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College Song

Wet the ground and wind opposing,
Just ten minutes yet to play;
Play up Central, No reposing
On the gains of yesterday.
Now's the time for combined action;
Pass the ball from man to man;
Never selfish play nor faction,
Proved worth while since sports began.

Chorus

Central! Rally for the school then,
Take the field with one accord;
Keep your courage cool and clean then,
Central's flag must ne'er be lowered

On the field of life when striving,
Keep your honour true and bright.
Play up, Central! Ever thriving
On the fruits of grace and light;
For your comrades of the old days,
Scattered far though, they may be;
For your school, and for her true praise,
Live in service glad and free!

Chorus

Composed by: Rev.P .T. Cash,M.A.,BSc



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the President of the Jaffna Central College Old Boys and Girls Association UK, I am honoured and privileged to welcome you all to our 36th Founders Day Dinner Dance. First and foremost, I would like to thank my talented, enthusiastic and determined team for their support, especially the Social Committee for the time and effort they have invested in making this event a success. I feel very proud to lead such a strong team. Our current Executive Committee consisting of 6 cricket captains, 3 football captains, 3 senior prefects, 3 deputy senior prefects – all vital members of JCC's prestigious history. We will continue our duty to improve and thrive in the fields of Education and Sports.

As part of this vision, we've helped our school by raising 10.19 million Sri Lankan Rupees (£25,232) over the last 12 months which is a tremendous achievement and is reflected in the rapid success of our pupils.

This year our committee has set out on achieving five main goals:

- O-Level scholarship programme.
- A-Level scholarship programme.
- "E-Kalvi" project (Increased accessibility to E-Learning resources)
- Hostel renovation
- Strengthening support and network of our U19 Cricket Team

The top 30 O-Level students in the year were awarded a monthly scholarship of Rs. 3000 for their educational expenses.

The aim of the A-Level scholarship programme is to help gifted children from disadvantaged families in Sri Lanka, to have access good education and opportunities. UK OBA sees basically a good education is the way of transforming not just the child but also, uplifting their family, our community and ultimately the country. The scholarship programme provides the UK OBA with a simple and effective channel to give back and contributing to this life changing endeavour. Each student being offered a scholarship is receiving SL Rs. 7000 per month for their education expenses and SL Rs. 10,000 per month each for their hostel fees, payable to College.

UK OBA initiated this scholarship programme first in the history of the JCC

UK OBA was successful in bringing 16 gifted students to JCC to study for A-Levels from all parts of the country. The best results achieved for this batch at JCC at O/Level exams was 8A's, but we managed



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to bring 2 students with 9A's, 2 students with 8A's, 2 students with 7A's, 4 students with 6A's and 5 students with 5A's to foster a more academic co-working environment so that all our students are inspired to reach their full potential and aspire to the top grades of 3A's at A-Level.

The JCC 1987 Batch is working hand-in-hand with UK OBA on the A-Level scholarship project for 21 internal students. The Fund is worth Rs. 1,708,000 over the last 12 months. We are able to run these scholarship programmes by the generous donations of our Old Boys. I would like to thank all those who have contributed.

We introduced the "E-Kalvi" project this year, with a focus on O-Level and A-Level students. In addition to the scholarships, with this learning materials and recourses the students can have independent self-study at their own pace. We look forward to bring this to our middle and lower school next year.

Furthermore, UK OBA donated 14 laptops to be used by computer lab and hostel students. The printer and associated printing materials to be used for O-Level and A-Level paper classes. This will be a great addition to the school and further academic support to students in all levels.

For this year's big match, 14 committee members visited our school hostel and realised that the hostel was in very poor condition and need renovation. Considering our students' health, safety and wellbeing, we refurbished the hostel, kitchen and toilets within 3 weeks, accumulating a cost of 2.5 million rupees (£5600) provided by UK OBA. These refurbishments will definitely facilitate the potential of our scholarship programme. Also, the Hostel now could be able to accommodate 50 students which will go in line with our vision to expand our scholarship programmes year on year.

Though we are increasingly taking steps to become a formidable academic school, our school has always prided itself in its cricketing abilities. Hence, it is also important for us to support our sports teams to achieve winning results. The UK OBA arranged matches for our U19 team with six of the top Division 1 school teams from Colombo and covered the expenses. These six schools were Royal College, Nalanda College, Mahanama College, Trinity College, Maliyadeva College and St. Anthony's College. The main purpose is to train and prepare our boys for the all-important Big Match against St. Johns.

These games provided our players with invaluable experiences, both mentally and physically, in dealing with high-pressure situations against stronger teams. This not only improved their cricketing skills but also provide friendly interaction with other schools in South and Central Sri Lanka. We extend our sincere appreciation to Mr Ranjithkumar from Colombo, a cherished alumnus of JCC, who facilitated these matches. UK OBA thanks to POG Mr Kingsley and the school administration for their steadfast support for our activities.



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Recognising the need to fortify the mental resilience of our U19 players, we organised motivation classes before the Big Match in 2023. These sessions aimed to equip the players with the resilience and perform exceptionally in high-pressure environments. This helped prepare them for the Big Match and made them ready to face competitive tournaments and strong opponents with confidence and self-belief. Our esteemed alumnus and professional motivator, Mr. Janarthanan (Jana), generously volunteered to run these mental awareness and motivation classes. These sessions were initiated and sponsored by our UK OBA, and we extend our sincere thanks to Jana.

Exceptional Cricketing achievements:

Big match winning team

2 days Sri Lanka Cricket Tournament (Division 3 Champions, achieving promotion to Div-2)

50 Overs Sri Lanka Cricket U19 Tournament (Semi-Finalists)

UK OBA sponsored sports scholarships for the first time in the JCC history.

As a national sports school, our Alma Mater aims to attract sports enthusiastic students from across the Island. The UK OBA identified three individuals who excelled in both sports and studies from the Mannar and Mullaitheevu districts. By bringing them to Central we are proudly nurturing Tamil speaking sports talents in Sri Lanka. They will be receiving a full scholarship, funded by UK OBA, including tuition fee & lodging in the school hostel during their time at the school. Each recipient will receive SL Rs. 15,000 a month, with a commitment to continue the support throughout their stay at the school.

Finally, I extend immense thanks, on behalf our UK OBA, to our sister organisation VOGA UK for always rendering amazing support for us. Our joint event, such as the BBQ this year, has been a massive highlight. A special thanks to President Geetha and the Executive Committee members for their selfless dedication towards our association.

