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Reconnecting & Reflecting
Coming together for another alumni event is an excellent opportunity to reconnect with old friends, share stories, and reflect on our memories within these walls. Our time at school shaped our perspectives, interests, and passions.

Community & Connection
Our alumni h is a vibrant and diverse network of individuals bound by shared experiences. We encourage you to stay connected, attend events, and participate in discussions. Your stories, experiences, and insights can inspire and motivate others.

Giving Back
Many of us have been fortunate te to achieve success in our chosen fields. We invite you to consider giving back to our school community through mentorship, volunteering, or supporting initiatives that benefit current students.

Looking Ahead
As we move forward, we are excited to see the impact our alumni will continue to make in the world. We are proud of our heritage and look forward to celebrating many more milestones together. Let's stay connected and keep supporting one another as we navigate life's complexities. Here's to a vibrant AkatakyieUK fraternity!

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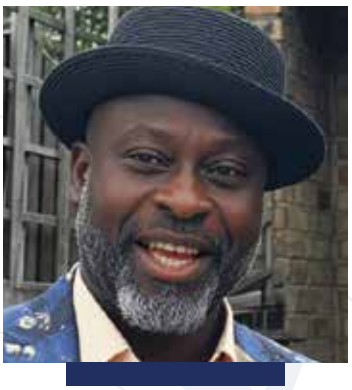
AkatakyieUK New Executives



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(AO91)
Vice-President



Dr. Nana Apraku Oppong
(AM144)
President



Kat. Eugene Amoako
(AO165)
Organising Secretary

Update from the Executives

We sincerely thank all Akatakyie in the UK for the confidence and trust you have placed in us to lead the next chapter of this great association.

It is truly an honour to serve our members and contribute to the ongoing progress of our beloved alma mater, Opoku Ware School.

Progress is built on each generation standing on the shoulders of the one before. We thank our previous executives for their dedication and effort in bringing us this far.

Since we took over in April 2026, we have made significant advancements, including amending our constitution to serve our needs better, changing how members support our association financially, and strengthening our engagement with the year groups, the main drivers of membership participation.We recognise there is still much to do to restore Akatakyie as the leading alumni association in the UK, and with our determination and your continued support, we will achieve that goal.

We are grateful to many people for their incredible support since the beginning of our tenure, including our excellent electoral officers, constitutional review team, year group leads, planning committee members, and of course, our generous sponsors. We appreciate all that you have done and continue to do.

Long live Akatakyie UK! Long live Opoku Ware School!



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Personality Story



Katakyie Frank Adusei - AK70

SWAZI

Outgoing President, Opoku Ware Old Students Association UK (AkatakyieUK)

PRESIDENTIAL LEGACY PROFILE
A PRESIDENT OF REVIVAL • REBUILDING • REPOSITIONING • LEGACY
A Legacy Forged in Service to Akatakyie and Opoku Ware School.

There are moments in the history of an institution when leadership is not merely about occupying an office, but about answering a call to restore, rebuild and renew. For Akatakyie UK, the story of such a moment will forever be linked to the name of Katakyie Frank Adusei, AK70, affectionately known as "Swazi."

A proud son of St. James House and a distinguished Katakyie, Katakyie Swazi served as President of the Opoku Ware Old Students Association UK (Akatakyie UK) from 2016 to 2026. at a pivotal period in the Association's history. During his tenure, Akatakyie UK was reorganised, revitalised and reinvigorated into a well-structured, well-coordinated and well-resourced body that made significant contributions to the welfare of the School that brought inter generational year groups together as brothers in the Akatakyie family.

His service to the Association represent a chapter defined by revival, renewed fraternity, institutional visibility and an enduring commitment to giving back to the School that brought the Akatakyie family together.

THE REVIVAL:
AN INNATE RESPONSIBILITY

The history of Akatakyie UK will always be indebted to the revival that took place in 2008 after years of derision and dormancy. It is in this regard that the role played by Katakyie Swazi and others in mobilising the old students into reorganisation and re-establishment of the then moribund Opoku Ware Old Boys Association UK cannot be overlooked.

