

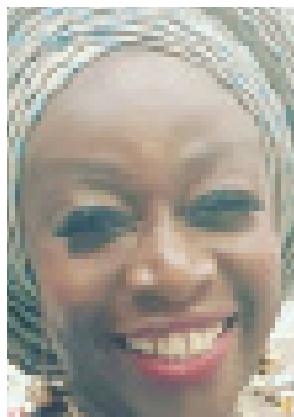
Annual Report



2021

MGHS OGA
UK, Ireland & Europe

Executive Committee



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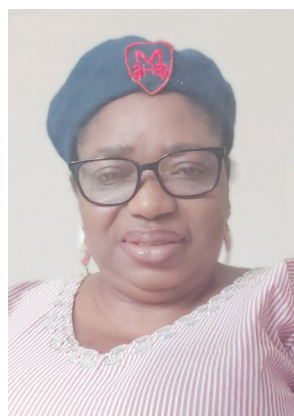
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Report from the Secretariat

Summary of MGHSOGA UKIE strategic aims and objectives

1. To promote interaction, beneficial relationships friendship, support and networking opportunities for former students of Methodist Girls' High School (MGHS), Yaba, Lagos, Nigeria.
2. To work in partnership with the MGHS Global body (Nigeria) to support the development and advancement of current students of MGHS Yaba to promote the ethos and mission of excellence of the school
3. To work in partnership with the MGHS Global body (Nigeria) to assist with the transformation of MGHS Yaba, on such projects as the maintenance, repairs, restoration, and improvements to MGHS Yaba.
4. To establish an effective synergy with other established Methodist Girls' High School (MGHS) Alumni Associations globally.
5. To establish an effective synergy with other Nigerian Alumni Associations and participate in events.
6. To achieve such further objectives as the Association may determine from time to time.

Strategic report 2021

2021 started with the reality of the pandemic still with us, nevertheless our newly elected Executive Committee took office on 1 January 2021. A formal handover and recognition event was held on Saturday 30th January 2021, during which outgoing executives were appreciated and recognised for their service and the baton was passed to the new executives.

In February we held our Annual General meeting (AGM) during which the new Executive Committee were formally presented to members and the vision and plans for the next chapter of our Association were set out. Our vision is to foster a stronger Alumni, where Trust and Relationships thrive, enhance our network of sisterhood in UK, Ireland, and Europe, ensure impact and build on our legacy. Our 5-point plan to achieve this was to:

1. Expand our impact, legacy and reach to our community and our school through the launch of the MG Mentoring Programme (MGM).
2. Identify, capture, and leverage the skills and life experiences of Old Girls.
3. Build resilience and trust through a range of alumni, social and welfare





events within the UK, Ireland, and Europe.

4. Encourage more Alumni sisters to subscribe to the Association, support the School Building project and our activities.
5. Strengthen communication, governance, and engagement. Our focus will be on creating written processes, streamlining noticeboards, bringing together all our social media strands and website development.

You will hear from our President and other officers about what we have achieved and what more we must do this year.

The Constitution review committee was set up under the Chairpersonship of Sis Meek Agoro with a view to the draft constitution being shared with ExCo and the wider Association and its adoption at the next AGM.

In March the foundation of our Legacy block was laid in Nigeria and good progress is being made. We held several online events and when we could our first in person event Legacy Walk 2021 in August. Our Association was ably represented at other Alumni events. We kept in touch and continued to

support each other. The secretariat provided administrative support to all departments and for all activities mentioned in more detail by the appropriate department in this annual report.

Highlights in 2021

- ExCo Appreciation and Handover event (January)
- Welfare talk – Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) (January)
- AGM (February)
- National Day of Reflection (March)
- Easter Virtual Quiz (April)
- Foundation laying Ceremony OGA Legacy block (April)
- MG mentoring workshops (May)
- The Great Debate (July)
- Legacy Walk – 2021(August)
- Founder's Day – An evening of Seven Acts (November)
- A Night of gratitude -End of year prayers (December)

President's Report

On 1 January 2020, I was honoured to begin my tenure as President of MGHS OGA UK, Ireland and Europe. Two new roles, Deputy Welfare and Membership Engagement Secretary and VP Diaspora, gave us an expanded ExCo. I want to thank all the members of the Association for allowing me and my sisters in ExCo to serve.