We could not have achieved these goals without the tremendous support from the Old Boys and supporters of our School. I sincerely THANK YOU ALL for your support and assistance in walking with us through this journey. I wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

“Central’s Flag must ne’er be lowered”

K Kalavannan

President

JCC OB&GA, UK

2021 - 2023



JAFFNA CENTRAL COLLEGE



Mr.S.Indrakumar
(NDT (Maths), B.A, PGDE, SLEAS III)
Principal

**Jaffna,
Srilanka**



Jaffna Central College, was the first school founded in the Northern Province has played its vital role as a distributive channel of knowledge in the peninsula since its inception. The UK OBA has majestically stepped into its 36th year, this year, encountering remarkable turning points through the years and climbing up the ladder of success. It's a great pleasure and honour to send my best wishes for the magazine of UK Old Boys Association of our College as its Principal. Our College has produced many great personalities in various fields over the years during its proud history of 207 years. Past principals, teachers and non-academic staff have done a great service in that regard.

Jaffna Central College has a very committed and talented academic and non-academic staff that always facilitate teaching - learning process in an effective and efficient manner with a view to develop the skills, knowledge and attitude of students. While focusing on educational development, the college provides various co- curricular and extra-curricular activities for students at the school. Although the number of students without proper educational background are still a majority, they have performed well in sports and games. In recent times, our students have gained university admission to engineering, science and management faculties. In addition, our students have made achievements at international level annually and still they are leading in sports in Northern Province.

Jaffna Central College has a strong and committed School Development Society and Old Boys' Association that always assist for the development of the school. In this context, Old Boys, London have encouraged us in numerous ways through their untiring effort and constructive support.

Today, the students from grade 1 to 13 are interested in learning and gained satisfactory grades because the projects that are implemented with the support of UK Old Boys Association. Sponsoring for the Under - 19 cricket is the biggest support which is very helpful to increase the achievements of the cricket team in all the matches. The educational activities became easier and better because of the laptops and photocopying machine provided by the Old Boys Association, UK branch. We have renovated the students' hostel and increase facilities with the support of you which make many students to stay at school and continue their studies without any difficulties. Parents' support and students' interest have to be boosted gradually. This has been a great challenge. In this context, the assistance given by the Old Boys, London is paramount. It is emphasized that this assistance must be made uninterrupted.

It is deeply acknowledged and appreciated that your cooperation, friendship and concern have encouraged us. We're all working together to produce many more centralites who will make our motherland proud and pride in future. Once again I am very much glad to pen my greetings to the magazine.

Mr.S.Indirakumar

Principal
Jaffna Central College.



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VEMBADI OLD GIRL'S ASSOCIATION - UK

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF VOGA UK



It is with great pride and pleasure that I send this message of felicitation to JCC OBA UK on its 36th Founders Day Celebration.

Jaffna Central OB&GA UK, our brother association, works tirelessly to fulfil needy projects of their Alma Mater. With this in mind, they take pride in organising events to raise funds.

We, Vembadi Old Girls UK, have a very strong relationship with the Central College Old Boys UK. We participate in each other's Social Events to make them more colourful and successful. I hope that this relationship will grow from strength to strength for many more years to come.

On behalf of VOGA UK, I really admire and congratulate the JCC OB&GA UK for completing their 36th Anniversary since they started in 1987. At this great moment I would like to extend our best wishes to the Old Centralites in the UK to have their annual "FOUNDERS DAY 2023" Celebration on an extravagant level.

I congratulate the president, Mr Kalavannan, and the executive committee for their tireless efforts in organising this event and wish them all success with their future endeavours. God Bless

Geetha Vijayadeva

President VOGA UK



Jaffna Central College Old Boys & Girls Association, UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2022-2023



Sitting (from left): T Selevakumar, S Vernu, K Krishnakumar, K Vijaishankar, K Kalavannan, S Ravishankar, V Paul Prahalthan, T Raviraj, N Annadurai
Standing (from left): J Vaikunthan, R Rajeevan, S Sanjayan, S Sivasurathan, N Nisakaran, S Agash, S Sathees, T Ratheskumar,
K Suresh, M Jeganmohan, P Rameshan
Absent - Mr S Kartheepan



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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Warm greetings to all of you!

Being a fellow old boy and with family connections of over 140 years with Jaffna Central, I am greatly delighted to address you through this message.

As Secretary of the UK Old Boys Association, I consider this is an honour to welcome you all to this Annual 36th Dinner & Dance. It is indeed our earnest desire to bring the old boys closer through this event every year, and I truly believe this event will reconnect all of us.

We, as the old boys, are the foremost brand ambassadors and can play a vital role in the development of our Alma mater with our ideas and suggestions.

We have unbelievable success over the last 12 months with new projects implemented first time in the history of Jaffna Central and planned for many in coming years to bring glory back to our school.

I invite every old student in the UK to be an active participant in the Old Boys Association. Share your successes, engage in meaningful conversations and collaborate with fellow old boys to collectively drive change. Your involvement strengthens our Association, enriches your own experiences, and reaffirms your commitment to the ideals that Jaffna Central embodies.

I will be doing disservice to my school, if I don't mention and thank Mr Kalavannan, Our President by name for his steadfast leadership to the executive committee and his honest & loyal service to our beloved school. His service to the school & UK OBA will be valued for years to come.

Our Executive Committee, having members with 6 former Cricket Captains, 3 former Football Captains, 3 past Senior Prefects, 3 past Deputy Senior Prefects and High-level professionals. This Executive Committee does its best to try our ultimate ATTEMPT to change our school back to the old GLORY Days of the Sixties. I thank every committee member for their hard work and above all our valued donors for their invaluable support over the last 12 months.

Finally, let me conclude by thanking all of you for your support and we look forward to the continued cooperation and active involvement to carry out our activities in the years to come.

Thanking you,

K. Vijayshankar

Secretary

JCC OB&GA, UK

2022-2023



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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

For the last 12 months London OBA have contributed 10.19 million Sri Lankan Rupees equal to £25,232 (Sterling Pounds) to our beloved school to undertake the following Noble Projects.



