



Aylesbury High School
(A Charity registered with the Charity Commissioner)
"School Fund"

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended
31 August 2024**

Charity Registration No: 1058760

Aylesbury High School, "School Fund"

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees	Mrs M Forster Mrs C Wilkes
Treasurer	Mrs L Greenway
Registered Office	Aylesbury High School Walton Road, Aylesbury Buckinghamshire, HP21 7SX
Charity Registration Number	1058760
Independent Examiner	Calculo Tax & Audit Ltd 29-31 Castle Street High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP13 6RU
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TRUSTEES’ REPORT

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company (charity registration number 1058760) for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Governance

The charity, known as the “School Fund” or “Fund” was constituted by a Declaration of Trust which was made on 20 September 1996. The declaration defines the objectives and powers of the School Fund and matters pertaining to its administration and management by a board of trustees. The Trustees, as laid out on page 1, are all serving staff of Aylesbury High School (“the School”) with the Headmistress acting as chair at meetings. Trustees are appointed in association with taking up a senior role in the School and do not receive any specific training. They are required under the School Fund’s constitution to relinquish their appointment if they leave the employ of the School.

The Treasurer, also a member of the School staff, has no voting rights but acts to advise the Trustees in their duties and to maintain the School Fund’s accounts. The Treasurer also has responsibility for managing the School’s staff who administer the collection and disbursement of monies relating to the School Fund. The administration staff have authority to collect monies and disburse them in support of the routine activities of the fund, such as in organising trips, but only the trustees, through a minuted meeting, may authorise the spending of reserves on such matters as improvements to the School facilities. All staff involved in the management or administration of the School Fund are paid employees of the School. From time to time other members of the public, such as parents of pupils, volunteer their time to support the School Fund’s activities.

The School is a state-funded academy and hence the School Fund operates within the oversight for good governance purposes of the School’s Academy Trustees (Governors) and thus by association within the oversight of the Department for Education. However, the School’s Trustees and Department for Education have no authority over the Trustees’ decisions or actions regarding the School Fund’s activities.

Objectives

The object of the Trust is “to advance the education of the pupils of Aylesbury High School and improve their moral development so that they may grow to full maturity as responsible citizens by the provision of funds, services, facilities and training” and to any “other charitable purposes” as determined by the Trustees.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting the School Fund’s objectives and planning its activities the Trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education and on fee-charging. By its constitution, the School Fund supports the education of any child placed at Aylesbury High School and hence does not require any parent to pay fees towards the general education of the pupils. The core aims of the School Fund are met through the provision of financial support for students to take part on school trips or extracurricular activities and by fundraising to support the provision of additional educational facilities and resources. The School fund also supports other activities which contribute to the moral and civic development of the students at Aylesbury High School, such as encouragement to raise money for national and international charities. The trips and activities of the School are open to all pupils regardless of their background and are funded in accordance with Government policy, primarily by voluntary contribution from parents of the children taking part. Where a parent is not in a position to make a contribution there is no bar to their child taking part and any ensuing shortfall in monies collected which is not otherwise supported by school funds is met by means of a hardship grant to the school. Reserves are built up by kind donations by parents and others, and these are used to enhance the facilities of the School which benefits all pupils and local community groups who make use of the School, either during school organised activities or externally organised activities.

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TRUSTEES’ REPORT (continued)

Fundraising

The School Fund raises charitable donations to help to develop the School’s facilities and resources to ensure that every girl is able to fulfil her potential, wherever her strengths lie. The School has to rely on the generosity of parents, alumni and other benefactors as it is unable to fund significant improvements from the annual DfE grant alone. The School Fund conscientiously observes the Department for Education guidelines on fundraising from parents and past students. The School Fund’s fundraising practice includes:

- all donations, large or small, are acknowledged and remain anonymous unless specific to the fundraising campaign (commemorative plaques, for example);
- non-donors in our parent and alumni community are not targeted to pursue their donations, such as by personalised direct mailings to non-donors;
- limiting the calendar of fundraising communications with no more than three direct communications annually, supported by website and Newsletter 'passive' promotion;
- offering a range of academic, social and networking events to raise donations;
- continually monitoring fundraising activity to ensure that it is appropriate for the donor base and regularly evaluating reactions; and
- in all fundraising communications openly, effectively and responsibly explaining the fundraising work to our students, parents, alumni and other donors and supporters, and celebrating their significant contribution to the development of the School.

The School Fund does not currently work with any commercial participators or professional fundraisers. It does follow the Fundraising Regulator’s Code of Fundraising Practice and the legal rules that apply to fundraising and the standards designed to ensure that fundraising is open, honest and respectful. Additionally, all donations and donor information is managed in compliance with GDPR requirements.

