

Dover College Trust
Reports and Financial Statements
5th April 2025

Dover College Trust

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 5th April 2025

Trustees	J Gatehouse	
	N. Harris	
	J. Ryeland	
	A. Baker	Appointed 24.10.2024
	J. Hodge	Resigned 24.10.2024

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Objectives of the Charity

The powers of the Trustees are derived from the Trust Deed dated 17th March 1944, as modified by the terms of the bequests from Mrs. Ethelwyn Duckworth, Brigadier H. N. Grylls Watson, DSO., OBE., Mr. A. M. Ross-Smith, Mr. G. L. Eames, Mr C. M. Hunt, and Mr G L Eccleshall, and the gift of Mr. A. C. Fleury, which form the Trust Funds. A synopsis of the Trust Deed can be found on page 3. The Trustees are directed to apply the income from the Trust Funds for the purpose of furthering the provision of education at Dover College by financing improvements of a permanent nature to College Property or by scholarships for the pupils. In the case of the Grylls Watson, Duckworth and Fleury gifts there is a direction to apply the income in accordance with the decisions of the Council of Governors of Dover College or after consultation with such governing body. In the event of the College being dissolved the Grylls Watson bequest directs the Trustees to hold the endowment funds and any accumulation of income for St. Luke's Nursing Home (now Hospital) for the clergy of the Church of England, and the Eccleshall bequest makes a similar provision for Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, as does the Fleury gift for Oriel College, Oxford.

The trustees consider that the investment return made during the year was satisfactory and there were substantial donations made to Dover College.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

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Trustees' annual report (continued) for the year ended 5th April 2025

Distribution of Income by the Trustees

During the year income and distributions were as follows:

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Income funds at 6th April 2024	204,002
Net income for the year	71,591
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Transfers	(217,886)
Distribution to Dover College	(115,000)
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Income funds at 5 th April 2025	(57,293)
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Trustees

All the Trustees are Old Dovorian. In the event of a vacancy arising, new Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees.

Foundation Fund

The Foundation Fund was created in 2007 by a transfer of funds from income. These funds were invested independently of the main funds and were regarded as designated funds. The purpose of the Foundation Fund was to provide funds for substantial capital projects at Dover College in the future.

During the prior years, the Foundation funds were transferred to the College and used to renovate the Kent Block classrooms and for the design and build of the new Leo Wright building. The balance of the Fund at the year end was (£217,886).

Investment policy


The investment policy is set out in note 10 to the accounts.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Trust to make regular payments of unrestricted funds to Dover College as funds become available, after retaining sufficient funds to cover management and administration costs.

The endowment funds are restricted funds under the terms of the trust deed. These funds must be held permanently and are represented by a portfolio of investments, which are managed by investment managers who have been given discretionary power to acquire and dispose of investments within the policy set by the Trustees.

J Gatehouse

Signed by:

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On behalf of the Trustees

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Synopses of Principal Documents

The Synopses below are not intended to be comprehensive statements of the terms of the respective documents, to which reference should be made as required.

Synopsis of the Dover College Trust Deed dated 17th March 1944

- 1 The Dover College Trust was set up on 17th March 1944 by the Hon. John Jacob Astor MP., Henry Thomas Hawksfield JP., Rowland Heathcote Hacker and Brig. Henry Neville Grylls Watson, DSO., OBE., who constituted themselves Trustees. All have since died and new Trustees have been appointed from time to time. The present Trustees are James Gatehouse, Nathan Harris, Jonathan Hodge and James Ryeland. The charitable status of the Trust was confirmed on 11th April 1980 as a subsidiary charity to Dover College under number 307856. In 1996 the Trust was registered as a separate charity number 1057184.
- 2 The Trustees have power to accept and collect money, investments or other property, and stand possessed of all gifts so received (subject to any special conditions attached by the donors) with power to invest in authorised trust securities or to accumulate monies on bank deposit. At present all the capital administered by the Trustees derives from six bequests, the Duckworth, Grylls Watson, Ross-Smith, Eames, Eccleshall and Hunt bequests, together with a gift from A. C. Fleury.
- 3 The Trustees have a discretionary power to apply the capital or income of the Trust fund:
 - i In assisting parents, who in the opinion of the Trustees could not otherwise afford to do so, to have their children educated at Dover College, or,
 - ii In furthering the provision of education and especially of religious teaching at the College whether by providing or contributing towards the provision of scholarships or exhibitions or in any other manner which the Trustees may from time to time consider to be conducive to the provision of education at Dover College.
- 4 In the event of the winding up of the College the Trustees have power to provide scholarships or exhibitions at any other independent school in England with preference for the children of Old Dovorians, or, if they do not consider that to be practicable, to transfer so much of the Trust fund as remains to such other institution or institutions as they may determine having objects similar to the objects of Dover College or in default thereof as may be decided by a High Court Judge.
- 5 In the opinion of the Trustees the capital of the Duckworth, Ross-Smith, Eames, and Hunt bequests (see below) would be governed by Clause 4 above, but not the Grylls Watson bequest, the Eccleshall bequest, or the Fleury gift. The Trustees have power to prescribe and alter rules as to meetings and administration of the Trust and in particular may fix a quorum of not less than two and provide for the decision of a majority of the Trustees to be as effective and binding as a unanimous decision of all the Trustees.

