

THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1038646

Details

Other names BOOST at The Duchess's Community High School

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-06-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS AT THE SCHOOL

Activities: The Duchess's High School Trust shall exist for the purpose of advancing the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and resources for the education of the pupils at the school which would not be provided otherwise.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £63,735 | £54,218 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £52,799 | £48,431 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £33,146 | £24,895 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £32,029 | £24,161 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £32,893 | £29,593 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-----------------------------|------|------------|
| Fiona Margaret Long | | 2022-11-28 |
| Florence Beatrice Bosanquet | | 2025-06-16 |
| Hilda Blythe | | 2023-03-20 |
| Julia Keenan | | 2024-09-18 |
| Katherine Williams | | 2019-07-18 |
| Rebecca Jane Morley | | 2021-01-21 |
| Rosemary Bush | | 2022-03-17 |
| Shelly Hunt | | 2025-06-16 |

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The Duchess's High School Trust
Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2025

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| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | | 9,517 | 4,368 |
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

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| Prepayments | 7 | 461 | 115 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred income | 8 | (3,020) | (31,620) |
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| Accrued costs | 10 | (3,836) | (10,191) |
| Net Total Assets | | 44,558 | 35,041 |
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(b) Income

Donations, grants and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received unless they reflect restricted income related to a specific period, in which case they are treated as deferred income and held as a liability, released in the period specified.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(d) Fund Accounting

The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

In some cases, the trustees may decide to set aside a portion of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose; such set aside is shown as a designated fund. Designated funds are actively managed and reviewed by the trustees on a regular basis, with funds transferred back to unrestricted funds if no longer needed.

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| Alnmouth Arts Festival | 250 | - |
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| Restricted donations | 39,367 | 30,980 |
| - £30,000 Acorn Bequest (both years) | | |
| - £9,367 Health & Wellbeing (2024/25) | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 4,389 | 2,106 |
| Total | 44,010 | 35,293 |

4. Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during 2024/25 or in 2023/24.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Accrued income

Accrued income at 31st March 2025 was £2,635, made up as follows:

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Grants awarded not paid | 1,905 | - |
| Investment interest | 117 | 1,042 |
| Small donations Gift Aid reclaim | 459 | 434 |
| School Lottery | 142 | 108 |
| Local Giving donations | 12 | 35 |
| Total | 2,635 | 1,619 |

7. Prepayments

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Insurance | 153 | 115 |
| Prepaid creative arts workshop | 240 | |
| Website costs | 48 | - |
| Small Lottery Licence | 20 | |
| Total | 461 | 115 |

8. Deferred income

In March 2023 the trust received and was paid a legacy of £60,000, the Acorn Bequest, to fund a portfolio of projects across two years. As the Acorn Bequest specified both the activities and time period over which funds should be spent, it was treated in full as deferred income in 2022/23. The first £30,000 was recognised in donations in 2023/24 (see note 3) with the remaining £30,000 released in 2024/25.

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Acorn Bequest | - | 30,000 |
| Total | - | 30,000 |

9. Creditors

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Project costs | 1,464 | 1,575 |
| Admin & fundraising costs | - | 314 |
| Total | 1,464 | 1,889 |

10. Accrued costs

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Projects for reimbursement to DCHS | 1,125 | 7,566 |
| Outdoor therapeutic projects | 1,860 | 2,623 |
| Sexual Health service | 850 | - |
| Donation platform charges | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 3,836 | 10,191 |

11. Funds

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 8,523 | 11,164 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Breakfast Club | 1,867 | 763 |
| Cultural experiences | 4,659 | 1,659 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 1,147 | 1,126 |
| Health & Wellbeing | 21,041 | 5,484 |
| Creative Arts Project | 2,178 | 1,155 |
| Training | 2,461 | 6,438 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 33,353 | 16,625 |
| Designated Funds | | |
| Discretionary Hardship Fund | 579 | 5,325 |
| DCHS Reads | 2,103 | 1,927 |
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| Local Giving donations | 12 | 35 |
| Total | 2,635 | 1,619 |

7. Prepayments

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Insurance | 153 | 115 |
| Prepaid creative arts workshop | 240 | |
| Website costs | 48 | - |
| Small Lottery Licence | 20 | |
| Total | 461 | 115 |

8. Deferred income

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| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Acorn Bequest | - | 30,000 |
| Total | - | 30,000 |

9. Creditors

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Project costs | 1,464 | 1,575 |
| Admin & fundraising costs | - | 314 |
| Total | 1,464 | 1,889 |

10. Accrued costs

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Projects for reimbursement to DCHS | 1,125 | 7,566 |
| Outdoor therapeutic projects | 1,860 | 2,623 |
| Sexual Health service | 850 | - |
| Donation platform charges | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 3,836 | 10,191 |

11. Funds

| £ | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 8,523 | 11,164 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Breakfast Club | 1,867 | 763 |
| Cultural experiences | 4,659 | 1,659 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 1,147 | 1,126 |
| Health & Wellbeing | 21,041 | 5,484 |
| Creative Arts Project | 2,178 | 1,155 |
| Training | 2,461 | 6,438 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 33,353 | 16,625 |
| Designated Funds | | |
| Discretionary Hardship Fund | 579 | 5,325 |
| DCHS Reads | 2,103 | 1,927 |
| Total Designated Funds | 2,682 | 7,252 |
| Total Charity Funds | 44,558 | 35,041 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no (if any)