The Privacy Notice for the School’s Donors and Alumni (Annex D) in the AHS Data Protection and Privacy Policy details how the School protects donors’ personal data. Complaints appropriate to data protection are directed to the AHS Data Protection Officer. Concerns or complaints from parent, alumni, supporters or others about fundraising activities are directed to the Development & Alumni Relations Director, Head Teacher, or any member of the Senior Leadership Team. Such concerns or complaints would be rigorously investigated in a timely way, addressed appropriately and any subsequent actions communicated to the individual who initially raised the concern or complaint. As part of the School Fund’s commitment to best practice, all records of these concerns and complaints are reviewed by the Trustees.

Financial Review

The School Fund continues to raise money in order to assist the educational aims. The fund balance this year showed an overall decrease of £188,636 to show an overall total of £59,426 (2023: £248,062). The fund contributed £200,000 to improvements for the school site, including a reconfiguration of the wellbeing area and the installation of a lift in the dining room. There were no new fundraising campaigns this year but legacy campaigns brought in £25,517 (2023: £19,949) in donations. The sum of £1,965 (2023: £5,131) was raised by the students in their form groups and donated to a number of local and national charities reflecting a major effort on their behalf to support other charities.

Administrative charges and governance costs were nominal as the effort of administration has been passed to the School. The two significant costs were banking charges and independent examination of the accounts. Other significant costs normally includes the part-funded salary of the Development team which reflects the estimated effort spent on fundraising for the Fund.

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TRUSTEES’ REPORT (continued)

Once designated and restricted funds are taken into account, the available reserve of the School Fund to disburse on discretionary grounds stands at £52,976 (2023: £240,265).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

Funds Held on Behalf of Others

Funds totalling £9,216 (2023: £ 5,273) are held by the School Fund on behalf of legacy bequests to support specific student activities and school prizes.

Statement on Reserves, Investments and Risks.

The Trustees' policy is not to hold reserves in speculative investments. The Trustees use much of the reserves supporting improvements to the School site. Reserves are also used to support students whose families are facing financial hardship and there is evidence of a growing need for this in the current climate. Currently, the remaining reserves are being held in bank deposit accounts and are at very low risk. There are only minor risks associated with the educational activities of the School Fund; no spending will be committed against an activity unless sufficient funding has been specifically raised for that activity or the Trustees have approved a grant from reserves to support that activity. There are no other risks against the School Fund. At the end of the period the Reserves stood at £40,062 (2023: £240,411) in General Funds and £19,364 (2023: £7,651) in Designated (Charitable Collections) Funds.



Marieke Forster
Chair of the Trustees

20th November 2024

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Marieke Forster

Chair of the Trustees

20th November 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AYLESBURY HIGH SCHOOL, SCHOOL FUND

I report on the accounts of the Aylesbury High School Fund for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Date: 20th November 2024.

Jonathan Walton FCA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

Calculo Tax and Audit
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
29-31 Castle Street
High Wycombe
HP13 6RU

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UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

The statement of financial activity arises from the charity's continuing operations.

These unaudited financial statements have been subject to independent examination (see report on page 6).

	Note:	Unrestricted Funds (£s)	Designated Funds (£s)	Restricted Funds (£s)	2024 Total (£s)	2023 Total (£s)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations	1	25,517	1,965	-	27,482	25,080
<i>Charitable Activities</i>						
Funding for educational operations	2	499	-	-	499	1,837
Other trading activities	3	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	4	325	-	-	325	968
Total incoming resources		26,340	1,965	-	28,305	27,885
RESOURCES EXPENDED ON						
Raising funds	5	6,033	-	-	6,033	9,560
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	6					
Educational operations		1,987	-	-	1,987	1,204
Grants made		5,609	1,965	1,347	8,921	9,372
Total resources expended		13,629	1,965	1,347	16,941	20,136
Transfer(s) between funds	10	(200,000)	-	-	(200,000)	
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(187,289)	-	(1,347)	(188,636)	7,749
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Funds brought forward		240,265	146	7,651	248,062	240,313
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	10	52,976	146	6,304	59,426	248,062

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UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

31 August 2024

Charity Registration No. 1058760

	Note:	2024 (£s)	2023 (£s)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	6,811	102,271
Cash	8	55,781	149,115
		<u>62,592</u>	<u>251,386</u>
CREDITORS			
Creditors due within 1 year	9	(3,166)	(3,325)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>59,426</u>	<u>248,062</u>
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FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY:			
Restricted Funds	10		
Bequest Funds		19,218	7,651
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		<u>19,218</u>	<u>7,651</u>
Unrestricted Funds	10		
Designated Funds		146	146
General funds		<u>40,062</u>	<u>240,265</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>40,208</u>	<u>240,411</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>59,426</u>	<u>248,062</u>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 15 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 20th November 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Marieke Forster

Chair

20th November 2023

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) ‘Accounting and Reporting by Charities’ (2015). A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. In most cases this can only be determined upon receipt.