Educational Contribution for 12 months - Rs 4,488,737.00 - (£11,171.00)

- Ordinary Level Scholarship from May 2023 intake (Rs 3000 per student per month for 30 students) - Rs 450,000.00
- Advanced Level Scholarship for Outstation students Oct 2024 intake
- Hostel Fees (Rs 10,000 per student per month) - Rs 1,109,490.00
- Advanced Level Scholarship for Outstation students Oct 2024 intake
- Tuition Fees (Rs 7,000 per student per month) - Rs 945,000.00
- Library Assistant salary - (Rs 10,000 per month) - Rs 120,000.00
- E Kalvi project initial cost for hard drive & 350 pieces of 64GB Pen drives for A/Level & O/Level students with educational materials - Rs 550,000.00
- New Printer for A/Level & O Level paper classes - Rs 350,000.00
- 14 Laptops for the school & hostel students estimated value -Rs 964,247.00

Sports Contribution for 12 months - Rs 3,145,445.00 - (£7661.00)

- Sports Scholarship for future sports stars - Rs 75,000.00
- Cricket Coach Salary (Under 13/15 Rs 18,000 per month) - Rs 216,000.00
- Football Coach (Under 12 & Under 14) salary - Rs 125,000.00
- Big Match medical team expenses - Rs 78,330.00
- Motivation secessions for Big Match Cricket team - Rs 24,250.00
- U19 Cricket Match expenses National Tournament and extra matches with Southern Province Schools - Rs 2,116,828.00
- Under 19 2023 Big Match winning team price fund - Rs 200,000.00
- Under 19 2023 Big Match winning team coach incentive - Rs 200,000.00
- Under 19 2023 Cricket team dinner - Rs 72,537.00
- Teachers lunch during big match 2023 - Rs 37,500.00

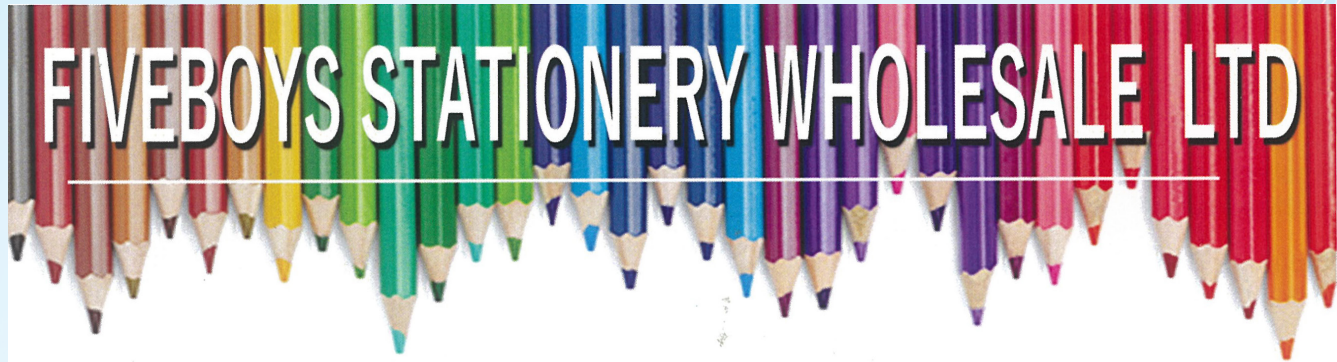
Hostel Contribution for 12 months - Rs 2,558,175.00 - (£6400.00)

- Rig Hall Hostel Accommodation Renovation - Rs 764,000.00
- Rig Hall Hostel Kitchen Renovation - Rs 780,500.00
- Rig Hall Hostel Toilets Renovation - Rs 275,000.00
- Rig Hall Hostel Electrical installation - Rs 438,675.00
- Rig Hall Hostel Warden Salary - Rs 245,000.00
- Rig Hall Hostel Utensils - Rs 55,000.00

Apart from this London OBA also works with JCC 1987 Batch for the A/Level scholarship project for internal students, worth Rs 1,708,000.00 for the last 12 months. (This provides monthly Rs 7,000 each for 21 students)

S. Ravishankar

Treasurer, JCC OBA UK



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It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to Jaffna Central College 36th Founders Day Dinner and Dance 2023. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for joining us in this celebration.

Expanding our alumni members is very important for our college's future. We've made great progress, but it's crucial to keep growing and bringing in new members, especially younger members, as they are the future of JCC UK OBA. We need more people to get involved and join our association. I encourage each of you to support this effort by bringing in a new member to our UK OBA, especially juniors. With your support we have an average of 10 new members joining us every year. This not only enriches our community but also strengthens our connection to Jaffna Central College.

One of the ways to support this is by becoming a member. It's important to note that we haven't increased our membership joining fee for the past few decades, which remains at a donation of £100.00. In return, you'll enjoy a range of benefits.

For example, you'll receive announcements about all significant events and updates through mail, ensuring that you are well-informed about our activities and initiatives. As a life member, you gain the right to vote in the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which is open to those aged 18 and above. This is your opportunity to actively participate in influencing the path of our association.

Furthermore, you'll have the honour of being a lifelong member of JCC OBA UK, strengthening your bond with the community. If you have a desire to take on a more active role, you can run for election at the AGM and compete for a position on the executive committee, enabling you to directly contribute to the progress of the association.

In conclusion, I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for joining us on this special occasion. Your support is greatly appreciated. I wish you all a delightful and enjoyable evening.

“Central’s Flag must never be lowered”.