1038646

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

08/11/2025

Name:

JOHN WRIGHT

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACIB, ACII

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1038646

Accounts

The Duchess's High School Trust
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The Duchess's High School Trust
Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

| £ | Note | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|--|------|---------------|---------------|
| Income | | | |
| Grants | 1 | 12,200 | 15,156 |
| Donations | 2 | 35,293 | 12,878 |
| School Lottery | | 1,662 | 1,986 |
| Other | | 3,644 | 3,126 |
| Total Income | | 52,799 | 33,146 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Sexual Health | | 3,120 | 1,599 |
| Breakfast Club | | 5,224 | 3,895 |
| Lunchtime Clubs (including Pride Club) | | 799 | 2,818 |
| Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS | | 5,109 | 4,778 |
| Discretionary Hardship Fund | | 2,999 | - |
| Mental Wellbeing | | 5,494 | - |
| DCHS Reads (formerly Open Book Project) | | 7,643 | 3,333 |
| Creative Arts | | 4,545 | - |
| Other education resources and facilities | | 10,847 | 6,726 |
| General administration costs | | 1,964 | 639 |
| Costs of raising funds | | 761 | 1,107 |
| Total Expenditure | | 48,431 | 24,895 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | | 4,368 | 8,251 |
| Balance 1 st April | | 30,673 | 22,422 |
| Balance 31st March | | 35,041 | 30,673 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

| £ | Note | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 77,007 | 91,493 |
| Accrued income | 6 | 1,619 | 330 |
| Prepayments | 7 | 115 | 323 |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred income | 8 | (31,620) | (60,000) |
| Creditors | 9 | (1,889) | (637) |
| Accrued costs | 10 | (10,191) | (836) |
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Donations, grants and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received unless they reflect restricted income related to a specific period, in which case they are treated as deferred income and held as a liability, released in the period specified.

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The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

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2. Grants Income

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Alnwick Town Council | 1,000 | 1,790 |
| Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust | 1,000 | - |
| Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear and Northumberland | 3,000 | - |
| CFNTW – High Sheriff of Northumberland | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| CFNTW – Kerry Grassroots Fund | - | 2,500 |
| CFNTW – Lendrum Family Fund | - | 2,400 |
| CFNTW – Weightman Family Fund | - | 800 |
| Co-op Community Fund | - | 1,366 |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | - | 4,000 |
| Hugonin Family Trust | 5,000 | - |
| Local Giving - Magic Little Grants | - | 500 |
| Northumberland Estates Community Fund | 1,200 | |
| Rothley Trust | | 800 |
| Total | 12,200 | 15,156 |

Note: CFNTW is Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear

3. Donations Income

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Hardship fund donations | 2,207 | 2,116 |
| Restricted donations - £30,000 Acorn Bequest - £700 Music equipment (Creative Arts) - £280 Open Book project | 30,980 | 9,828 |
| Unrestricted donations | 2,106 | 934 |
| Total | 35,293 | 12,878 |

4. Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during 2023/24 or in 2022/23.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Accrued income

Accrued income at 31st March 2024 was £1,619, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Investment interest | 1,042 | - |
| Small donations Gift Aid reclaim | 434 | 151 |
| School Lottery | 108 | 98 |
| Local Giving donations | 35 | 54 |
| Amazon Smile | - | 18 |
| Fundraise and Recycle | - | 10 |
| Total | 1,619 | 330 |

7. Prepayments

Prepayments as at 31st March 2024 were £115, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Website costs | - | 227 |
| Insurance | 115 | 96 |
| Total | 115 | 323 |

8. Deferred income

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| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Acorn Bequest | 30,000 | 60,000 |
| Total | 30,000 | 60,000 |

9. Creditors

Creditors at 31st March 2024 were £1,889, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Books for book vending machine | 475 | - |
| Sexual Health service | 450 | 637 |
| Northern Print workshop | 458 | - |
| Other admin & fundraising costs | 314 | - |
| Other project costs | 192 | - |
| Total | 1,889 | 637 |

10. Accrued costs

Accrued costs as at 31st March 2024 were £10,191, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Projects for reimbursement to DCHS | 7,566 | - |
| Outdoor therapeutic projects | 2,623 | - |
| Donation platform charges | 2 | - |
| Bookswap | - | 629 |
| Sexual Health service | - | 187 |
| Total | 10,191 | 376 |

11. Funds

At 31st March 2024, the Trust held funds of £35,041 apportioned as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 11,164 | 8,221 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Breakfast Club | 763 | 117 |
| Cultural experiences | 1,659 | 3,855 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 1,126 | 3,095 |
| Mental Health | 4,816 | - |
| Open Book Project | - | 7,091 |
| Running costs, rebrand and new website | - | 3,539 |
| Training | 6,438 | - |
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| Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust | 1,000 | - |
| Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear and Northumberland | 3,000 | - |
| CFNTW – High Sheriff of Northumberland | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| CFNTW – Kerry Grassroots Fund | - | 2,500 |
| CFNTW – Lendrum Family Fund | - | 2,400 |
| CFNTW – Weightman Family Fund | - | 800 |
| Co-op Community Fund | - | 1,366 |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | - | 4,000 |
| Hugonin Family Trust | 5,000 | - |
| Local Giving - Magic Little Grants | - | 500 |
| Northumberland Estates Community Fund | 1,200 | |
| Rothley Trust | | 800 |
| Total | 12,200 | 15,156 |