It is no surprise that his tremendous efforts stretched from 2008 until 2016 under the interim leadership of Katakyie Swazi and the coordinating team due to some challenges and near blockers but it eventually bore fruits and led to the formation of a structured, resourceful and effective Akatakyie UK in 2016. The revival not only re-established the existence of Akatakyie UK but also ushered in a new era in the history of the Association.

His immense efforts in reaching out to old students, former executives, and elders in the UK brought about the much needed unity, organisation and reformation of Akatakyie UK, a feeling that had been long forgotten by members. He championed the call to unite Akatakyie across the UK, building relationships and encouraging old students to rediscover the bonds formed during their formative years at Opoku Ware School.

The foundation laid during this period ultimately culminated in his election in 2016 as President of Akatakyie UK, unopposed, and by acclamation with the backing and confidence of the elders and members of the Association.

Thus began a new chapter.

THE PRESIDENCY:
REBUILDING WITH PURPOSE

President Swazi understood that reviving an organisation was only the beginning. The greater challenge was to build an institution capable of enduring beyond one generation of leaders. His presidency therefore focused on strengthening the identity, organisation and visibility of Akatakyie UK while reinforcing the fundamental purpose of an alumni association: to remain connected to one another and to give back to the alma mater.

Under his tutelage, Akatakyie UK grew from strength to strength and became organised and well connected both locally and internationally. His commitment and exemplary actions saw him rallying the members behind him to mobilise resources and support for the Association, as well as take part in alumni activities.

President Swazi demonstrated his leadership and willingness to serve by taking part in key alumni events, programmes, and initiatives. Notably, he played a leading role in the organisation's activities, such as the Akatakyie Global Committees, OWASS@70 Steering Committee, Akatakyie USA, OWASS@60, and Opoku Ware School visits.

His approach to leadership was characterised by personal commitment, accessibility, sacrifice and action. Leadership is often measured by speeches, programmes and resolutions. Yet some of its most powerful expressions are found in the quiet acts of personal commitment.

President Swazi distinguished himself through his willingness to personally represent Akatakyie UK at significant events and engagements across the global Akatakyie fraternity.

He participated in events across the UK and globally.
Remarkably, these engagements and visits were undertaken at his own personal expense, without recourse to Association funds, a reflection of the personal sacrifice and passion he has brought to alumni service. Such sacrifice is a significant part of his legacy.

It demonstrates that his attachment to Akatakyie was not transactional. It was deeply personal.

GIVING BACK TO THE ALMA MATER

Perhaps the most enduring measure of any alumni leadership is what it leaves behind for the institution from which its members emerged.





Under President Swazi's leadership, Akatakyie UK renewed and strengthened its commitment to Opoku Ware School through fundraising, alumni mobilisation and institutional support.

One of the significant achievements of this period was the Association's contribution to the Opoku Ware Endowment Fund, ensuring that Akatakyie UK played its part in supporting a lasting mechanism for the development and future sustainability of the School.

Even more profoundly, Akatakyie UK achieved the historic honour of having a lane within Opoku Ware School named after the Association.

A GLOBAL AKATAKYIE AMBASSADOR

Through his participation in national, international and global Akatakyie engagements, President Swazi also helped position Akatakyie UK within the wider Opoku Ware Old Boys fraternity. He understood that the strength of an alumni association lies not only in its local membership but also in its ability to connect with the broader family.

His representation at major Akatakyie gatherings helped strengthen relationships, foster collaboration and ensure that the voice and presence of Akatakyie UK remained visible within the global community.

In this respect, his presidency helped reinforce an important principle:

Akatakyie UK is not an isolated association; it is an integral part of a global brotherhood bound by one School, one heritage and one enduring identity.

THE LEGACY

Every presidency eventually comes to an end.

But a presidency is not ultimately remembered by the length of time its occupant held office. It is remembered by what changed because he or she served.

Katakyie Frank Adusei, AK70 "Swazi," leaves behind a legacy that can be described in four enduring words:

REVIVAL. REBUILDING. REPOSITIONING. LEGACY.

He was part of the effort that revived Akatakyie UK from a period of dormancy.