Kind Regards,

S Vernu

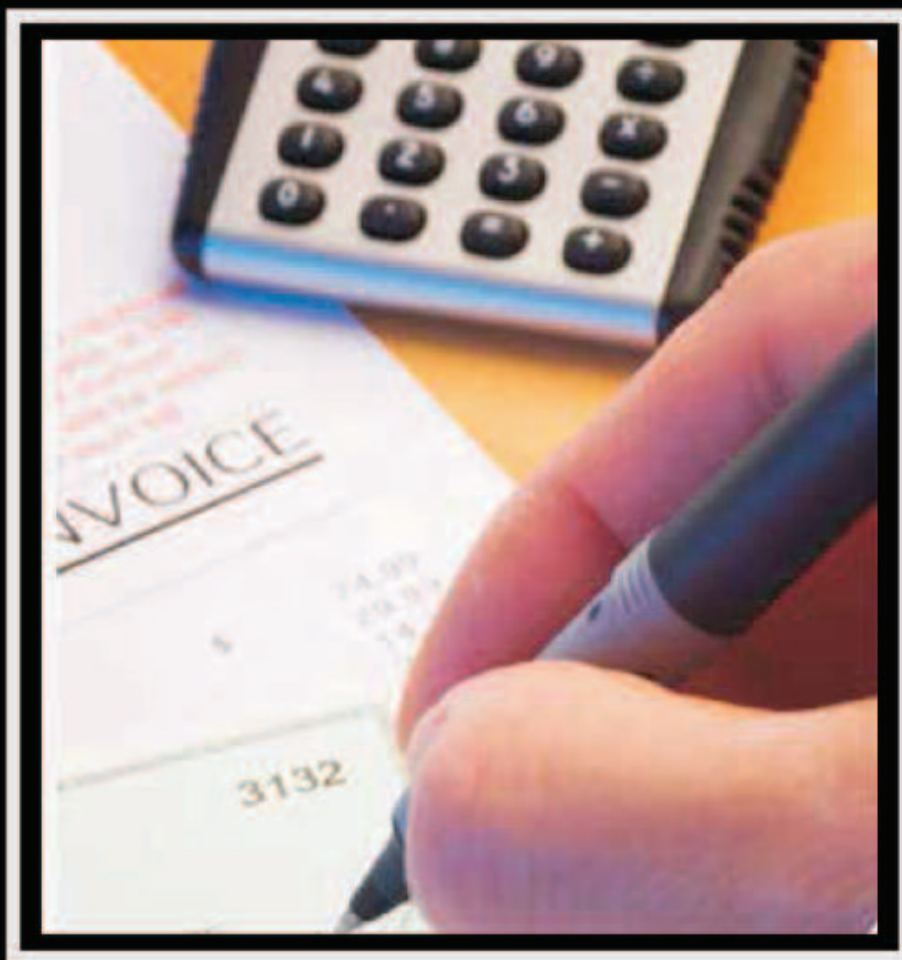
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O/LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING BY UK OBA RS 1.08M (£3,000) OVER 12 MONTHS



In 2022, UK OBA introduced a major drive to uplift the O/Level results in our school.

The new scholarship programme for students taking their delayed GCE O/Level exam in May 2023. The top 30 best students in the year were awarded a scholarship. The process will work with us selecting the top 12 children from the overall year along with the top 3 children from each of the six divisions making up the remaining 18 children. Each student being offered a scholarship by receiving monthly Rs 3000 for their education expenses. This scholarship program is purely based on merit basis and the selection process was managed by the principal and the UK OBA Educational team. Total contribution from July 2022-May 2023 was 1.08million Sri Lankan Rupees.

For the next batch (2024 exam intake) 10 students have been selected from purely merit basis and the remaining 20 students will be selected from all the divisions as an inclusive scholarship for all students. This will help to increase the level of exam results for underachieving students as well as the students currently getting average marks to get the best results. This includes special paper classes for all students sitting the O/Level exams with e-learning materials provided by "E-Kalvi".

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Long-Term Impact & UK OBA Strategy

We would like to change the educational standard of JCC to match with other leading schools in Jaffna. Currently lack of students in A Levels is not helping our cause. By increasing the results of our O/Level exams will help to increase the A/Level students and attract more students to join our primary school. Short- and medium-term strategy to achieve our long-term goals. UK OBA goal is to increase the students to 50 students for every year for the next 5 years.

K Krishnakumar

Education Secretary, JCC OBA UK



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IT COMMITTEE & ACTIVITIES, UK OBA



I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to all of you for the Jaffna Central College 36th Founders Day Dinner and Dance in 2023. I want to convey my heartfelt appreciation for your presence on this special occasion.

In addition, I would like to introduce the IT Committee for this year, which consists of three dedicated individuals: Mr. S. Kartheepan, Mr. J. Vaikunthan, and Mr. S. Sivasurathan.

During Phase 1, we successfully accomplished the following tasks:

1. Completed the website, ensuring it is up to date with all news and materials.
2. Created a new domain for our online presence.
3. Migrated existing content to the new domain.
4. Successfully hosted the JCC website.
5. Maintained regular updates on our social media, particularly on Face book.

Moving forward to Phase 2, Our Goals are as follows:

1. Implement an online member registration system, streamlining the process for all members and enabling online payments.
2. On Face book, aim to grow our member base to 10,000 and explore revenue generation opportunities through advertising.

Concluding this special event, I wish to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for gracing us with your presence. Your attendance holds significant value, and we are genuinely thankful for your support. We wish you all have a colourful evening and brimming with happiness and enjoyment.

We also want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to every member for their pivotal roles within the Executive Committee. Your valuable contributions have been instrumental in our success. Once again, thank you for your unwavering dedication.

And always remember,

"Central's Flag must never be lowered."

S. Sivasurathan

IT & Web Secretary, JCC OBA UK



“E- Kalvi” Programme by UK OBA



UK OBA started the “E-Kalvi” give programme to a head start for students to learn their subject matters in their own time and space. The initiative also reflects the shared vision of both the School and the OBA to improve the students’ digital literacy, thereby paving the way for a brighter future. This project is co-ordinated by **Mr Raviraj**.

350 “E-Kalvi” USB devices distributed to O-Level and A-Level students with teaching materials and syllabus at the cost of **Rs 550,000**.

The launching ceremony took place on March 16, 2023, in the presence of renowned JCC Old Boy and Cambridge Scholar **Dr Kirubarajan** (Professor at McMaster University, Ontario, Canada).

The project, funded by UK OBA, is designed to enhance digital skills (E Learning) to JCC students. It involves the installation of computer labs and the development of customized curriculum software for all students. Main breakthrough is the collaboration with **E-Kalvi Global** which is a major player in providing digital educational materials to schools in need across Northern, Eastern, and upcountry provinces in Sri Lanka.



Launching “E-Kalvi” Programme



As part of the UK OBA’s strategy of empowering JCC students with digital skills (E-Learning) the “E-Kalvi” USB scheme will be extended from Grade 6 to Grade 10 students and Primary School students in the next stages.

UK OBA Also donated 14 laptops (estimated cost of Rs 964,247) to be used for computer lab and Hostel students. Hostel Students were provided enhanced Wi-Fi connection with computer room setup with laptops.