Note: CFNTW is Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear

3. Donations Income

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Hardship fund donations | 2,207 | 2,116 |
| Restricted donations - £30,000 Acorn Bequest - £700 Music equipment (Creative Arts) - £280 Open Book project | 30,980 | 9,828 |
| Unrestricted donations | 2,106 | 934 |
| Total | 35,293 | 12,878 |

4. Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during 2023/24 or in 2022/23.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Accrued income

Accrued income at 31st March 2024 was £1,619, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Investment interest | 1,042 | - |
| Small donations Gift Aid reclaim | 434 | 151 |
| School Lottery | 108 | 98 |
| Local Giving donations | 35 | 54 |
| Amazon Smile | - | 18 |
| Fundraise and Recycle | - | 10 |
| Total | 1,619 | 330 |

7. Prepayments

Prepayments as at 31st March 2024 were £115, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Website costs | - | 227 |
| Insurance | 115 | 96 |
| Total | 115 | 323 |

8. Deferred income

In March 2023 the trust received and was paid a legacy of £60,000, the Acorn Bequest, to fund a portfolio of projects across two years. As the Acorn Bequest specified both the activities and time period over which funds should be spent, it was treated in full as deferred income in 2022/23. The first £30,000 is recognised in donations in 2023/24 (see note 3) with the balance treated as deferred income in 2023/24 for release in 2024/25.

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Acorn Bequest | 30,000 | 60,000 |
| Total | 30,000 | 60,000 |

9. Creditors

Creditors at 31st March 2024 were £1,889, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Books for book vending machine | 475 | - |
| Sexual Health service | 450 | 637 |
| Northern Print workshop | 458 | - |
| Other admin & fundraising costs | 314 | - |
| Other project costs | 192 | - |
| Total | 1,889 | 637 |

10. Accrued costs

Accrued costs as at 31st March 2024 were £10,191, made up as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Projects for reimbursement to DCHS | 7,566 | - |
| Outdoor therapeutic projects | 2,623 | - |
| Donation platform charges | 2 | - |
| Bookswap | - | 629 |
| Sexual Health service | - | 187 |
| Total | 10,191 | 376 |

11. Funds

At 31st March 2024, the Trust held funds of £35,041 apportioned as follows:

| £ | 2023/24 | 2022/23 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 11,164 | 8,221 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Breakfast Club | 763 | 117 |
| Cultural experiences | 1,659 | 3,855 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 1,126 | 3,095 |
| Mental Health | 4,816 | - |
| Open Book Project | - | 7,091 |
| Running costs, rebrand and new website | - | 3,539 |
| Training | 6,438 | - |
| Sexual Health | 668 | 138 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 16,625 | 17,835 |
| Designated Funds | | |
| Discretionary Hardship Fund | 5,325 | 4,617 |
| DCHS Reads | 1,927 | - |
| Total Designated Funds | 7,252 | 4,617 |
| Total Charity Funds | 35,041 | 30,673 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1038646

Set out on pages

1 to 11

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

10 / 10 / 2024

Name:

J A Inglis-Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Management Accountant, Chartered Global Management Accountant

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1038646

Accounts

The Duchess's High School Trust



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Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31st March 2023

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Year ending 31st March 2023

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Katherine Williams, Chair

The Duchess's High School Trust
Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2023

Statement of Financial Activities

| £ | Note | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|------|---------------|---------------|
| Income | | | |
| Grants | 1 | 15,156 | 18,490 |
| Donations | 2 | 12,878 | 7,639 |
| School Lottery | | 1,986 | 2,533 |
| Other | | 3,126 | 3,367 |
| Total Income | | 33,146 | 32,029 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Sexual Health | | 1,599 | 1,262 |
| Breakfast Club | | 3,895 | 5,708 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | | 1,048 | 4,704 |
| Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS | | 4,778 | 167 |
| Pride Activities | | 1,770 | 378 |
| 21 for 21 | | 1,511 | 6,190 |
| Open Book Project | | 3,333 | - |
| Other education resources and facilities | | 5,215 | 4,243 |
| General Administration costs | | 639 | 290 |
| Costs of raising funds | | 1,107 | 1,219 |
| Total Expenditure | | 24,895 | 24,161 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | | 8,251 | 7,868 |
| Balance 1 st April | | 22,422 | 14,554 |
| Balance 31st March | | 30,673 | 22,422 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

| £ | Note | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 91,493 | 22,798 |
| Accrued income | 6 | 330 | - |
| Prepayments | 7 | 323 | - |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred income | 8 | (60,000) | - |
| Creditors | 9 | (637) | (376) |
| Accrued costs | 10 | (836) | - |
| Net Total Assets | | 30,673 | 22,422 |
| | | | |
| Funds of the Charity | 11 | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | | 8,221 | 3,948 |
| Total Restricted Funds | | 17,835 | 14,521 |
| Total Designated Funds | | 4,617 | 3,953 |
| Total Charity Funds | | 30,673 | 22,422 |