He helped rebuild the Association by reconnecting old students and strengthening its organisational foundations.

He contributed to repositioning Akatakyie UK as a visible, active and respected part of the wider global Akatakyie fraternity.

And, most importantly, his tenure helped create a tangible legacy for the alma mater through the Association's contribution to the Opoku Ware Endowment Fund and the historic naming of a lane at the School in honour of Akatakyie UK.

These are achievements that transcend an individual presidency. They belong to the fraternity. They belong to the School. And they belong to generations of Akatakyie yet unborn.

THE BATON IS PASSED

As Katakyie Frank Adusei hands over the mantle of leadership to the President to Dr Apraku and the new Executive, the occasion should not be viewed merely as a change of administration. It is a passing of the baton.



The new leadership inherits not only an office, but a responsibility. They inherit the dreams of those who revived the Association, the sacrifices of those who kept it alive, the contributions of members who supported its programmes, and the confidence of an alma mater that continues to look to its old students for partnership and support.

To the current President and the New Executive
Your task is now to take the foundation that has been laid and build higher. Protect the unity of Akatakyie UK.

Strengthen the bonds of brotherhood.
Engage the next generation.
Embrace innovation.
Deepen the relationship with Opoku Ware School.
Continue the tradition of giving back.
And above all, lead with integrity, humility, courage and purpose.

May you have the wisdom to preserve what deserves preservation, the courage to reform what requires reform, and the vision to create what does not yet exist.

Your greatest legacy may not be any single event, contribution or achievement. It may simply be that you helped remind a generation of old students that Akatakyie is not merely a name we carry it is a responsibility we share.



THE FINAL TRIBUTE

The lane bearing the name Akatakyie UK at Opoku Ware School will remain a physical testament to that journey.

May future generations walk along it and remember that there was a generation that cared enough to rebuild, unite and give back.

As you take your place among the distinguished former Presidents of Akatakyie UK, may you do so with the knowledge that your service has contributed meaningfully to the continuing story of our beloved alma mater.The office has been handed over.



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Profile of New President



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Identity and belonging are at the core of all our thoughts, perceptions and actions. For me, it all goes back to Opoku Ware School, where a scared, timid young boy arrived in September 1985 and, through seven years of rigorous education and character development, became a confident, astute adult making a difference in my community. I am eternally grateful to my parents for choosing Owass for me (ahead of my father's dear Augusco) after I completed primary school at Garrison Primary School in Kumasi.

My fondest memories, most of my lifelong friends, and even meeting my wife (and Governor Gloria) are all tied to Owass. That is why I remain zealous and committed to all matters of Owass and Akatakyie: after leaving Opoku Ware School in 1992 to study medicine at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, I spent my year of mandatory national service teaching at Garrison Junior Secondary School in Kumasi. We fully participated and had great fun with Akataslopsa activities during those heady days at KNUST.

After graduating from medical school at the turn of the millennium, I worked for a few years at the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital before emigrating to the UK, where I have lived since.

Life in the UK brought many challenges, including six monthly rotations at different hospitals across England, until we finally settled in Croydon in 2006 and have remained firmly planted there. Gloria and I have been blessed with three beautiful children, and we are very grateful for each one, wonderfully unique in their own way.

My profession is service to humanity, and I have always tried to keep that, along with kindness, above everything else. The satisfaction and pride that come from making a difference in someone's life at their point of dire need is truly priceless.

After several years working in hospitals, I settled on a career in general practice and, through hard work, managed to acquire a practice with my partner in North Croydon. I am also the Co-Clinical Director of our Primary Care Network of

Profile of New President





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As soon as I settled in the UK, I began engaging closely with Akatakyie UK, actively participating in most of our meetings, even in the early days of trying to mobilise our membership in South London.

I have played substantial roles in most of Akatakyie activities, including helping deliver the first major dinner dance in London in 2017 and subsequent ones. I was instrumental in setting up our AM year group in the UK over 15 years ago, which I led from the outset until recently and which is still one of the most organised and effective year groups.



Over the last few years, I have had the privilege of serving our association as interim vice president, leading the charge to revamp and transition Akatakyie UK into its next iteration.