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Synopses of Principal Documents (continued)

**Synopsis of the Will
(so far as it concerns Dover College Trust)
of Mrs. Ethelwyn Duckworth,
who died on 20th November 1971**

- 1 Mr. Richard Hugh Morse, Miss Ruth Elaine Marshall and Mr. John Temple Finnis were appointed Executors and Trustees. Subject to various legacies free of duty the residue of the Estate was bequeathed to Dover College Trust unless in the opinion of the Trustees Dover College was not an independent school or was subject to State control, in which case the bequest should be devoted to other charitable purposes for which recommendations were made. The Estate was wound up on or about 14th November 1975, and the total sum paid to the Dover College Trust was £26,139.31 of which £25,000 has been treated as capital and £1,139.31 as income arising in the administration period. On 24th September 2020, a further £5,738.21 was received as capital. In the opinion of Dover College Trustees the gift to other charitable purposes has lapsed, and in the event of Dover College being wound up, they would be obliged to deal with the capital in terms of Clause 4 to the Synopsis of the Trust Deed of 17th March 1944.
- 2 The Trustees of Dover College Trust are given full powers of investment in any securities or other investments whatsoever, with absolute discretion on changing investments.
- 3 The Trustees have power to apply the income for improvements of a permanent nature for advancement of education at Dover College or for provision of Scholarships at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Any income not so used in any year may be accumulated and applied for similar purposes in any subsequent year.
- 4 The Trustees shall in applying the income act upon the decision of the Council or governing body for the time being of Dover College.

**Synopsis of the Will
of Brigadier Henry Neville Grylls Watson, DSO., OBE.
who died on 30th May 1976**

- 1 Barclays Bank Trust Company Limited were appointed Executors. Subject to minor legacies his whole estate was bequeathed to the Dover College Trust. The Trustees received £181,305.81.
- 2 The Trustees have absolute powers of investment in any building society or security quoted on the London Stock Exchange, whether a trustee security or not.
- 3 The Trustees are empowered and instructed to apply the income for improvements of a permanent nature at Dover College or for the provision of scholarships and bursaries to children at Dover College. Any income not so used may be accumulated and applied for similar purposes in any subsequent year.
- 4 If Dover College is dissolved or its Royal Charter is rescinded the Trustees are instructed to hold the capital and any accumulations of income not so expended for St. Luke's Nursing Home for the Clergy of the Church of England.
- 5 The Trustees in applying the income shall act on the decision of the Council or governing body for the time being of Dover College, which Council shall decide any question which may arise regarding the application of such income or any part thereof for any of the purposes aforesaid.

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Synopses of Principal Documents (continued)

The bequest of Mr. Alban Millar Ross-Smith who died on 4th August 1993

Mr. Ross-Smith's bequest to the Trustees was of ordinary 25p shares in the Shell Transport and Trading Company plc., to the value of twenty thousand pounds, for such purposes as the Trustees may in their absolute discretion think best for the needs or upkeep of the College and in particular the Chapel. On 28th October 1993, 2,812 such shares, being the nearest whole number of shares to the value of £20,000, were transferred to the Trustees. On 26th June 2013, a gift of £40,000, being substantially the whole of the Ross-Smith capital, was made to Dover College for repairs to the chapel roof, in accordance with a specific request in the will.

The gift of Mr. Amoret Clear Fleury made on 18th April 2000

- 1 Mr. Fleury made a gift of the sum of £200,000 to the Trustees in consideration of their agreement to hold the capital and income of such sum upon trust for the payment for improvements of a permanent nature at Dover College or for the provision of scholarships for pupils. A further £300,000 was received on 27th January 2005.
- 2 The Trustees have absolute power of investment in any bank or building society or in any security quoted on the London Stock Exchange or in any other security whatsoever, whether a trustee security or not.
- 3 The Trustees shall consult with the Council or other governing body for the time being of Dover College regarding the application of the fund for the aforesaid purposes.
- 4 If Dover College is dissolved or its Royal Charter rescinded the Trustees shall transfer the remaining capital and income of such fund to Oriel College, Oxford.