My appreciation and thanks go to the previous ExCo for their commitment and dedication during their time in office and the practical and proactive support given to me throughout the year.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank this ExCo, who no matter what challenges they face, remain committed and continue to serve in love.

ExCo assumed office in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated UK lockdowns. Our usual ways of socialising, meeting and working together changed abruptly, but we embraced digital and held monthly ExCo meetings on Zoom, sharing key messages and decisions with the broad alumni on WhatsApp and by email.

Despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, our Association has been busy. We began the year with an appreciation of the outgoing ExCo and Handover to the current team. We took part in the National Day of Reflection and held our AGM in February. We ran several welfare events, including the timely Seasonal Affective

Disorder workshop. ExCo delivered on our commitment to set up MG Mentoring. Our mentoring team ran workshops to enhance mentoring skills and supported current MG girls with writing and speaking competitions (Page X). Our 90s sister ran a lively and fun Quiz during the Easter weekend. Our outward-facing event in July, The Great Debate took place with lots of schools involved in all the activities and supporting our fundraising effort. The report on Page X from the Social Secretaries has more detail. However, I must mention that MGHS OGAUKIE, once again, broke new ground with 14 other UK Alumni Associations collaborating with us on The Blessing project.

The lifting of lockdown meant we were able to get together for our Legacy Walk and Founders Day. At our Legacy Walk, sisters undertook a 5K walk to raise money for the Legacy block that the entire global OGA is building in Lagos, Nigeria. In early February, I visited Methodist Girls High School and saw the progress so far. I am proud of what we have given and achieved but was struck by how much we still need to do. The report by our VP Diaspora on Page X gives more information on this project.

Our 142 Founder's Day service and celebration was a great time, showcasing the talent, creativity and humour in our Association and our End of Year Prayers brought the year to a befitting end.

Through this year of unprecedented challenge, I have been privileged and humbled to see so many examples of sisterhood. Our school motto of 'In Love Serve One Another' is alive in our Association. Thank you to the many, many sisters from across our MGH-SOGA UKIE chapter who planned, organised,



ran, led, prayed, sang, exhorted, took charge, supported and gave to activities. None of this could have happened without you.

We will always be an Association that welcomes any alumni of Methodist Girls High School into membership through subscription. Our beloved secondary school, MGHS Yaba, needs the support of all alumni to ensure that the legacy we were privileged to benefit from endures for another century. Throughout 2022, ExCo will continue to:

- make our Association a mechanism for networking and support members,
- collaborate with MGHS OGA Global and MGHS OGA North America,
- fundraise towards the completion of the Legacy block
- be good stewards of the Association's resources.
- launch a MGHSOGA UKIE website
- organise the first every UKIE Reunion

You remain our partners in this, and so we need you to:

- give sacrificially towards the completion of the Legacy block
- pay your annual dues, which remains at £30.00 per annum
- participate in projects and events
- use your skills and experience to support the growth and development of our Association

I hope you enjoy reading this report. I look forward to working with all of you for the good of our Association and alumni.

Up School!
Long May She Have a Place of Honour, in the Land!

Folake Segun
President



Welfare & Membership Report

Looking back over 2021... The year had many extraordinary changes in many ways, especially as we navigated our way to a new normal. Change was coming no matter what!

As always, we started the year 2021 with a heart full of gratitude, a lot of hope and various aspirations for a better outcome than 2020. But in no time, we realised that our expectations would be tried and tested to get to this new normal. However, we were determined to make our motto come alive through it all. "In Love Serve One Another". And in love did we serve...