Outside of work, I support our wider community members whenever possible. I enjoy all manner of sports, especially football, and I follow my beloved Arsenal. I am passionate about travelling and have been privileged to attend a few World Cup tournaments, which have been hugely gratifying.

Dr. Nana Apraku Oppong
AM144





Profile of Former Executives



Kat. Emmanuel Kwabena Opoku Zico | AF191

My name is Emmanuel Kwabena Opoku, also known as Zico. My school number was AF191, and I was in St. Andrew House from 1 to 5 at Opoku Ware School.

My primary passion was football, where I excelled and enjoyed working hard and supporting the team to achieve major goals, including winning cups. As Welfare Officer on the executive team, I mainly canvassed among our members to highlight the activities undertaken by the outgoing executives and support our members.

I worked tirelessly to promote our school to higher levels through generosity and by bringing old students together as a family.

Kat. Kwame Afriyie AK 20

Fellow Akatakyire and guests. I am Kwame Afriyie, a proud member of the Owarian class 1983 to 1988 year group from St Matthew House, school number AK 20.

Outside of our association, I dedicate my days to inspiring young minds as a science teacher in a high school. For over fifteen years, from May 2010 to December 2025, I have had the absolute honour and privilege of serving as your Treasurer here in the UK.

Managing our association's finances has been a deeply rewarding journey of dedication, trust, and shared growth. As I officially step down tonight, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support over the years.

I also want to take this opportunity to warmly welcome our incoming finance team, wishing them immense success, wisdom, and joy in guiding our treasury forward into a prosperous new chapter.



Profile of EC

Kat. Alex Kofi Hagan AG86



Kat. Alex Kofi Hagan (AG86), born in Kumasi on April 12, 1968, to Mr. & Mrs S.D. Hagan of Hagan Brothers fame, attended Krofrom Day Nursery, State Experimental Primary, and City of Kumasi Preparatory School.

In 1981, he joined Opoku Ware School, where he developed an interest in sports but focused on table tennis from Form 2, eventually becoming team captain and regional representative. In 1987/88, he served as Assistant Senior Prefect, prayer secretary, and vice president of the Scripture Union, and after graduation, he helped establish the Katakyie youth wing in Kumasi.

He graduated from the University of Ghana with a BA (Hons) in Geography and Resource Development, earned medals in university games, and became popular in Ghana's sports scene. He earned a postgraduate diploma at KNUST and a Master of Science from the University of Westminster.

Since moving to England, he has remained active in Akatakyie programs and remains proud of his connection to Owass.

Kat. Kwame Nuako AF165P

Kat. Kwame Nuako (AF165) entered OWASS in 1980, spending seven years at St. Matthew House. He served as Assistant Health Prefect, showing early interest in the environment.

Kwame pursued higher education in the UK, earning a postgraduate degree as a Chartered Town Planner, an MSc in Geographic Information, and qualifications in Project Management.

He has extensive experience in spatial planning, public policy, and governance in the UK and Ghana. Notably, he helped lift Ghana's 2010 ban on telecommunication masts following public safety concerns.

Kwame, a proud Katakyie, has been active since the early 90s, helping inaugurate Akatakyie UK and initiating the yearly homecoming, now institutionalized at OWASS. He contributed to projects like the AF/AM300+ Gate in 2026 and served in various leadership roles, including Electoral Secretary for the 2011 and 2025 elections.

He is married with 5 children and 4 grandchildren, all residing in the UK.



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A Profile of the AZ Year Group in the UK

The AZ Akatakyie Year Group in the UK formed as a fraternity inspired by Fr. Rev. Joseph Owusu-Ansah, who was motivated in 2019 by the tragic death of a friend, an esteemed KNUST Hospital consultant pursuing a doctorate in Cardiology in the UK. He believed in the strength of unity and mutual support. Over time, the fraternity has grown significantly and holds an annual summer gathering.

This year marked their 25th graduation anniversary from Opoku Ware School, celebrated with a Black Tie Ball in the UK to fund a landscaping project at the school. The event's success encouraged more UK members to unify. Their March jubilee event on the school campus also drew an outstanding turnout and raised significant funds, making it the best in recent years.