Katherine Williams, Chair

The Duchess's High School Trust
Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2023
Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) second edition issued October 2019 and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Income

Donations, grants and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received unless they reflect restricted income related to a specific period, in which case they are treated as deferred income and held as a liability, released in the period specified.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(d) Fund Accounting

The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

In some cases, the trustees may decide to set aside a portion of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose; such set aside is shown as a designated fund. Designated funds are actively managed and reviewed by the trustees on a regular basis, with funds transferred back to unrestricted funds if no longer needed.

2. Grants Income

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Alnwick Town Council (Open Book grant) | 1,790 | |
| Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust | - | 3,000 |
| CFNTW – Appletree Fund | - | 4,000 |
| CFNTW – High Sheriff of Northumberland | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| CFNTW – Kerry Grassroots Fund | 2,500 | - |
| CFNTW – Lendrum Family Fund | 2,400 | - |
| CFNTW – Weightman Family Fund | 800 | 3,000 |
| Co-op Community Fund | 1,366 | - |
| Duke of Northumberland | - | 1,000 |
| Freemasons of Northumberland | - | 700 |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | 4,000 | - |
| Local Giving - Magic Little Grants | 500 | 500 |
| North East Humanists Microgrant | - | 320 |
| Northumberland Children's Trust | - | 500 |
| Northumbria PCC Operation Payback Fund | - | 970 |
| Rothley Trust | 800 | - |
| R W Mann Trust | - | 1,500 |
| Sir James Knott Trust | - | 2,000 |
| Total | 15,156 | 18,490 |

Note: CFNTW is Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear

3. Donations Income

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| £21k for 2021 appeal donations | - | 6,137 |
| Hardship fund donations | 2,116 | - |
| Restricted donations | 9,828 | 1,502 |
| - £7,634 Open Book Project | | |
| - £900 cultural activities | | |
| - £670 newly arrived students | | |
| - £485 admin fees re. Open Book Project | | |
| - £139 breakfast club & lunchtime clubs | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 934 | |
| Total | 12,878 | 7,639 |

4. Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year or in 2021/22.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Accrued income

Accrued income at 31st March 2023 was £330, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Small donations Gift Aid reclaim | 151 | - |
| School Lottery | 98 | - |
| Local Giving donations | 54 | - |
| Amazon Smile | 18 | - |
| Fundraise and Recycle | 10 | - |
| Total | 330 | - |

7. Prepayments

Prepayments as at 31st March 2023 were £323, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| Website costs | 227 | - |
| Insurance | 96 | - |
| Total | 323 | - |

8. Deferred income

In March 2023 the trust received and was paid a legacy of £60,000, the Acorn Bequest, to fund a portfolio of projects across two years. As the Acorn Bequest specified both the activities and time period over which funds should be spent, it has been treated as deferred income in 2022-23 to be released in two equal instalments as income to the accounts in 2023-24 and 2024-25 in line with delivery of the projects.

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Acorn Bequest | 60,000 | - |
| Total | 60,000 | - |

9. Creditors

Creditors at 31st March 2023 were £637, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Sexual Health service | 637 | - |
| TICE Project | - | 180 |
| Breakfast Club | - | 114 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | - | 9 |
| Other resources | - | 73 |
| Total | 637 | 376 |

10. Accrued costs

Accrued costs as at 31st March 2023 were £836, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Bookswap book costs | 649 | - |
| Sexual Health service | 187 | - |
| Total | 836 | 376 |

11. Funds

At 31st March 2023, the Trust held funds of £30,673 apportioned as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 8,221 | 3,948 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Open Book Project | 7,091 | 1,000 |
| Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS | 3,855 | 5,333 |
| Running costs, rebrand and new website | 3,539 | - |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 2,225 | 1,798 |
| Activities for Newly Arrived Students | 670 | - |
| Pride Activities | 200 | 1,970 |
| Sexual Health | 138 | 1,237 |
| Breakfast Club | 117 | 3,183 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 17,835 | 14,521 |
| Designated Funds | | |
| Hardship Fund | 4,617 | - |
| 21 for 21 | - | 3,953 |
| Total Designated Funds | 4,617 | 3,953 |
| Total Charity Funds | 30,673 | 22,422 |

Note: the split of funds for prior year is restated from figures shown in the 2021/22 final accounts to better reflect income and expenditure for that year and to correct the split of restricted and unrestricted funds brought-forward into 2022/23.