Laptop Handing Over



Also, UK OBA also Donated a Printer and printing materials worth Rs 350,000 to be used for O/Level & A/Level past paper classes, through Jaffna OBA. This Printer/ Copier was donated by on behalf of UK OBA on 9th April 2023

Printer / Copier Handing Over



Life Changing All Island Tamil Community A/ Level Scholarship Funding by UK OBA (Rs 2.05m/£5,200) over 12 months)

Project Description

Launched in 2022 by UK OBA, as the first in Jaffna District, the aim of the scholarship Scheme is to educate underprivileged children who excel in studies. UK OBA believes a good education is a way of transforming not just the students' life, but also uplifting their family, Tamil Community, and ultimately the Country as a whole.

The Scheme has as its target academically gifted children from disadvantaged families in Sri Lanka, who are at risk of dropping off the education, or not entering higher education and settling for low paid jobs thus perpetuating poverty.

The Scholarship Scheme provides the **Old Boys of Jaffna Central College** with a simple and effective channel for 'putting something back' and contributing to this life changing endeavour. Each student being offered a scholarship by receiving **monthly Rs 7000 rupees for their education expenses and monthly Rs 10,000 rupees each for their Hostel fees payable to school.**

This was only made possible by investing Rs 2.25m(£5.6k) to renovate the Rigg Hall Hostel.

Key achievements so far

UK OBA was successful in bringing 16 gifted students to study A/Levels from all parts of the country. We are proud to mention that Two of the JCC students, who studied at JCC, achieved 8 A's in their O/L exams. We managed to bring 2 students with 9 A's and 2 students with 8 A's among the scholarship students

Following students have joined for the A/Level Oct 2024 exam intake.

1.	Dilshan	9A's from Maskeliya
2.	Praveen	9A's from Puttalam
3.	Shadurshan	8A's from Haputala
4.	Abiram	8A's from Northern province
5.	Sagar	7A's from Pussellava
6.	Shageeran	7A's from Pussellava
7.	Diwahar	6A's from Pussellava
8.	Sadhurshan	6A's from Meeryakala
9.	Sharan	6A's from Manijanathottam
10.	Sharmilan	6A's from Northern Province
11.	Dinukshan	5A's from Attampiti
12.	Kirushanth	5A's from Northern Province
13.	Yuveshkar	5A's from Northern Province
14.	Vithushan	5A's from Northern province
15.	Jeyan	5A's from Thalaiyadi
16.	Yakseehan	3A's from Andimunai



Long-Term Impact & UK OBA Strategy

We would like to change the educational standard of JCC to match with other leading schools in Jaffna. Increasing the number of students going to university will be a game changer for our college. The UK OBA is planning to increase the scholarship student numbers around 30 by the Oct 2025 intake.

If you want to **SPONSOR ONE A/LEVEL STUDENT- TUTION FEES** over 12 months.

Rs 84,000 per year (circa £250 per year). You can make the change in one **Tamil** student's life as well as the reputation of our school in Jaffna.

Bank Details

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Sort Code:30-99-66

Reference :O/Level & your name

UK OBA also working with JCC 1987 Batch to provide Pon Vipulanathan Scholarship for A/Level Students who currently studying at our college. Total fund Rs 1,708,000 for the last 12 months which is Rs 7,000 monthly for 21 students.



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100 POUNDS CLUB UK OB&GA



Dear Old Students of Jaffna Central College,

I hope this message finds you well. It is my pleasure to reach out to you on behalf of the 100 Pounds Club, an initiative aimed at improving education and supporting students from low-income backgrounds at Jaffna Central College.

As you may know, education is the cornerstone of a successful future and we believe that every student deserves the opportunity to receive a quality education regardless of their background.

To achieve this goal, we are seeking your support in contributing £100 per year to our fixed deposit. Our goal is to raise £10,000, which will be used solely for education projects and the welfare of students in need.

The projects will be conducted in collaboration with the UK Old Boys and Girls Association (UK OBA) ensuring that we are able to bring additional resources and support to the cause. Details about the projects will be available in the near future, so stay tuned for updates.

We believe that together, we can make a real difference in the lives of students at Jaffna Central College. Your support, no matter how big or small, will help us reach our goal and provide opportunities for students who may not have had them otherwise.

Thank you for considering this important cause. We appreciate your support and look forward to working together to make a positive impact on the education and well-being of students at Jaffna Central College.

We look forward to receiving contributions from Old Boys and Well-wishers of Jaffna Central College. For further clarification, please contact Jegan Mohan.

If anyone wishes to donate the money, please deposit into the bank details shown below;

A/C Name: Jaffna Central College Old boys & Girls Association, UK

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Sort Code: 30-99-66

Kind Regards,

Jegan Mohan

Education project co-ordinator, UK OBA

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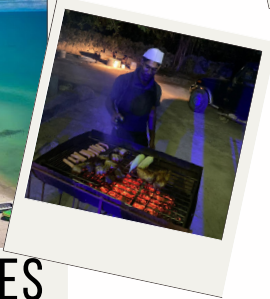
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Dr. Ahilan University Scholarships managed by UK OBA

(Funds Deposited Rs 3.55m)

(Rs 180,000 paid students over 12 months)

Project Description

This project is to help the University students who enter the university from Jaffna Central College. This scholarship was initiated by UK OBA with the financial support from Dr Ahilan. We remain so grateful to Dr Ahilan for undertaking this noble cause.

Currently following funds deposited in Sri Lanka.

1. **Rs 2.75m** deposited with Jaffna OBA earning an interest of Circa Rs 330,000.00 per year
2. **Rs 0.8m** deposited with Colombo OBA earning an interest of Circa Rs 96,000.00 per year.

Key achievements so far:

Following students are the recipients of the Scholarships.



Mr Nixman (University of Moratuwa-Textile and Apparel Engineering)

Received the scholarship of Rs 5,000 per month throughout his university education and completed the engineering course in Textile sector in June 2023. Since the completion of the course, he has joined Mas holdings Plc. which is one of the biggest suppliers to European fashion industry including Marks & Spenser, UK.



Mr Sajeethan (University of Moratuwa - Electrical Engineering)

Currently receiving scholarship amount of Rs 5,000 per month and he will be completing the studies by June 2024.



Mr Remisious (University of Moratuwa - Earth Resources Engineering)

Currently receiving scholarship amount of Rs 5,000 per month and he will be completing the studies by June 2024.

Long-Term Impact & UK OBA Strategy

We would like to change the educational standard of JCC to be on a par with other leading schools in Jaffna. Increasing the number of students going to university will be a game changer for JCC as well as changing lives of the disadvantaged students and their families. The strategy is to offer a full package of scholarships for any talented students joining for O/Level at Jaffna Central will receive financial help from the UK OBA scholarships all the way until them completing the university studies. This will change their life style as well as their dependents' way of living. Based on the current interest rates for fixed deposits in Sri Lanka with annual interest receipts of Rs 426,000 this will be extended to 7 students from July 2024.