The bequest of Mr. Geoffrey Leonard Eames, who died on 7th February 2000

- 1 Mr. Eames bequeathed the sum of £500,000 to the Trust and this was duly paid to the Trustees on 7th February 2001.
- 2 There are no specific directions to the Trustees, and accordingly the bequest falls to be administered under the terms of the Trust Deed dated 17th March 1944.
- 3 A further donation of £5,000 was received from the estate of Robert Eames on 19th September 2006.

The bequest of Mr. Charles Manning Hunt, who died on 21st December 2008

- 1 Mr. Hunt bequeathed 50% of the residue of his estate to the Trust. The Trustees received £18,329.10 on 17th December 2009.
- 2 There are no specific directions to the Trustees, and accordingly the bequest falls to be administered under the terms of the Trust Deed dated 17th March 1944.

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Synopses of Principal Documents (continued)

**Synopsis of the Will
(so far as it concerns Dover College Trust)
of Mr George Linney Eccleshall,
who died on 18th September 2012**

- 1 Mr Edmund Michael Wood and Mr James Alexander Scott were appointed Executors and Trustees. Subject to various legacies free of duty one half of the residue of the Estate was bequeathed to Dover College Trust. To date the Trust has received investments totalling £1,045,516 and a further £503,574 in cash.
- 2 The Trustees have absolute power of investment.
- 3 There were no directions as to the use of the income from the bequest save that in the case that Dover College shall close or lose its identity as an independent school, the Trustees shall hold the capital and any remaining income for Corpus Christi College Cambridge absolutely. Until that time the income falls to be used in accordance with the Trust Deed.

Independent examiners' report to the Trustees of

Dover College Trust

We report to the charity trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

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').


We report in respect of our examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners' statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

We 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 by:

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 5th April 2025

	Unrestricted Funds General	Designated	Endowment funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Dividends and interest received	109,145	5,936	-	115,081	138,863
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Total incoming resources	109,145	5,936	-	115,081	138,863
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Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Investment management fees (note 7)	34,098	476	-	34,574	31,679
Governance					
Accountancy and Audit	3,456	-	-	3,456	3,456
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	37,554	476	-	38,030	35,135
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Net income available for charitable activities	71,591	5,460	-	77,051	103,728
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Charitable activities					
Distributions to Dover College	115,000	231,132	-	346,132	157,000
Transfers	217,886	(217,886)	-	-	-
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before movements on investments	(261,295)	(7,786)	-	(269,081)	(53,272)
Profits/(losses) on investments					
- realised	-	26,647	(134,209)	(107,562)	(151,876)
- unrealised	-	(8,048)	(214,605)	(222,653)	621,535
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Net movement in funds and total comprehensive income	(261,295)	10,813	(348,814)	(599,296)	416,387
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Fund balances brought forward	204,002	(10,813)	5,619,087	5,812,276	5,395,889
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Fund balances carried forward	(57,293)	-	5,270,273	5,212,980	5,812,276
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Statement of changes in funds for the year ended 5th April 2025

	Unrestricted Funds General	Designated	Endowment funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 6th April 2024	204,002	(10,813)	5,619,087	5,812,276	5,395,889
Net movement in funds and total comprehensive income	(261,295)	10,813	(348,814)	(599,296)	416,387
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Fund balances at 5th April 2025	(57,293)	-	5,270,273	5,212,980	5,812,276
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Details of the rights and restrictions relating to each fund are set out on pages 4 to 6.

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Balance sheet as at 5th April 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed asset investments					
Quoted investments at market value	3		5,080,478		5,760,074
Uninvested cash with stockbrokers			38,810		(47,368)
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			5,119,288		5,712,708
Current assets					
Cash with stockbrokers		108,205		113,624	
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		108,205		113,624	
Current liabilities - amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors	4	14,513		14,054	
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Net current assets			93,691		99,569
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			5,212,980		5,812,276
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Funds (page 11)					
Endowment funds	5		5,270,273		5,619,087
Unrestricted funds - General			(57,293)		204,002
Designated	6		-		(10,813)
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			5,212,980		5,812,276
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Approved on behalf of the Trustees on

Signed by:

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J Gatehouse

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J Ryeland

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Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 5th April 2025

1 Charity information

Dover College Trust is a charitable trust registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The principal place of business is Dover College, Effingham Crescent, Dover, Kent, CT17 9RH.