The Duchess's High School Trust



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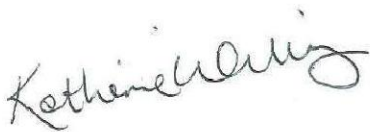
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| Other | | 3,126 | 3,367 |
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| Expenditure | | | |
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| Breakfast Club | | 3,895 | 5,708 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | | 1,048 | 4,704 |
| Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS | | 4,778 | 167 |
| Pride Activities | | 1,770 | 378 |
| 21 for 21 | | 1,511 | 6,190 |
| Open Book Project | | 3,333 | - |
| Other education resources and facilities | | 5,215 | 4,243 |
| General Administration costs | | 639 | 290 |
| Costs of raising funds | | 1,107 | 1,219 |
| Total Expenditure | | 24,895 | 24,161 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | | 8,251 | 7,868 |
| Balance 1 st April | | 22,422 | 14,554 |
| Balance 31st March | | 30,673 | 22,422 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2023

| £ | Note | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Cash at Bank | | 91,493 | 22,798 |
| Accrued income | 6 | 330 | - |
| Prepayments | 7 | 323 | - |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Deferred income | 8 | (60,000) | - |
| Creditors | 9 | (637) | (376) |
| Accrued costs | 10 | (836) | - |
| Net Total Assets | | 30,673 | 22,422 |
| | | | |
| Funds of the Charity | 11 | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | | 8,221 | 3,948 |
| Total Restricted Funds | | 17,835 | 14,521 |
| Total Designated Funds | | 4,617 | 3,953 |
| Total Charity Funds | | 30,673 | 22,422 |



Katherine Williams, Chair

The Duchess's High School Trust
Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2023
Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) second edition issued October 2019 and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Income

Donations, grants and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received unless they reflect restricted income related to a specific period, in which case they are treated as deferred income and held as a liability, released in the period specified.

(c) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(d) Fund Accounting

The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

In some cases, the trustees may decide to set aside a portion of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose; such set aside is shown as a designated fund. Designated funds are actively managed and reviewed by the trustees on a regular basis, with funds transferred back to unrestricted funds if no longer needed.

2. Grants Income

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Alnwick Town Council (Open Book grant) | 1,790 | |
| Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust | - | 3,000 |
| CFNTW – Appletree Fund | - | 4,000 |
| CFNTW – High Sheriff of Northumberland | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| CFNTW – Kerry Grassroots Fund | 2,500 | - |
| CFNTW – Lendrum Family Fund | 2,400 | - |
| CFNTW – Weightman Family Fund | 800 | 3,000 |
| Co-op Community Fund | 1,366 | - |
| Duke of Northumberland | - | 1,000 |
| Freemasons of Northumberland | - | 700 |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | 4,000 | - |
| Local Giving - Magic Little Grants | 500 | 500 |
| North East Humanists Microgrant | - | 320 |
| Northumberland Children's Trust | - | 500 |
| Northumbria PCC Operation Payback Fund | - | 970 |
| Rothley Trust | 800 | - |
| R W Mann Trust | - | 1,500 |
| Sir James Knott Trust | - | 2,000 |
| Total | 15,156 | 18,490 |

Note: CFNTW is Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear

3. Donations Income

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| £21k for 2021 appeal donations | - | 6,137 |
| Hardship fund donations | 2,116 | - |
| Restricted donations | 9,828 | 1,502 |
| - £7,634 Open Book Project | | |
| - £900 cultural activities | | |
| - £670 newly arrived students | | |
| - £485 admin fees re. Open Book Project | | |
| - £139 breakfast club & lunchtime clubs | | |
| Unrestricted donations | 934 | |
| Total | 12,878 | 7,639 |

4. Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year or in 2021/22.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Accrued income

Accrued income at 31st March 2023 was £330, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Small donations Gift Aid reclaim | 151 | - |
| School Lottery | 98 | - |
| Local Giving donations | 54 | - |
| Amazon Smile | 18 | - |
| Fundraise and Recycle | 10 | - |
| Total | 330 | - |

7. Prepayments

Prepayments as at 31st March 2023 were £323, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| Website costs | 227 | - |
| Insurance | 96 | - |
| Total | 323 | - |

8. Deferred income

In March 2023 the trust received and was paid a legacy of £60,000, the Acorn Bequest, to fund a portfolio of projects across two years. As the Acorn Bequest specified both the activities and time period over which funds should be spent, it has been treated as deferred income in 2022-23 to be released in two equal instalments as income to the accounts in 2023-24 and 2024-25 in line with delivery of the projects.

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Acorn Bequest | 60,000 | - |
| Total | 60,000 | - |

9. Creditors

Creditors at 31st March 2023 were £637, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Sexual Health service | 637 | - |
| TICE Project | - | 180 |
| Breakfast Club | - | 114 |
| Lunchtime Clubs | - | 9 |
| Other resources | - | 73 |
| Total | 637 | 376 |

10. Accrued costs

Accrued costs as at 31st March 2023 were £836, made up as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Bookswap book costs | 649 | - |
| Sexual Health service | 187 | - |
| Total | 836 | 376 |

11. Funds

At 31st March 2023, the Trust held funds of £30,673 apportioned as follows:

| £ | 2022/23 | 2021/22 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 8,221 | 3,948 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Open Book Project | 7,091 | 1,000 |
| Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS | 3,855 | 5,333 |
| Running costs, rebrand and new website | 3,539 | - |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 2,225 | 1,798 |
| Activities for Newly Arrived Students | 670 | - |
| Pride Activities | 200 | 1,970 |
| Sexual Health | 138 | 1,237 |
| Breakfast Club | 117 | 3,183 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 17,835 | 14,521 |
| Designated Funds | | |
| Hardship Fund | 4,617 | - |
| 21 for 21 | - | 3,953 |
| Total Designated Funds | 4,617 | 3,953 |
| Total Charity Funds | 30,673 | 22,422 |