We connected by care, compassion, love (Remember no one wants to know how much you know, until they know how much you care); however, sadly, we were united by loss, as a number of sisters and loved ones were lost as a result of various ailments. May their souls continue to rest in perfect peace. With this in mind, in March 2021, we held a Day of Reflection where sisters "zoomed" in from all over the UK, Ireland & Europe. It was a success. Especially for the sisters struggling regardless of the circumstances they found themselves in. It was something they could anchor themselves on.

As Alumni, the welfare and wellbeing and the health and safety of our sisters and their families remain at the forefront of our core, and it is what we stand for!

A Welfare Fund was set up in recognition of the hardships and challenges that presented themselves to support sisters. We are grateful and thankful that the funds were able to be a blessing to some sisters. We sincerely appreciate all those who gave money and made this a viable option. We are also extremely grateful to various sisters who provide practical and emotional support via the different year sets.

A Welfare Group was created, made up of the different year sets, where we would liaise with the set Welfare Secretaries as appropriate. This information sharing group also offers sisters various degrees of practical support. We will start using this more from March 2022.

The Welfare Office of OGMG UK/IRE/EUROPE is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting

-TOPIC-

SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER (SAD)

...A prevalent condition in the Winter Season.



DATE: SUN JAN 24TH, 2021
TIME: 16:00-17:30 (UK TIME)

Speaker:
LADE OLUGBEMI

Once again, End-of-Year Prayers were initiated by the Welfare and Membership Secretariat as we wound down 2021. We worked in conjunction with the social secretaries and the executive committee to deliver this.





The Welfare Office manages welfare and membership issues that arise or as directed by the President or the Executive Committee. During the year, the Welfare Office supported sisters during bereavement and celebrated successes and achievements. The office also liaises with Welfare Secretaries across sets as appropriate.

Membership of the Association continues to grow and as of 23rd Feb, there are currently 156 participants on the main Alumni WhatsApp group; this is a slight drop from 2021. It must be noted that this is not an exhaustive list of members, and the database is currently being updated.

Intergenerational Relationships between our elder sisters and junior sisters continues to be an area of development for the Welfare Office is the engagement of sisters from the sets from 1990-2020 and to encourage participation. A lot of things has impacted the proposed plan, but this year it will be taken forward.

Our Vision For The Year 2022 is to become a vibrant, thriving community. A Trailblazing

Association. In the next ten months, here are a few things that you can expect from us.

- Spearheading And Relaunching The Welfare Group Of All The Year Sets.
- Updating Our Membership Database
- A Full GDPR Policy Put In Place
- Fostering The Intergenerational Relationships
- Relaunching the Welfare & Engagement Discussion Sessions
- Launching The Welfare Summit

We remain humble and committed to serving you in our roles as Welfare Officers, and we are glad for the opportunity to continue to do so. We believe the foundation that we lay now will help us pass on the baton to the next set of Welfare Officers. We remain thankful and grateful.

Wishing you all well.

Adeola & Jules
Welfare And Membership



MG Mentoring (MGM) Growth and Development Programme Status Report

The MGM Growth and Development programme was kicked off in 2021 aimed at providing support through skills development and mentoring to the black community.

The aspiration of this initiative is to:

- Develop skills that help with definition and achievement of personal success
- Remove barriers to employment and career progression
- Provide support in making career choices
- Provide a support network to improve opportunities for sign posting

With very few Black African Senior Leaders in organisations', one of our aspirations is to change the landscape in the next decade.

VISION: Providing mentoring, skills and development initiatives that inspire personal and professional growth, resulting in impact and legacy

Scope

- Mentoring (mentee minimum age of 16 yrs. old)
 - * One to One mentoring
 - * Peer to Peer mentoring
 - * Group mentoring
- Skills development/Skills Clinic
- Inspiring beyond our reach programme
 - * Development reach using competitions to inspire growth

The Mentoring segments proposed were based on a life journey map:

- A-level segment
- University segment
- First career segment
- Second career segment
- Retirement segment
- Parents segment
- Entrepreneurship