2 Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS102 and with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS102). The Trust is a public benefit entity.

(b) Fixed asset investments

Investments held as fixed assets are re-valued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

(c) Incoming resources

The charity recognises interest income when it falls due and investment income when it is received. No incoming resources have either been deferred or have been included in the SOFA net of expenditure. Incoming resources from endowment funds are classified as restricted funds.

(d) Funds

The charity's funds comprise of endowment funds, which relate to the investments held by the charity, designated funds, which relate to the Foundation Fund, and unrestricted general funds, which relate to all other activities of the charity. All movements on funds during the year can be seen in the SOFA.

At a meeting on 6th December 2010 the Trustees agreed that the investment portfolio should be sub-divided, and separate investments allocated to the Grylls Watson and Fleury funds, where there are specified provisions for remaindermen. Investments relating to the Foundation Fund are already being maintained separately, and all other funds, for which the Trustees have discretionary powers in the event of Dover College being dissolved, shall be grouped together in a general fund (Eames and others). From 6th April 2011 investment trading and performance will be maintained for each separate fund. The investment policy for each fund is set out in note 9. It was decided in 2013 that the Eccleshall fund and the Grylls Watson fund should be managed on a merged basis as the investment policy and objectives were identical.

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Notes forming part of the accounts (continued)

3 Quoted investments

	Endowment Funds £	Foundation Fund £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Market value at 6th April 2024	5,554,924	205,150	5,760,074	5,071,522
Acquisitions at cost	2,315,592	2,567	2,318,159	2,060,890
Sales proceeds from disposals	(2,434,355)	(226,316)	(2,660,671)	(1,825,917)
Profit/(Loss) in the year	(355,683)	18,599	9,729	453,579
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Market value at 5th April 2025	5,080,478	-	5,080,478	5,760,074
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Investments at market value comprise:				
Equities	4,910,919	-	4,910,919	5,309,023
Fixed interest securities	169,559	-	169,559	245,901
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	5,080,478	-	5,080,478	5,554,924
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Historical cost as at 5th April 2025	4,778,714	-	4,778,714	4,768,277
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All investments are listed securities.

4 Creditors

Creditors of £14,513 (2024: £14,054) comprise accruals in respect of accountancy and investment management fees.

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Notes forming part of the accounts (continued)

5 Endowment funds

	Eccleshall/ Grylls Watson £	Fleury £	Eames & Others £	Total £
Distributions to Dover College				
Profits/(losses) on investments				
- realised	(116,427)	(25,354)	7,572	(134,209)
- unrealised	(139,239)	(34,898)	(40,468)	(214,605)
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Net movement in funds	(255,666)	(60,252)	(32,896)	(348,814)
Fund balances brought forward	4,197,135	923,983	497,969	5,619,087
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Fund balances carried forward	3,941,469	863,731	465,073	5,270,273
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6 Foundation Fund

A Foundation Fund was set up in 2007 by transfers from general unrestricted funds. The purpose of the fund is to provide finance for substantial capital projects at Dover College in the future. At the end of year, the designation funds were closed and the balance of this fund at 5th April 2025 is nil.

7 Investment management fees

From 1st December 2020, all investment management fees are charged to capital.

8 Taxation

The Trust has been granted charitable status.

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Notes forming part of the accounts (continued)

9 Investment Policy

Having regard to differing requirements of the benefactors and mindful of the interests of both income and capital beneficiaries the Trustees have implemented a revised investment policy as follows:

1. **The Eccleshall/Grylls-Watson bequest and the Fleury bequest:**

To achieve maximum possible income compatible with the long-term maintenance and if possible, enhancement of capital in real terms.

2. **The Eames bequest (part):**

£300,000 was previously lent to the College at a fixed rate of interest of 5.5% and was repaid in full in March 2021.

3. **The Eames bequest (balance) and the other bequests:**

To maximise income while having regard to the erosive effects of inflation in the long term.

4. **Foundation Fund:**

To maximise income and retain capital value in nominal terms having regard to the short-term nature of the Fund.

10 Trustees' payments

No trustees were paid emoluments or reimbursed expenses by the charity during the year under review.

11 Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties in the reporting period.

12 Independent examiners' fees

The amount of remuneration receivable by Riches and Company for the independent examination of the accounts was £3,456.