Resources Expended

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Irrecoverable VAT is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Cost of generating funds

These are the costs which are associated with generating incoming resources from all sources other than from undertaking charitable activities.

Charitable Activities

Charitable activities include donations made, in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Trust, and the costs associated with running the trust.

Governance Costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory audit and legal fees.

Funds Structure

The charity has an unrestricted general fund, restricted general fund and a designated fund.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by their donor

Designated Funds are amounts the trustees have set aside for particular purposes but may be reallocated by the trustees without restriction.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 August 2024

1 DONATIONS AND GIFTS RECEIVED

	Year Ended 2024 Total (£s)	Year Ended 2023 Total (£s)
Donations - Fundraising	25,517	19,949
Collections for External Charities	1,965	5,131
Other Donations	-	-
	<u>27,482</u>	<u>25,080</u>

2 FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Year Ended 2024 Total (£s)	Year Ended 2023 Total (£s)
Other	499	1,837
Student Contributions	-	-
	<u>499</u>	<u>1,837</u>

3 TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Incoming Resources 2024 Total (£s)	Resources Expended 2024 Total (£s)	Surplus/ (Loss) 2024 Total (£s)	Surplus/ (Loss) 2023 Total (£s)
Events	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

4 INVESTMENTS

	Year Ended 2024 Total (£s)	Year Ended 2023 Total (£s)
Bank Interest	325	968
	<u>325</u>	<u>968</u>

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5 COST OF GENERATING FUNDS

	Year Ended 2024 Total (£s)	Year Ended 2023 Total (£s)
Cost of trading items	-	-
Other fundraising expenses	6,033	9,560
	<u>6,033</u>	<u>9,560</u>

6 RESOURCES EXPENDED IN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 2024 Total (£s)	Year Ended 2023 Total (£s)
Restricted Funds:		
Grants to students	6,956	330
Other Expenditure	-	-
Designated Funds:		
Donations	-	-
General Funds:		
Grants to other charities	1,965	9,042
Educational activities	1,142	619
Banking charges	206	-
General expenses	-	-
	<u>10,268</u>	<u>9,991</u>
Governance Costs	640	585
Total	<u>10,908</u>	<u>10,576</u>

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7 DEBTORS		
	Year Ended	Year Ended
	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	(£s)	(£s)
Gift Aid repayment (HMRC)	1,973	1,106
Other	4,838	101,165
	<u>6,811</u>	<u>102,271</u>

8 Cash		
	Year Ended	Year Ended
	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	(£s)	(£s)
Petty Cash	-	-
Current Account	46,565	(3,923)
Deposit Accounts	9,216	153,038
	<u>55,781</u>	<u>149,115</u>

9 CREDITORS		
	Year Ended	Year Ended
	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	(£s)	(£s)
Amounts due within one year	3,166	3,325
	<u>3,166</u>	<u>3,325</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

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The General Funds represent the accumulated sum of surpluses from activities and donations to the School Fund for the trustees to expend in support of the charitable aims of the fund.

Designated School Funds represent the charitable collections made by students and staff which are then sent to external charities.

The Restricted Funds comprise 2 bequest-type funds as follows:

- The Jane Brownlee Fund originated as a gift in 1998 from the children of Jane Brownlee (deceased) and they continue to routinely contribute to the fund. The Trustees make grants each year to students of Aylesbury High School for travel between leaving school and going to University.
- The Jane Wainwright Fund originated as a gift in 2004 from Jane Wainwright, a former Headteacher of the School who continues to routinely contribute to the fund. The Trustees use the fund to provide an annual prize to a student or students for service to the School and wider community.

10 FUNDS

	2023 Brought forward (£s)	Incoming resources (£s)	Outgoing resources (£s)	Transfers (£s)	Year Ended 2024 Total (£s)
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Jane Brownlee	5,262	146	(800)	-	4,608
Jane Wainwright	11	4,707	(110)	-	4,608
Other	2,378	8,061	(437)	-	10,002
Total Restricted Funds:	7,651	12,914	(1,347)	-	19,218
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
Designated (Charitable Collections)	146	1,965	(1,965)	-	146
General Funds	240,265	13,426	(13,629)	(200,000)	40,062
Total Unrestricted Funds	240,411	15,391	(15,594)	(200,000)	40,208
Total Funds	248,062	28,305	(16,941)	(200,000)	59,426

11 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total (£s)	2023 Total (£s)
Current assets	43,374	19,218	62,592	251,386
Current liabilities	(3,166)	-	(3,166)	(3,325)
	<u>40,208</u>	<u>19,218</u>	<u>59,426</u>	<u>248,061</u>