Note: the split of funds for prior year is restated from figures shown in the 2021/22 final accounts to better reflect income and expenditure for that year and to correct the split of restricted and unrestricted funds brought-forward into 2022/23.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1038646

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

J A Inglis-Jones

Date:

12 / 09 / 2023

Name:

J A Inglis-Jones

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1038646

Accounts

The Duchess's High School Trust



The Duchess's
High School Trust

Trustees' Report
Year Ended 31st March 2022

Charity Number: 1038646

The Duchess's High School Trust
Year ending 31st March 2022
Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

Mrs E D Drummond; resigned 29th June 2021
Mr R A J Fatherley
Mrs C J Skene; resigned 13th October 2021
Mr C W Howey
Mrs R J Morley
Mr I J McAllister
Mr P J Burrow; resigned 9th July 2021
Mrs K Williams, Chairman
Mrs R Taylor
Mr M C Skinner
Mrs E Whitlie; appointed 18th November 2021
Mrs R Bush; appointed 17th March 2022

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Independent Examiner

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The Duchess's High School Trust

Year ending 31st March 2022

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ending 31st March 2022

The Trustees of the Duchess's High School Trust present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Constitution and Objects

The Duchess's High School Trust exists for the purpose of advancing the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and resources for the education of the pupils at the school which would not be provided otherwise.

There have been no changes in objectives during 2021/22. The Trust operates in accordance with its declaration of 3rd May 1994.

Membership

At 31st March 2022, there were 9 Trustees:

Mr R A J Fatherley

Mr C W Howey

Mrs R J Morley

Mr I J McAllister

Mrs K Williams, Chair

Mrs R Taylor

Mr M C Skinner

Mrs E Whittie; appointed 18th November 2021

Mrs R Bush; appointed 17th March 2022

Review of activities and future developments

The Trust has continued to develop its activity during 2021/22 – building on the success of the previous year. After a long period of dormancy, the charity was revived in 2018/19 and its role in providing additional facilities, resources and activities for students the Duchess's Community High School (DCHS) is now established. As a result of activities made possible by the Trust, young people at DCHS are better off.

The Trust has continued to support the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, with the £21k for 2021 appeal running until December 2021. This included the Big Give Christmas Challenge crowdfunder which raised more than £4,000 and brought the £21k for 2021 total to just short of £24,000. With this funding, the Trust was able to provide digital technology and CPD resources to enhance the learning experience in school. Some funds have also been set aside to bring cultural activities into school in 2022. Unfortunately, the Handlebards performance which was booked for February 2022 had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions but this will go ahead next year.

Grant funding was also secured to support new activities providing sexual health advice, lunchtime clubs, parkour club and reading for pleasure. The Trust is grateful to the Sir James Knott Trust, the Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, Local Giving, Northumberland Children's Trust, North East Humanists, the Duke's Charity, the RW Mann Trust, the Freemasons of Northumberland, the Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, the High Sheriff of Northumberland and the Northumberland Police & Crime Commissioner for their support during the year.

Other activities supported by the Trust include Pride Club, travel costs for school trips, sports equipment/teams, books, non-curriculum teaching resources, experiences in industry and more.

The Trust's fundraising activities have grown with, for the first time, fundraising events being held. The Virtual Pet Show in the summer term engaged not only DCHS students but also the wider community and raised the Trust profile as well as funds. More than £8,000 was raised in donations, through events and the Big Give Christmas Challenge. The Trust's first raffle for Christmas 2021 raised more than £1,000 and smaller raffles at each of the school spring theatre performances raised a further £400.

Trustees have agreed to continue to grow the charity's fundraising activities, setting a target income of £40,000 for the coming year.

The Trust is grateful to trustees Mrs E J Drummond, Mr P J Burrow and Mrs C J Skene who resigned during 2021/22 and the charity has welcomed Mrs E Whittle and Mrs R Bush who have joined the board this year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and to state whether or not the accounts have been prepared in accordance with that Statement and applicable accounting standards;

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Donations

Donations are made from the charity's funds following due consideration and approval of the Trustees.

The Duchess's High School Trust



The Duchess's
High School Trust

Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2022

Charity Number: 1038646

The Duchess's High School Trust

Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

| 2020/21 | | 2021/22 |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| £ | Income | £ |
| 3,193 | School Lottery | 2,533 |
| 23,375 | Grants | 18,490 |
| 5,924 | Donations | 7,639 |
| 401 | Other | 3,367 |
| 32,893 | Total Income | 32,029 |
| | Expenditure | |
| 213 | SEND nurture room | - |
| 3,500 | Wellbeing | - |
| - | Sexual Health | 1,262 |
| 1,434 | Breakfast Club | 5,708 |
| - | Lunchtime Clubs | 4,704 |
| 8,100 | Culture & Community | - |
| - | Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS | 167 |
| - | Pride Activities | 378 |
| 8,821 | 21 for 21 | 6,190 |
| 7,395 | Other education resources and facilities | 4,243 |
| - | Insurance | 290 |
| 130 | Costs of raising funds | 1,219 |
| 29,593 | Total Expenditure | 24,161 |
| 3,300 | Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 7,868 |
| 11,254 | Balance 1 st April | 14,554 |
| 14,554 | Balance 31st March | 22,422 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

| | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash at Bank | 14,554 | 22,798 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Creditors | - | (376) |
| Net Total Assets | 14,554 | 22,422 |
| Funds of the Charity | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 5,683 | 11,878 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Breakfast Club | 5,191 | 3,379 |
| 21 for 21 | 3,680 | 2 |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Lunch Clubs | - | 1,907 |
| Sexual Health | - | 1,237 |
| Cultural | - | 2,427 |
| Pride Club | - | 1,592 |
| Total Restricted Funds | 8,871 | 10,544 |
| Total Charity Funds | 14,554 | 22,422 |

The Duchess's High School Trust
Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2022

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Donations

Donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received.

(c) Grants receivable

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account as received, unless related to a specific period, when it is placed in a restricted fund until used.

(d) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(e) Fund Accounting

The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

2. Donations Income

| | 2021/22 £ | 2020/21 £ |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| £21k for 2021 appeal donations (including Big Give Christmas Challenge) | 6,137 | 3,504 |
| Other restricted donations | - | 1,400 |
| Other donations (unrestricted) | 1,502 | 1,020 |
| Total | 7,639 | 5,924 |

3. Grants Income

| | 2021/22 £ | 2020/21 £ |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| The Duke of Northumberland Charity | - | 6,000 |
| Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – Weightman Fund | 3,000 | 1,000 |
| The Henfrey Trust | - | 2,000 |
| Northumberland Estates | - | 1,500 |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | - | 5,000 |
| Joicey Trust | - | 500 |
| Purvis Foundation | - | 1,000 |
| Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – Appletree Fund | 4,000 | 5,625 |
| Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust | 3,000 | 750 |
| Sir James Knott Trust | 2,000 | - |
| Local Giving | 500 | - |
| North East Humanists Microgrant | 320 | - |
| R W Mann Trust | 1,500 | - |
| Freemasons of Northumberland | 700 | - |
| Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – High Sheriff of Northumberland | 1,000 | - |
| Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Operation Payback Fund | 970 | - |
| Northumberland Children’s Trust | 500 | - |
| Duke of Northumberland | 1,000 | - |
| Total | 18,490 | 23,375 |

4. Trustees’ Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year or in 2019/20.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Creditors

Creditors at 31st March 2022 were £376, made up as follows:

| | 2021/22 £ | 2020/21 £ |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| TICE Project | 180 | |
| Breakfast Club | 114 | |
| Lunchtime Clubs | 9 | |
| Other resources | 73 | |
| Total | 376 | 0 |

7. Funds

At 31st March 2022, the Trust held funds of £22,422 apportioned as follows:

| | 2021/22 | 2020/21 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Unrestricted Funds | 11,878 | 5,683 |
| Breakfast Club | 3,379 | 5,191 |
| 21 for 21 Appeal | 2 | 3,680 |
| Lunch Clubs | 1,907 | - |
| Sexual Health | 1,237 | - |
| Cultural | 2,427 | - |
| Pride Club | 1,592 | - |
| Total | 22,422 | 14,554 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name:
THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

**On accounts for the year
ended**

| | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 31 March 2022 | Charity no (if any) | 1038646 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

01 / 08 / 2022

Name:

J A Inglis-Jones

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THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1038646

Accounts

The Duchess's High School Trust



The Duchess's
High School Trust

Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2021

Charity Number: 1038646

The Duchess's High School Trust
Year ending 31st March 2021
Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

Mrs E D Drummond
Mr N Luke; resigned 23rd September 2020
Mr M Hall; resigned 18th January 2021
Mr R A J Fatherley; appointed 21st January 2021
Mrs C J Skene; appointed 23rd September 2020
Mr C W Howey; appointed 21st January 2021
Mrs R J Morley; appointed 21st January 2021
Mr I J McAllister; appointed 21st January 2021
Mr P J Burrow
Mrs K Williams
Mrs R Taylor; appointed 21st January 2021
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The Duchess's High School Trust

Year ending 31st March 2021

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ending 31st March 2021

The Trustees of the Duchess's High School Trust present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Constitution and Objects

The Duchess's High School Trust exists for the purpose of advancing the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and resources for the education of the pupils at the school which would not be provided otherwise.

There have been no changes in objectives during 2020/21. The Trust operates in accordance with its declaration of 3rd May 1994.