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LOOK AFTER THE ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF THE CURRENT SPORTS STARS & UK OBA'S PORTS SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME FIRST IN THE HISTORY OF CENTRAL.



It is indeed a pleasure to witness the past and current champions of our cricket team, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our players and coaching staff.

However, I would like to bring your attention to some concerns regarding the academic progress of our cricket players. As you are aware, only a handful of these students will have the opportunity to pursue cricket professionally and the majority will need to rely on their academic achievements for their future success.

With the experience of the current committee with several sports stars, we eagerly look into every avenue to address the concerned areas. Following main points were raised.

1. Absence on match days:

It is important to ensure that classes missed due to cricket matches are covered for the players. This can be achieved through additional catch-up classes or providing access to recorded lessons.

2. Progress in term exams:

Regular monitoring of cricket players' academic performance is essential. The committee could liaise with the school administration to receive updates on the players' term exam results and identify areas for improvement.

3. Extra help for studies:

It would be beneficial to provide additional academic support for cricket players, particularly in subjects where they may be struggling. This could include supplementary classes.

4. Communication with players who leave the school:

It is essential to maintain communication with cricket players who have left the school, offering them guidance and support for their future endeavours. This will ensure that they continue to feel connected to the Jaffna Central College community and can benefit from the experiences of our esteemed alumni.

With addressing the concerns, the sports scholarship was launched to spearhead the above issues and to bring new sports stars to central with full sports scholarships funded by UK OBA. We can ensure that our cricket players receive a well-rounded education while they continue to excel in sports. We believe that the current committee's intervention in these matters will have a lasting impact on the lives of our students, enabling them to succeed in all aspects of their lives.

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Education Committee, JCC OBA UK



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1994/95	Dr A Thurairajah
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1996/97	Dr J C Duraisingham
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2000/01	Mr T Thiyagalingam
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2010/11	Mr K Balakrishnan
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2012/13	Mr K Balakrishnan
2013/14	Mr V Shivakumar
2014/15	Mr V Shivakumar
2015/16	Mr V Paul Prahalathan
2016/17	Mr V Paul Prahalathan
2017/18	Mr P Sri-Ramachandran
2018/19	Mr P Sri-Ramachandran
2019/20	Mr J Pooranachandran
2020/21	Mr J Pooranachandran
2021/22	Mr K Kalavannan
2022/23	Mr K Kalavannan

Past Cricket Captains of JCC OB & GA (UK)

BIG MATCH

1988	R Rajasingham (L)
1989	T Mahendran (W)
1990	S Sivakumar (L)
1991	G Anurudhran (W)
1992	T Gnanaratnasingham (W)
1993	V Paul Prahalathan (L)
1994	K Thomas (W)
1995	A Maheethan (W)
1996	B Muralitharan (L)
1997	K Kalavannan (W)
1998	N Thamilalagan (W)
1999	N Annadurai (W)
2000	Ganesh (W)
2001	S Sathees (W)
2002	K Rajasekar (W)
2003	K Suresh (L)
2004	T Arunoudayan (W)
2005	S Srirankan (W)

2006	P Ramesh (W)
2007	Mano Tharmarajah (L)
2008	S Sathees (L)
2009	N Nisarharan (W)
2010	K Suresh (L)
2011	P Ramesh (L)
2012	Glen (L)
2013	S Thanaskanthan (W)
2014	C Rajeeth (W)
2015	S Niro (W)
2016	K P Rajeevan (L)
2017	S Birandaran (W)
2018	N Thivarhar (L)
2019	S Thinesh (W)
2020	R Rajeevan (L)
2021	S Kartheepan (L)
2022	N Ramanan (L)
2023	Thomas Srimohan (L)

Sports Development at Jaffna Central

(Rs 3.14m/ £7,600 over 12 months)

When the time for the "big match" arrives, alumni from around the world eagerly anticipate our team's performance, hoping for a triumphant victory. It's no easy feat, given the weight of tradition and history that shows how both colleges have fiercely battled to secure wins or salvage matches. Being part of this long-standing historical event, known as the "Big Match" or "Battle of North" is a source of immense pride for both teams and their alumni.

Monitoring and Addressing Challenges

The UK Old Boys and Girls Association (UK OB&GA) diligently monitored the circumstances and teams in recent years. Drawing upon the wisdom of past cricketers and alumni, we identified various challenges and sought solutions. We are delighted to announce our current UK OBA committee consist of six proud Under 19 cricket Captains of our school in the history.

1. Equipping Our U19 Cricket Team

Our U19 Cricket team faced a unique challenge. While we were competing in Sri Lankan Schools Cricket Division 3 Tier A, the St. John's played in Division 2 Tier A. Our teams faced different levels of opponents, with ours considered weaker. To level the playing field and enhance our players' experience, we organised and sponsored matches against several prominent teams in the island:

- Nalanda College, Colombo – 1st division (Home game)
- St Anthony's College, Kandy – 1st division (Away game)
- Trinity College, Kandy – 1st division (Away game)
- Mahanama College, Colombo – 1st division (Home game)
- Badulla District Schools selected team (3 days home game)
- Centralities Sports Club (3 days home game)

We had also arranged additional matches, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we couldn't fulfil these fixtures:

- Royal College, Colombo (Clashed with SL School's fixture)
- Maliyadeva College, Kurunagala (Ecological reasons)

These games provided our players with invaluable experience, both mentally and physically, in dealing with high-pressure situations against stronger teams. This not only improved their cricketing skills but also fostered friendly relations and camaraderie with other schools in South and Central Sri Lanka. We extend our heartfelt thanks to **Mr. Ranjithkumar** from Colombo, a cherished alumnus of JCC, who facilitated these matches, and our School's POG **Mr Kingsley** and the school administration for their steadfast support for the UK OBA.

2. Sponsorship of Tournament Participation

Our commitment to U19 Cricket team's development extended to covering all expenses incurred during their journey to success, including:

- 50 Overs Sri Lanka Cricket U19 Tournament (Our team reached the Semi-Finals).
- 2 days Sri Lanka Cricket Tournament (They became Champions and were promoted to Division 2).

