenham Chase, Shurdington Road, Gloucester, GL3 4PB.

Further details of the hotel, how to book accommodation and pay for food, are listed in the attached letter from John Tucker. If you have not already done so, you are urged to book accommodation directly with the Hotel, at agreed special rates, as soon as possible. Please also pay Ken Doig separately and in advance, for food at the Reunion dinner.

Please be aware that an auction will take place during the evening and you are encouraged to donate whatever you think may be a suitable prize. We have already received a variety of items, ranging from vintage Port to an incredibly generous array of Rugby opportunities, including two tickets to Twickenham to watch a Six Nations match in 2025.

## Memorabilia



To celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, these golf caps, showing the School logo and the dates 1949-2024, have been produced. Some have already been sent to Kenya and are selling fast. They will also be available at the Reunion, or online, at £20 each, with all proceeds going to Optimum Kenya Trust

If you are unable to attend the Reunion, but would like to buy a cap, please contact Nigel Gaymer by email at [nigel.gaymer@btinternet.com](mailto:nigel.gaymer@btinternet.com)

Depending on where you live, he will be pleased to discuss the postage or shipping costs involved and send one or more to you.

## Bursaries

Nigel is a Trustee of both Optimum Kenya Trust, in the UK, and Msaada Trust in Kenya. All funds raised are disbursed as bursaries to those in need. In addition to those currently in place for 16 boys, a further 14 bursaries will be awarded in 2024. Whilst this takes our annual commitment to 30, we know that there are still many more bright young, deserving individuals who need financial assistance, so we are anxious to increase both OKT and Msaada revenue streams.

Until now, funds have largely been raised by personal donation from old boys of both the Duke of York and Lenana School, plus any other fund-raising activities.

However, we now seek to extend our appeal to the business and commercial sectors in Kenya and, to do so, the attached MSAADA Trust brochure has been produced. **Empowering Futures** provides an introduction to what we do, who we help and how to contribute. All thanks go to Ronnie Andrews and Charlie Fraser for the effort they have put into producing this impressive document.

In the meantime, it is always gratifying to receive thanks from those who have benefitted from our support and, having left school, are now progressing through university and into employment which, they could never otherwise have achieved.

Best regards  
Alan May

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Dear Old Yorkist/Laibon,

**Duke of York (Lenana) School 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion – 26/27 July 2024**

Further to my two previous letters concerning the above, Ken Doig, Al May, and I happily report there has been sufficient interest in the project to justify it taking place.

Details of the reunion are as follows:

Date: **27 July 2024**  
Time: 1900 – 2300 hours  
Venue: Delta Hotels by Marriott Cheltenham Chase, Shurdington Road, Gloucester, GL3 4PB (Tel: 01452 519988)  
Function: A welcome drink followed by a sit-down two-course fork-buffet dinner in the hotel's Buckholt Suite  
Dress: Jacket and tie (Men)  
Cocktail dress (Ladies)  
Cost: £35 per person (includes venue hire, service charge, and insurance)  
Drinks: Guests will be expected to pay for their own wine and other drinks separately

**Payment for the meal should be by BACS to Kenneth L. Doig whose bank account details are:**

**Sort Code: 30-67-47**  
**Account No: 53372168**  
**Reference: OY 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**If paying by cheque then please issue it in favour of Kenneth L. Doig (OY 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion) and forward it to Ken at:**

**6 Baring Court,  
Lewdown,  
Okehampton,  
Devon,  
EX20 4HD.**

**Accommodation:**

Earliest check-in time: **1500 hours**  
Latest check-out time: **1100 hours**

The hotel has agreed the following special group B & B room rates for the nights of 26 and

27 July:

£89 (single occupancy)  
£99 (double occupancy)

Please reserve your own bedroom accommodation requirements via the following link:

**[Book your group rate for School Reunion](#)**

When booking a room via the link, you will see the single occupancy rate indicated. For the double occupancy rate just increase your room requirement to 2 adults. If you have special needs then, on the page allowing you to select the room and the rate, you can request a more accessible room/any special room which the hotel will process. In the event of any problems making a room reservation, then please do not hesitate to contact the hotel's Ms Kinga Hester whose contact details are:

(Tel) 01452 519940

(email) [khester@marriottdeltacheltenham.co.uk](mailto:khester@marriottdeltacheltenham.co.uk)

The link includes a map of how to find the hotel.