Focus: Skills For Personal And Professional Growth

- Emotional growth
- Conflict Management
- Adaptability
- Accountability
- Critical thinking
- Development of maturity/behaviours
- Self-awareness
- Intuitive listening
- People Skills/understanding
- Making the right choices
- Learning from mistakes/confronting your fears/not being afraid of failures
- Confidence/Articulating what you mean
- Relationship building and Networking
- Identifying allies
- Reading the room
- Finding your voice
- Public speaking
- people/space dynamics
- Having the courage to ask questions

Execution Plan, Target Milestone Events

- Presentation of Growth and development programme at AGM – 27th February 2021
- Scoping meeting #1 for working group – 13th March 2021
- Set up of growth and development programme (4-5months) – April - Aug 2021 (TBC)
- Call out for mentors – April 2021
- Showcasing – April 2021
- First virtual mentoring clinic – 1st May 2021
- Call out for mentees – May 2021



- Kick off of mentoring sessions – June 2021
- Roll out/Launch of essay programme – Summer 2021
- Formal launch of full growth and development programme – Autumn 2021

Proposed Working Groups	Actions	Decision reqd	Status
Mentoring profile (outline & process) Spec platform process/systems/Logistics (process) Setting up process e.g., how mentoring application process will run? matching mentees to mentors, setting up database and matching procedure)	Prepare Mentoring outline & process	No	
	Develop and approve: Mentoring Recruitment Template Mentor Application Form Mentee Application Form	Yes	
	Create videos on guidance and expectations for mentors and mentees	Yes	
	Develop mentor/mentee matching process	Yes	
	Contract to be created between mentor and mentee in alignment with current guidelines that currently cover contractual agreement between the association and mentors, and the association and mentees	Yes	
Mentoring process + Skills workshop	Schedule virtual skills workshops (x2)	No	
	Plan, agree and develop material for training sessions in May	Yes	
Promoting mentoring	Prepare Mentoring case studies (x2)	No	
	Agree date & format for showcasing in April	Yes	
	Agree flyer design (including song track) + Brand	Yes	
Essay programme and roll-out	Roll out plan & strategy for essay programme	Yes	
	Investigate linking essay programme to mentoring opportunities	Yes	
Funding & contributions scheme	Investigate sponsorship options	Yes	

Milestone Tracker

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- First virtual mentoring training session – 1st May 2021
- Second virtual mentoring training session – 29th May 2021
- Call out for mentees – May 2021
- Kick off of mentoring sessions – June 2021
- Roll out/Launch of essay programme – Summer 2021
- Formal launch of full growth and development programme – (TBC)
- Celebratory event for mentoring and essay programme – (TBC)

Conclusion

- Mentee sign up forms developed and communicated as part of training
- Mentee and Mentor guidelines developed and communicated as part of training. All safeguarding measures put in place
- Successful training programme completed

ed in 2021. All named mentors have been formally trained and all supporting documentation to kick off formal mentoring sessions in the future available

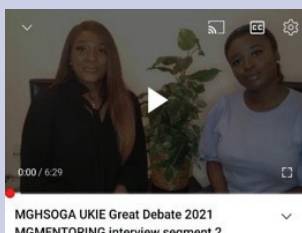
- No other dedicated mentoring platforms are being considered as current strategy is to kick off one-to-one mentoring via the MGM platform. i.e., MGM Growth and Development programme nominated
- All social media communication regarding the MGM Growth & Development programme including mentoring scheme to be managed by MGM nominated executives

nated executives to pair mentees with mentors best able to provide type of mentoring sort with strict guidance to MGM mentoring policies and guidelines

MGM 'Next Generation' Activities

1. The MGM Next generation team

The team comprises Abimbola Alli, Dr. Fola Ajayi, Christiana Dokun and Bola Tunji. In contribution to the MGH-SOGA UKIE Virtual Great Debate 2021 event, this formidable team produced a 'Next Generation' interview. The central topics for discussion were Mentorship and The Creativity of the Next Generation.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAICdyIDQuw&t=14s>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4wF-UdBI2w>

2. MGM competitions for secondary school students

Methodist Girls High School, Yaba, Lagos participated in a range of speaking and writing competitions which were facilitated by NSF(UK)

Congratulations

The Queens Commonwealth Essay writing competition.

