



# David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

## From Primary Classes to a Senior Academy

After starting as just a primary school in 2008, and then building and opening a secondary department in 2011, the David School has now opened a Senior Secondary Academy. The school now has over 600 students registered, and they are taught in two shifts: primary and secondary classes are taught until 2.00pm, and then the Academy classes take over.



The Senior Secondary Academy was set up with the Sierra Leone Ministry of Education in 2022 to take students to possible University entrance levels. Their teachers are graduates working part time. Currently, more than 150 students have registered, and some students walk over 5 miles to attend. **(Please turn to P4 to see if you can help)** Unlike education for the rest of the pupils, which is free, Academy students' parents are asked to pay for these classes.

In addition, several students are in Year One of degree courses in Freetown. They have to self-fund or find sponsors.

## EIGHT GO TO THE DAVID SCHOOL ... ..... AND ARE VERY BUSY!



The team: David, Sylvia, Catherine, Janet, Michael.  
Sonia, Cynthia, Pete

After several years when it has been impossible or very difficult to travel to Sierra Leone, and support for the David School had to be long distance, a working party of eight trustees and volunteers visited between 22nd March and 5th April. The team, all self-funded, worked very hard, and achieved a great deal in a short time.

## General Repairs and Maintenance

As a result of the heavy use that the school premises get, the team found a lot of jobs to be done.



The exterior walls were all repainted, all six primary classrooms redecorated, and the toilet block (shown on the right) re-roofed.



Old chairs were repaired or replaced, and some new ones installed.



## NEW FURNITURE AND COMPUTERS



**MOORE**



As the result of the great generosity of **Moore** accountants in Peterborough, new office furniture and computers were installed, and were soon put to use.

**Many thanks to those involved in this much appreciated donation.**





## EYE SIGHT CHECKS



Students and staff had their eyesight checked. As a result, some pupils and teachers were referred to a clinic in Freetown for detailed tests for prescription spectacles. Where they were needed, these were purchased by the David School Trust.



## NEW UNIFORMS

All 300 Primary pupils were given new school uniforms.

The girls received dresses, and the boys got shirts and shorts.



## GIRLS'



## GIVE-AWAYS

160 senior girls were given underwear and sanitary products.

They all appreciated this very much, as without these items, many miss as much as one week in four from school.



# STAFF TRAINING



David spent time training the school's staff. This included First Aid updates and reminders, classroom management strategies, and implementation of the school's policy on Safeguarding children.



## **CAN YOU HELP? WE CURRENTLY NEED LOTS OF SHOES**

**Many of our Senior Secondary students walk many miles to attend classes, and they need trainers or other closed footwear in adult sizes, that they can walk in comfortably.**

If you have any you can donate, please pack them in a box, clearly labelled THE DAVID SCHOOL, and post or courier them to our shippers.

**Marie Sinneh Shipping Ltd  
Selfstore Unit 1530  
61 Willow Walk  
Bermondsey  
London SE1 5SF**

They will keep them until the next shipment goes out. The David School Trust will refund carriage costs.



## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