**Last Day to Book: Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

**Early booking is recommended to secure the hotel's favourable room rates.**

Ken and Al join me in sending you our very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. P. Tucker', with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. P. Tucker

# Msaada Trust – Empowering Futures

Investing in Education, Building Dreams





# Welcome to Msaada Trust

Established by the proud alumni of Lenana School (formerly the Duke of York School) Nairobi, Msaada Trust stands as a beacon of hope and opportunity for deserving students facing financial barriers.

Our mission is simple yet profound - to provide bursaries for pupils at the school who, often under the most difficult circumstances, have excelled at KCPE and who, despite their potential, are unable to afford the fees at Lenana.







## **Our Legacy: A Journey Through Time**

Since its inception 75 years ago, Lenana School has established a reputation in Kenya for the highest academic achievement as well as sporting prowess. Initially accommodating 400 pupils, the school flourished after Kenya gained independence in 1963. Today, it educates 1,800 pupils; shaping futures and empowering the next generation.

## **The Heart of Msaada Trust: Bridging Gaps**

For the past eight years, Msaada Trust has been a guiding light, providing bursaries for over 80 students. Our commitment goes beyond financial aid; we believe in ensuring that no student is denied an education due to economic constraints. With your support, we bridge the gap and open doors to a brighter future for these young minds.





## Msaada Trust in Action:

Our primary activity is to disburse funds raised by our UK based Old Boys' charity – Optimum Kenya Trust (OKT). To this end, we have over the years established and implemented robust procedures to identify and reward needy students with bursaries covering their school fees and other educational needs.

Our selection process is based on an individual interview with each applicant during which we assess:

- Academic achievement,
- Social circumstances,
- Character,
- Ambition, and
- Extra curricular participation.

The assessments of three or more trustees are compared and analysed and the results are disseminated to demonstrate the transparency of the process.

## A Holistic Approach: Beyond Bursaries

- **Sports Facilities Revitalisation:** Due to financial constraints, the school's sports facilities have fallen into disrepair. Msaada Trust actively contributes to their rehabilitation, ensuring students have access to a vibrant and healthy learning environment.
- **Building Dreams, One Pool at a Time:** Recently, Msaada Trust proudly contributed to the construction of a new 25.0m swimming pool. This not only enhances physical well-being but also fosters a sense of community and team spirit.
- **Reviving Traditions: School Squash Court Renovation:** Our ongoing commitment extends to the renovation of the school's squash court, preserving a cherished tradition and offering students a chance to excel in various sports.

# Your Support Matters

Make a Difference Today

From our inception, we have relied on OKT as our principal benefactor and we have also received and disbursed donations from various Old Boys' year groups. We are now looking to expand our base to enhance our bursary programme and to participate further in the several rehabilitation projects being undertaken at the school.

As a potential donor, your support can change lives. By contributing to Msaada Trust, you become a partner in education, empowering students and revitalizing educational infrastructure. Together, we can ensure that no bright mind is left in the shadows due to financial constraints.