Gold Award Winner – Alaya Kaothar Ayonitemi

Silver Award Winner – Ognbonna Princess Amarachukwu, Vivian Eno Bassey, Makinde Adedamola

A total of 60 essays were submitted.

NSF (UK) Have Your Say 2022: A Secondary School Public Speaking Competition

Five students of MGHS Yaba were actively prepared for this competition. Thanks to the commitment and dedication of their teacher Mr. Gerald Olusuyi.

Daniella Emekekwe emerged as 1st runner up and was awarded a prize of N50,000 whilst the teacher Mr Olusuyi was awarded N20,000. Prizes were donated by NSF (UK)

3. Support from MGHS OGA UKIE

On our behalf, The MGM team lead and Association Vice President Funmi Gibson White donated the N50,000 to encourage the teacher and students who prepared for the competitions.

Thanks to members of the EXCO and MGM Competitions Team who took their time to check submissions and make suggestions for improvements.

The MGM Competitions team

Bosola Joseph, Funmi Gibson White, Rosemary Dameilda, Jumoke Falokun, Tola Ayeni, Bukky Durojaiye, Dr Sade Ajayi, Gladys Lawson-Adeyemi, Jules O'Shile and Mosun Adeniyi.

MGM at NSF UK Education Seminar & Virtual Quiz 2021

Daughters of members of our alumni anchored / led some segments of the seminar and quiz.: Georgie Osibodu (Bola Adesioye). 2. Tilewa Ajala-Osinuga (Tola Ajala-Bamgbelu). 3. Bola Tunji (Funmi Gibson White).



Social Team Report



The year 2021, first year of our second term as Social Secretaries, arrived and brought with it, a fair share of 'unprecedented' circumstances. Regardless, we were able to accomplish a few significant things, some of which are listed below:

Social Secretaries' Summit'



The OGMG UK social team successfully collaborated with social officers from a range of alumni. Our mission was to build and strengthen relationships across the board. In order to achieve this purpose, we organised some impactful seminars including, 'A review of the role of welfare officers' as well as 'the engagement of younger members in the life of the association'

Following this, the planning of our Virtual 'LIT DAY' also referred to as The Great Debate commenced. This event was highly successful. Several schools actively and keenly participated.



Another very significant 'GD' activity was the 'Blessing Project'. Here, our association collaborated with 12 others to deliver a

message of hope which was much needed during this very challenging period.

<https://youtu.be/DOHATFM7aTw>.

The highly entertaining MGHS OGAUKIE Songspiration Troupe was also there to mesmerise our audience.

<https://youtu.be/cimNcqWPN-s>

The Social Secretariat also actively supported other teams by helping to reinforce their visions. Our strategy was to actively communicate and network

with sisters thereby encouraging widespread inter-set engagement and participation. Some examples are listed below:

1. EXCO appreciation/ Handover ceremony.
2. Welfare projects including The SAD seminar.
3. National Day of Reflection
4. The Easter Quiz event by the 90s set
5. MG Mentoring events – Queens Essay writing (Gold award) and NSF speaking competition (2nd position).
6. Encouraging our children and young adults to participate in events e.g., NSF Education Seminar / NSF Quiz night'
7. Legacy Walk 2021



8. Founders Day - A night of 7 Acts
9. End of year prayer Event 2021
10. Active participation at other social activities e.g. NSF UK Quiz Night, NSF Picnic in the Park, NSF Celebration Night, CMS Founders Day, GCIOSA event and several online events.

MGHS OGA Legacy Block Update

A total of N389 MILLION is the estimated cost to construct the OGA Legacy Block building, excluding any fixtures and fittings.

A little above 45% of building work is complete. In the next 2 -3 weeks, the roof will be completed. The Building Committee is up and running

A site inspection tour for some of the students of MGHS took place to inspire, motivate and encourage any students who may consider a future career in the construction industry.