The total cost of items 1 and 2, covered by our UK OBA, amounted to Rs. 2,116,828.



3. Motivation Classes Ahead of the Big Match 2023

Recognising the need to fortify the mental resilience of our U19 players, we organised motivation classes before the Big Match in 2023. These sessions aimed to equip the players with the resilience to face the high-pressure environment and perform exceptionally. This not only prepares them for the Big Match but also equips them to participate in competitive tournaments and face strong opponents.

Our esteemed alumnus and professional motivator, Mr. Janarthanan (Jana), generously volunteered to run these mental awareness and motivation classes. These sessions were initiated and sponsored by our UK OBA, and we extend our sincere thanks to Jana. We are committed to continuing this as an ongoing initiative for the years to come. The expenses were covered by our OBA and amounted to Rs. 24,250.



4. Continued Contribution to Sports Excellence

Our dedication to enhancing our school's sporting prowess knows no bounds. During the last Big Match event, the UK OBA generously allocated resources for:

- Big Match winning team Prize money (Rs. 200,000)
- Big Match winning team Coach incentive (Rs. 200,000)
- Big Match winning team dinner (Rs. 72,532)
- Teacher lunch during the Big Match (Rs. 37,500)
- Big Match medical team expenses (Rs. 78,330)





UK OBA sponsored Sports Scholarships first time in the History of Jaffna Central

As a National Sports School, our Alma Mater aims to attract sports enthusiasts from across the island. To achieve this and to nurture the future development of sports talents at JCC, we, the UK OBA, identified three individuals who excelled in both sports and studies from Mannar and Mullaitheevu districts. By bringing them to Central we are also proudly nurturing Tamil speaking sports talents in Sri Lanka. They will be receiving a full scholarship, funded by UK OBA, including tuition fee & lodging in the school hostel during their time at the school. Each recipient will be receiving Rs 15,000 a month, with a commitment to continue the support during their stay at the school.

These exceptional students, Mas. Sinthujan (Mullaitheevu), Mas. Abisek (Mannar), and Mas. Parithi (Mullaitheevu), have our best wishes as they pursue their studies and excel in extracurricular activities and make them and our school proud.



Further Contribution to the Sports Development

Our UK OBA also significantly contributes to the sports development by supporting grass root development of junior squads, including the following.

- Cricket Coach salaries for U13 and U15 (Rs. 216,000 per annum, at Rs. 18,000 per month)
- Football Coach Salaries for U12 and U14 (Rs. 125,000 per annum, for 12 months, Rs 15,000 per month)

Gratitude and Ongoing Commitment

The UK OBA extends heartfelt thanks to all our members, old boys, and contributors who have supported us both financially and materially. Your continued support will benefit thousands of our students as they overcome challenges and achieve distinction in their lives, bringing honour to our Alma Mater. Our dedication remains unwavering, and we eagerly anticipate further achievements in the future. Our goal is for our school to be in Tier 1 and compete with best schools in Sri Lanka.

Our Esteemed Alumni excelling in Word Arena

Outstanding Cricket talents, Our Alumni Vijayakanth Vijaskanth and Theesan Vithusan are included in Sri Lanka’s emerging cricket squads for the upcoming one day and four-day series in Bangladesh respectively. This is a testament to UK OBA contribution to sports development at our beloved school. We eagerly wait to see more talents to follow the paths of these successful alumni in the future.

SRI LANKA EMERGING SQUADS

One Day Squad

- Ahan Wickramasinghe (C)
- Shevon Daniel
- Sohan de Livera (WK)
- Pavan Rathnayake
- Navod Paranavithana
- Mohammed Shamaaz
- Sonal Dinusha
- Chamindu Wickramasinghe
- Chamindu Wijesinghe
- Vijayakanth Vijaskanth
- Ashian Daniel
- Chamika Gunasekara
- Eshan Malinga
- Wanuja Sahan
- Nipun Premaratne

Four Day Squad

- Sonal Dinusha (C)
- Abisheak Liyanaarachchi
- Navod Paranavithana
- Pawan Ratnayake
- Sohan de Livera (WK)
- Ahan Wickramasinghe
- Chamindu Wijesinghe* (Only for 1st Four Day)
- Sakuna Liyanage
- Shashika Dulshan
- Kavindu Nadeeshan
- Kalhara Senarathne
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OUR OBA'S SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE UK



Being active in sports, we, the OBA UK never rested, and are cheerfully involved in sports every year. Our activities start at the early May bank holiday with TSSA's (Tamil Schools Sports Association-UK) Football Tournament. Our veterans over 50 team participated as the defending Champions.

Football

May 1 - Over 50 Team semi-finalist (TSSA's Football Tournament).

Cricket 'Big Match'

Our long standing tradition being followed here in the UK too, with Central & St Johns coming together in friendship and comradeship, and playing the Big Match annually with the same spirit and style. This year is special for St Johns as they mark the Bicentennial of their Alma Mater. We congratulate them on behalf of all the members and old boys of UK.

Big Match

May 29 - Open St Johns win

Over 40 Central win

Over 50 Central win

Our veterans are going strong year after year to win both Over 40 & 50. Well done young boys.

Cricket TSSA's Summer Sports Festival

We are so proud to say that four of the founding members of TSSA are from our UK OBA, and we are one the initiators and participating members of TSSA from year one. Not only that, we were the victors of the first Cricket and Football tournaments in 1992 & 93, respectively. Since then, we have won these tournaments several times and are still an active participator in both tournaments. This year we entered with three teams: open, over 40 and over 50 teams.

August 28 - Open out at group stage

Over 40 Champions (Champions for four consecutive year)

Over 50 Runners up

We greatly appreciate and thank all our members and supporters who have participated as players, spectators and supporters at these tournaments and big match event, taking their valuable time for their Alma Mater and it's pride.

CENTRAL RALLY FOR THE SCHOOL, TAKE THE FIELD WITH ONE ACCORD, KEEP YOUR COURAGE, WINNING OR LOSING IS NOT THE MATTER, PARTICIPATION AND TRUE SPORTAMANSHIP ARE MIGHTY TASK AND LET OUR ALMA MATER BE PROUD AND GLAD.

K Suresh

Sports Secretary, JCC OBA UK

Renovation of Rigg Hall Hostel at JCC by UK OBA (Rs 2.25m/£5,618)

The refurbishment of Rigg Hall Hostel has now been completed, with the Principal Mr Indrakumar cutting the ribbon to re-open the hostel on 24 March 2023, alongside UK OBA committee members and Jaffna based old boys.