## SOURCE

LAIBON  
YEAR  
GROUPS

OPTIMUM  
KENYA  
TRUST

LENANA  
ENDOWMENT  
FUND

OTHER  
CORPORATE  
SPONSORS

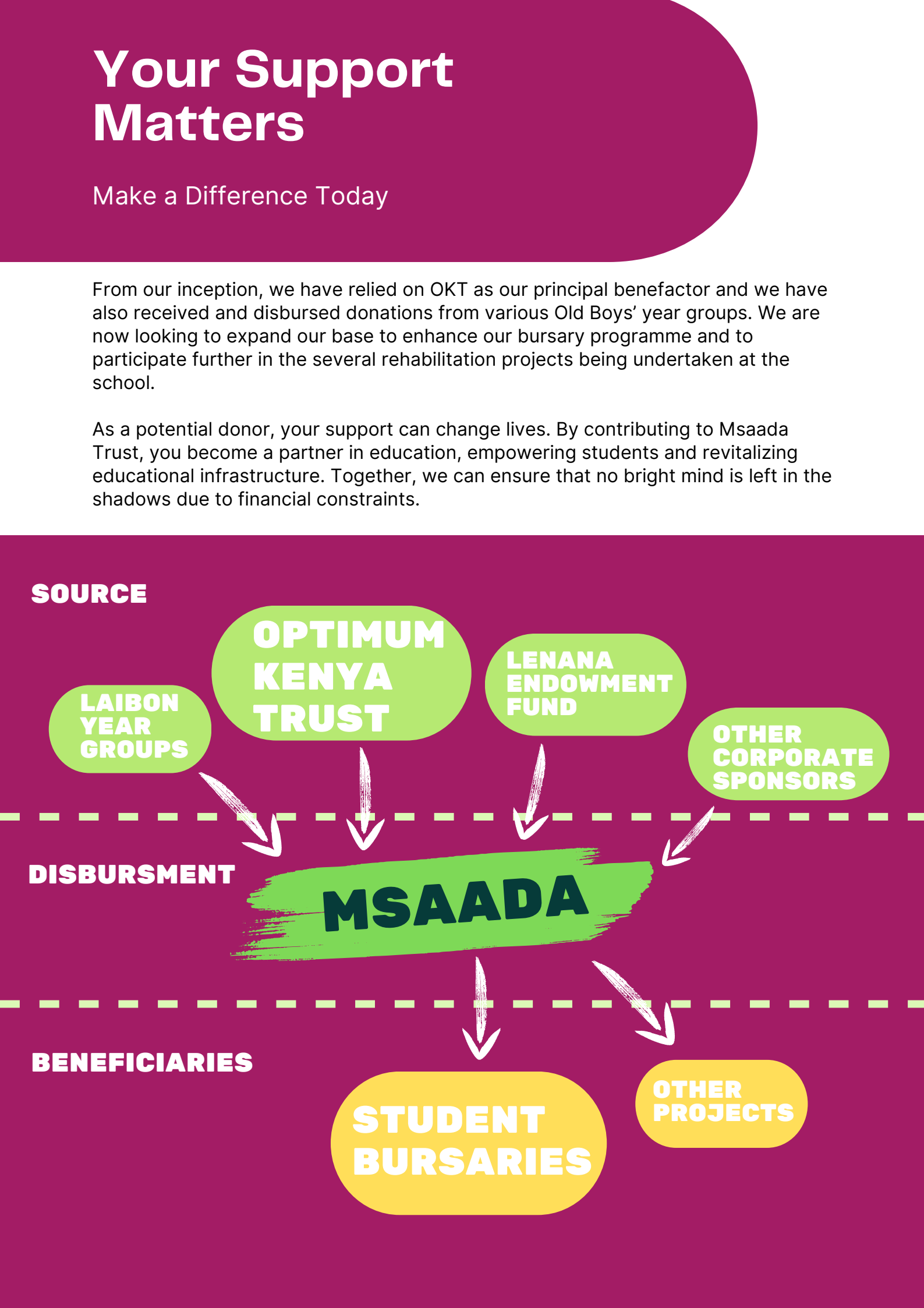
## DISBURSMENT

**MSAADA**

## BENEFICIARIES

STUDENT  
BURSARIES

OTHER  
PROJECTS







## Transparency and accountability

Our overheads are kept to a minimum with over 95% of the funds raised being directed to the welfare of the pupils at Lenana. Our accounts are audited annually by reputable Nairobi based auditors and are available for inspection.

## Our Trustees

Our trustees are all proud old boys of Lenana (Duke of York) School, Nairobi:

<b>Patron:</b>	Hadi Manji (1969 - 1972)		
<b>Chairman:</b>	Chacha Odera (1977- 1982)		
<b>Trustees</b>	David Kabebere (1974 - 1979)	John O'Grady (1957 - 1962)	Nigel Gaymer (1957 - 1962)
	Ronnie Andrews (1964 - 1969)	Peter Gachuhi (1975 - 1978)	Arnie Mitchell (1962 - 1967)
	V Gikonyo Gitonga (1977 - 1982)	George Ooko (1976 - 1981)	Charlie Fraser (1964 - 1969)

# Join the Msaada Trust Family:

Together, We Make Dreams Come True!

Your contribution to Msaada Trust is an investment in the future. Join hands with us to empower deserving students and create a legacy of positive change. Together, let's build a world where education knows no economic barriers.

MSAADA BANK DETAILS				
	KES	US\$	UK£	EURO
ACCOUNT NO.	0945022833	0277003154	0227015780	0227029609
ACCOUNT NAME:	KAPLAN & STRATTON CLIENT ACCOUNT			
BANK NAME:	ABSA BANK KENYA PLC - QUEENSWAY HOUSE BRANCH 094			
BANK ADDRESS:	P O BOX 30120 - 00100, NAIROBI		BANK CODE:	003
SWIFT CODE:	BARKENX			

OKT BANK DETAILS				
ACCOUNT NO:	92114542			
ACCOUNT NAME:	OPTIMUM KENYA TRUST			
BANK NAME:	HSBC		SORT CODE	40-44-37
IBAN NO:	GB17HBUK40443792114542		BIC NO:	HBUKGB4160J

**\*Optimum Kenya Trust is a UK registered charity, donations are tax deductible and will attract UK gift aid.**

**Please visit: [www.optimumkenyatrust.org](http://www.optimumkenyatrust.org)**