The layout of the building

The ground floor is a Hall with a capacity of 650 people, which we will hire out to generate income for the Old Girls Association. There will be restrooms located on each floor. There will also be an OGA Office and a small meeting room for 18-20 people on the ground floor.

The other two floors are classrooms, staff rooms and offices. Two large rooms on each floor will be adaptable as science or language rooms.

I want to thank everyone immensely for their contribution to the Legacy block. I want to say thank you for all the fundraising initiatives we have undertaken to raise money to support the OGA Legacy building. From our signature Lit Days, Kolo Challenge, Legacy Walk, and for the people who have set up a direct debit or standing order, I thank you for giving back to our school, MGHS, who gave us the foundation shape and formed us into what we are today. There is still a lot of work to complete the Legacy building, so if you have not set up your standing order or sponsored a block, please do so. I appeal to you no amount is too small. As little as £10 a month from 200 of us will go a long way.

Sponsor A Block Scheme

The Sponsor A Block Scheme is an initiative for individuals.

On each floor of the Legacy Building, there is a wall consisting of one hundred and twenty-five blocks with personalised inscriptions. Five personalised pillars have raised N5,500,000.00. The Sponsor A Block Scheme initiative has raised a total of N15,750,000.00 so far.

Location	Cost	Number Available
Ground floor	N200,000	59
First floor	N100,000	86
Second floor	@N50,000	66

As a global OGA, we have made the following payments to the contractors:

- 1st instalment N98 million
- 2nd instalment N58 million
- 3rd instalment 20million of N39 million.

I am appealing to all my sisters. We are short of 19million of the latest instalment due. Let us do our best to support the Legacy Building Fund and God will reward us all.

Thank you

Bukky Durojaiye
VP Diaspora 1



From the Finance Desk

The year 2021, was another tumultuous one, albeit one to be thankful for.

We began to come to terms with our new normal life, and as a community, we navigated and continue to navigate through the pandemic.

The Finance corner was quiet; there was little activity in the bank.

As usual, we made the call out for dues, but unfortunately, the numbers were down from 2020. Approximately 64 ladies paid their dues in 2021, but I am pleased to say you can still play catch-up.

Please pay your 2021 dues as you pay your 2022 dues now due.

In July, we held 'The Great Debate' event. It was great fun, but no surplus funds were raised. We made up for this in August when the Legacy Walk raised a whopping £2,829.50

Your Finance Team would like to say a big thank you for your generosity during 2021, particularly to those sisters who have set up a standing order for monies towards the OGA Legacy building. The building is now nearly halfway; more funds are needed. Please make a sacrificial commitment by setting up a standing order with your name and 'building' as reference.

I recently attended Igbobi College's 90th Founders Day Anniversary celebrations in Nigeria and the UK. Sisters I was inspired. I went around Igbobi College and saw the numerous projects that the Old Boys have supported and continue to support (I say this because I can only talk about what I know). It is not so much about the money, as I appreciate that all over the world men still earn so much more than women. It is about the commitment and love they have for their Alma Mata. I began to ponder about OGMG.

Truth be told we can do much more than we are doing.

I challenge us all to consider making a sacrificial commitment to MG.

The Legacy block must and will be completed, God willing, this 2022.

Please join our MGH SOGA building fund forum, we need ideas and support with fundraising this year.

Last year I left you with 'every little helps', this year I say, please make a sacrificial commitment towards the legacy building and may God bless you as you do so.

Funmi Joseph
Financial Secretary



MGHS OGA UK, IRELAND & EUROPE RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY – 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021

Reconciliation as at 31/12/2020		£26,324.87
Members' Dues	2140.00	
Kolo/Legacy Walk	2829.50	
Building Fund	370.00	
Souvenirs	280.00	
Great Debate	225.40	
Welfare	-85.00	
Founders Day	-314.72	
Plaque/Gift	-251.72	
Event Expenses/Zoom	-291.88	
NSF	-100.00	
Transfer to Naira/Building	-20,241.00	
Total		-15,439.49
Balance at 01/101/2022		£10,885.38



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