Opoku Ware School Story









Background
Until 1945, Ashanti had no government secondary school, so Catholics sent their sons to Cape Coast to study at St. Augustine's College. This caused regional agitation, led by Bishop Hubert Paulissen, to establish a Catholic secondary school in Ashanti. This effort led to a 1951 meeting in which officials agreed to build a government-funded Catholic mission secondary school in Ashanti for 360 students, with potential for expansion. The community of Odeneho Koradaso and Fankyenebra donated land.

Early years
In 1952, Rev. Fr. P. R. Burgess started the school with 60 boys in a building called St. Paul House. The school grew rapidly, reaching six dormitories by 1955 and adding facilities like an administration block, dining hall, and staff bungalows. The student population reached about 450 by the late 1950s.

Further expansion
Over the years, infrastructure and staff increased, and today, the school has over 4,000 students, 300 staff, 11 houses, libraries, labs, and various programs. As it prepares for its 75th anniversary in 2027, Opoku Ware School remains a centre of academic excellence, discipline, and moral values, guided by its motto 'Deus Lux Scientiae' (God is the Light of Knowledge).




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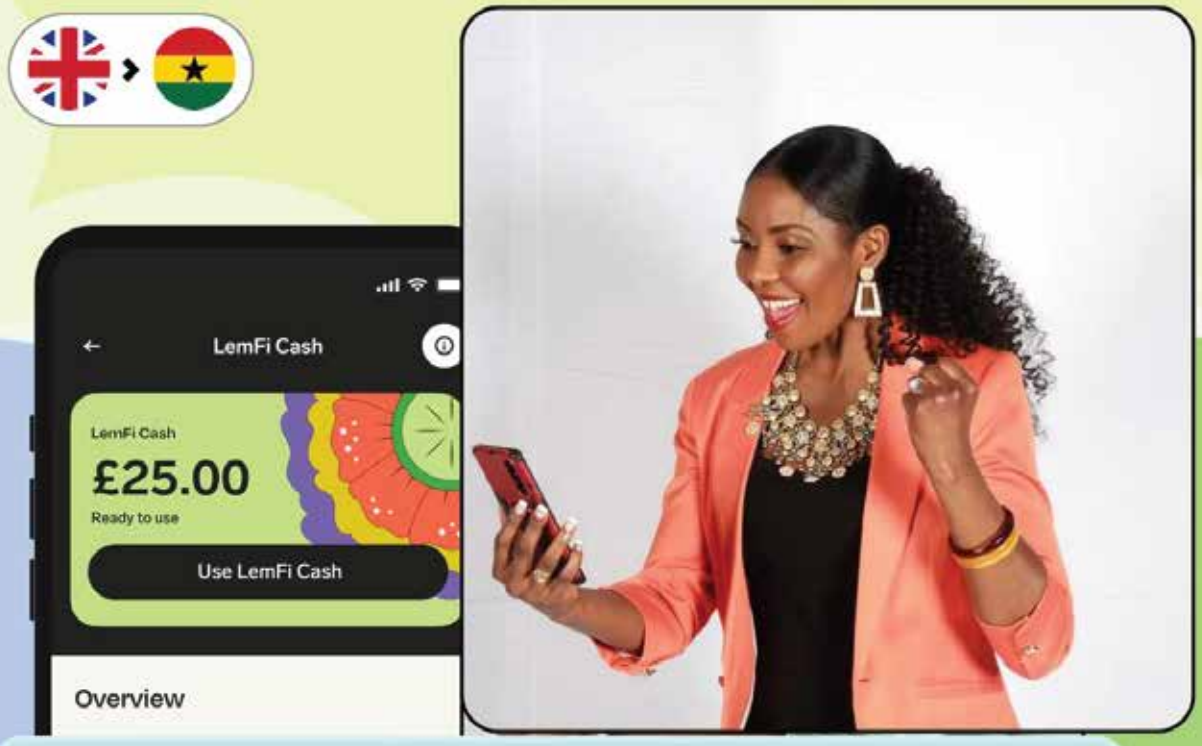




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