Membership

During 2020/21, the Trust undertook an advertising process to attract new Trustees to its Board. At 31st March 2021, there were 10 Trustees:

Mrs E D Drummond
Mr R A J Fatherley; appointed 21st January 2021
Mrs C J Skene; appointed 23rd September 2020
Mr C W Howey; appointed 21st January 2021
Mrs R J Morley; appointed 21st January 2021
Mr I J McAllister; appointed 21st January 2021
Mr P J Burrow
Mrs K Williams
Mrs R Taylor; appointed 21st January 2021
Mr M C Skinner

Review of activities and future developments

The Trust recognised during 2020/21 that it would benefit from extra assistance and launched a recruitment drive in the Autumn of 2020. This resulted in the recruitment and appointment of 6 new Trustees who have brought new skills and experiences to the board. For the first time, the Trust has appointed a Treasurer and has been able to draw on trustees' expertise in finance, marketing, fundraising and data management. In addition, Mr N Luke and Mr M Hall resigned from the Trust. The Trust is grateful to Mr Luke and Mr Hall for their assistance and time.

The Corona Virus pandemic placed extra demands on the Trust and the School. Normal fundraising activities were ceased for the whole financial year. It was encouraging however that the Trust was able to accumulate almost £33,000 of income during the year. This is indicative of the significant increase in activity by trustees.

The Trust agreed to assist the School by supporting a range of activities including curriculum support to breakfast club and digital technology. All the activities and facilities supported achieve the Trust's charitable object by removing barriers to learning, enhancing the education environment and providing new learning opportunities. Without support from the Trust, these activities would not be possible (there is no statutory funding available to support them).

In the autumn term 2020, the Trust launched a Breakfast Club to support students who were arriving in school without having eaten at home. The restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 pandemic presented challenges in delivering this but more than 100 students have benefited from this and, during lockdown 2021, every child in school was able to start their day with breakfast.

In 2021, the Trust launched a £21k for 2021 appeal, the aim of which was to raise £21,000 of income to support learning and alleviate the challenges brought about by Covid-19 during 2021. Grants and donations received during 2020/21 towards this appeal totalled £12,504. This has enabled provision of digital technology for learning including Chromebooks, media room and digital visualisers. Trustees are grateful to those organisations and individuals for their generosity.

At 31st March 2021, the Trust held funds of £14,554. Of this balance £3,680 was in respect of 21 for 21 and £5,191 was in respect of the Breakfast Club.

The Trust aims to continue fundraising in 2021/22 and future to deliver its charitable object and assist the school in providing learning activities. The Trustees hope to adopt new fundraising activities as Corona virus restrictions are eased during 2021.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in accordance with the methods and principles set out In the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and to state whether or not the accounts have been prepared in accordance with that Statement and applicable accounting standards;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Donations

Donations are made from the charity's funds following due consideration and approval of the Trustees.

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Income and Expenditure Account

| 2019/20 | | 2020/21 |
|---------------|--|---------------|
| | Income | Total |
| £ | | £ |
| 719 | School Lottery | 3,193 |
| 1,560 | Grants | 23,375 |
| 1,131 | Donations | 5,924 |
| 132 | Other | 401 |
| 3,542 | Total Income | 32,893 |
| | | |
| | Expenditure | |
| 1,350 | SEND nurture room | 213 |
| - | Wellbeing | 3,500 |
| - | Breakfast Club | 1,434 |
| - | Culture & Community | 8,100 |
| - | 21 for 21 | 8,821 |
| - | Other education resources and facilities | 7,395 |
| - | Costs of raising funds | 130 |
| 1,350 | Total Expenditure | 29,593 |
| | | |
| 2,192 | Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 3,300 |
| 9,062 | Balance 1 st April | 11,254 |
| 11,254 | Balance 31st March | 14,554 |

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

| | 2019/20 | 2020/21 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash at Bank | 11,254 | 14,554 |
| Net Total Assets | 11,254 | 14,554 |
| | | |
| Funds of the Charity | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 11,254 | 5,683 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Breakfast Club | - | 5,191 |
| 21 for 21 | | 3,680 |
| Total Restricted Funds | - | 8,871 |
| Total Charity Funds | 11,254 | 14,554 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Donations

Donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received.

(c) Grants receivable

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account as received, unless related to a specific period, when it is placed in a restricted fund until used.

(d) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(e) Fund Accounting

The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

2. Donations Income

| | 2020/21 | 2019/20 |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| £21k for 2021 appeal donations | 3,504 | |
| Other restricted donations | 1,400 | |
| Other donations (unrestricted) | 1,020 | 1,131 |
| Total | 5,924 | 1,131 |

3. Grants Income

| | 2020/21 £ | 2019/20 £ |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Metro Radio (SEND nurture room) | | 1,560 |
| The Duke of Northumberland Charity | 6,000 | |
| Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear | 1,000 | |
| The Henfrey Trust | 2,000 | |
| Northumberland Estates | 1,500 | |
| Garfield Weston Foundation | 5,000 | |
| Joicey Trust | 500 | |
| Purvis Foundation | 1,000 | |
| Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear | 5,625 | |
| Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust | 750 | - |
| Total | 23,375 | 1,560 |

4. Trustees' Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year or in 2019/20.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Funds

At 31st March 2021, the Trust held funds of £14,554 apportioned as follows:

| | £ |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Unrestricted Funds | 5,683 |
| Breakfast Club | 5,191 |
| 21 for 21 Appeal | 3,680 |
| Total | 14,554 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1038646

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 10 / 08 / 2021

Name:

J A Inglis-Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Chartered Management Accountant, Chartered Global Management Accountant

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Empty box for disclosure details.