The re-opening marks the culmination of a project which commenced when 14 members of the current committee members visited the school during Big match and seen the terrible condition of the hostel facilities through their own eyes. This is the first time in the history of UK OBA so many members visited Jaffna at the same time. As parents of our own children and old boys of our Alma mater, we felt to take the responsibility towards the young students living in the hostel. All members agreed to take immediate action regarding the renovation of the Hostel. we are delighted with the results of the work and the hostel is currently used by scholarship recipients from UK OBA in both educational and sports categories.

Before Renovation



After Renovation

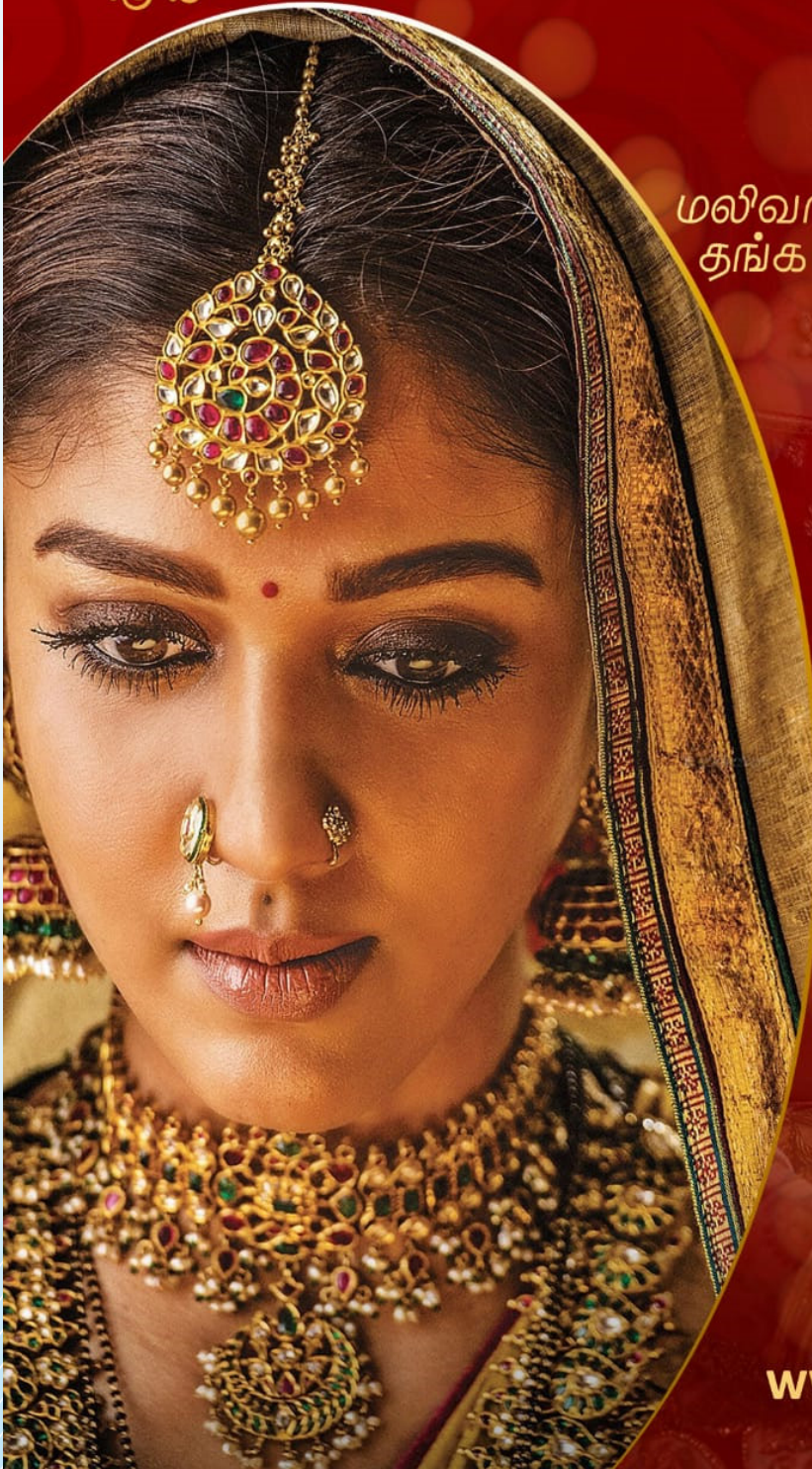


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Joint BBQ – JCC OBA, UK & Vembadi OGA, UK

We are delighted to inform that the annual BBQ event took place on Saturday, 19th August 2023 and was very successful. The event was well attended by past students and well wishers of both organisations. This has given ample opportunity for members to maintain close relation between the two organisations for the benefit of our respected schools in Jaffna.

We extend sincere thanks to all the Vembadi OGA members and especially Srimohan and his family for the incredible support given to make this event a memorable one.





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Distinguished guests from Sri Lanka over the last 12 months

Mr Sivanesan

(Former Lower School Headmaster and Teacher over 25 years service with JCC)

Mr Sivanesan visited UK back in May 2023. The UK OBA honoured him and commended his services to Jaffna Central College. He used to be a guiding figure to thousands of old boys in JCC. We wish him long life and carry on his religious activities for the benefit of our community in Jaffna.



Mr Poongunran

(Member of Colombo OBA)

Mr Poongunran visited UK recently. The UK OBA honoured him and remembered his services to JCC. He is an active member of the Colombo OBA and part of the Committee overseeing the scholarships administered by Colombo OBA.

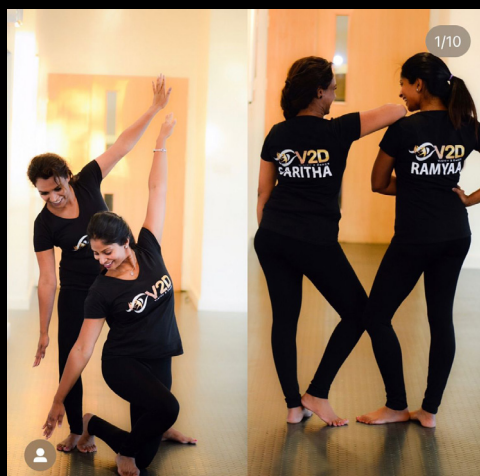
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