

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1075705

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	01351369
Registered	1999-05-27
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A. TO ACQUIRE AND TAKE OVER THE UNDERTAKING OF THE SCHOOL KNOWN AS ST DAVID'S COLLEGE (ESTABLISHED BY A DECLARATION OF TRUST DATED 17TH NOVEMBER 1965 MADE BY ERNEST BAMBER & OTHERS) AND TO DEVELOP THE SAME AS AN EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR BOYS AND GIRLS B. TO ACQUIRE AND CARRY ON IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ANY OTHER SCHOOLS OR SCHOOLS FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN

Activities: To benefit the public by providing a first class education for children, independent of the state system. For our pupils, we aim to develop the whole person through a general education in the best and wisest sense, with a wide choice of interest and activity, and an appreciation of moral and spiritual values, leading to a lifelong desire to contribute to the wider community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM
- Conwy

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£7,057,121	£6,673,048	£3,202,855	142
2023-08-31	£6,275,610	£6,385,365	£2,823,351	141
2022-08-31	£6,196,779	£6,022,385	£2,936,463	147
2021-08-31	£5,561,511	£5,452,080	£2,778,452	139
2020-08-31	£5,428,053	£5,573,738	£2,656,340	127

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adam Williams		2024-06-18
Alice Seldon		2015-02-10
Eunice Aubert		2022-02-09
Helen Moore		2024-06-18
Kenneth Underhill		2024-06-18
Paul Michael Hadley		2019-09-01
RIGHT REVD KEITH SINCLAIR		2017-06-20
ROBERT KENWELL		
Rev PETER JOHN GASKELL		
TIMOTHY MUELLER		2018-01-01

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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Company Information

Legal Status

St David's College Trust is a registered charity incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006.

Governors

The Governors of St David's College Trust who served during the year were:

Rev Dr P Gaskell +* "(Chairman and Chair of Finance Committee)
R Kenwell (Treasurer)*
Rt Rev K Sinclair
Viscount Chelsea (resigned 21 November 2023)
G Wilson * (resigned 18 June 2024)
R Leake + (Chair of Education Committee)
Mrs B Hutchinson Smith + (resigned 21 November 2023)
P Hadley +
Mrs A Seldon " (Nee Haydon) (Chair of Estates Committee)
T Mueller
Mrs S Hepworth + (resigned 21 November 2023)
Mrs E Aubert "
Miss C Hart
Mr A Williams + (appointed 18 June 2024)
Mrs H Moore + (appointed 18 June 2024)
Mr K Underhill * (appointed 18 June 2024)

* Members of the Finance Committee

+ Members of the Education Committee "Members of the Estates Committee

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Operating name

The company operates as St David's College Trust.

The Headmaster

A Russell B.Sc., P.G.C.E., C.C.M. (SpLD)

The Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

Mrs N McDonald BA(Hons), ACMA

Company number

01351369

Registered office

St David's College
Llandudno, LL30 1RD

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Company Information

ADVISERS

Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 60 Mostyn Street Llandudno Conwy LL30 2SF
Solicitors	Hill Dickinson LLP No 1, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Auditor	Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited 3 rd Floor 5 Temple Square Temple Street Liverpool L2 5RN
Investments	Brewin Dolphin Limited 1 The Avenue Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
Property & Estates	Mostyn Estates Ltd (Landlord) Mostyn Court 2 Mostyn Street Llandudno LL30 2PS
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The Board of Governors, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2024, together with the audited financial statements for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016).

Principal activities and objectives

St David's College Trust (the College) which operates from St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD, is established to promote and provide for the advancement of education.

The College is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales, No. 01351369, and is registered with the Charities Commission under charity number 1075705. The Governors have obtained the consent of the Registrar of Companies to be exempt from the requirement to use the word 'Limited' in its name.

The Governors are also the company's directors and are shown on page 1.

Auditor

Mitchell Charlesworth LLP, has been newly appointed as the auditor.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The College is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as revised in June 2006.

Governing Body

The company is governed by its Board which consists of no less than 7 and no more than 20 members. The governing body, assisted by the Headmaster, Mr A Russell, and Bursar, Mrs N McDonald, is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the company as a whole.

The Governors are appointed annually by the Board of Governors.

Recruitment and training of Governors

The composition of the Board is carefully monitored to ensure a diverse range of professional skills and expertise. This year, three new Governors have been appointed, further enhancing the strength of the Board. Governors at St. David's College are recruited from various backgrounds, including the clergy, business, the professions, and alumni. All Governors must subscribe to the College's statement of faith. Upon joining, they are inducted into their responsibilities as both directors of the company and trustees of the charity. Through membership in AGBIS, Governors attend relevant external seminars and workshops. Additionally, periodic internal training days are held at the College to support their ongoing development.

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Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the College and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. The work of implementing most of the Board's policies is carried out by the Finance Committee which has met three times this year. The Education Committee met three times during the year, to discuss academic, pastoral and spiritual issues. The Governors submit a self-evaluation of their work which is incorporated into the College Development Plan. The day to day running of the College is delegated to the Head and Bursar supported by members of the School Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT meets every week and is comprised of the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain, two Assistant Heads and the SENCO.

Key management remuneration policy

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Board, with the policy objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly and responsibly for their individual contributions to the Company's success.

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually, including reference to comparisons with other independent colleges to ensure that the College remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit, subject to experience, at the lower to medium point within a band, providing scope for rewarding excellence. Delivery of the College's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our charitable expenditure.

Related Parties

A number of the Governors are directors or officers of external companies and any transactions are disclosed in Note 21 of the accounts.

Investment policy and objectives

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS).

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the company are set out in its Memorandum of Association. Within these objects the College aims:

- a. To develop the College as a Christian college for boys and girls.
- b. To acquire and carry on in the United Kingdom any other college or colleges for the education of children.

Aims and intended impacts

The College is a boarding and day college for up to 280 pupils aged 9-19. The College aims to develop "the whole person", through a broad education founded on Christian principles, a wide choice of interest and activity, and an achievable personal programme for each pupil. The College's expertise in helping dyslexic pupils is recognised internationally.

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Objectives

During this academic year St David's has continued to flourish in all aspects of school life with a growing local reputation and an improving situation with respect to boarding. This healthy balance ensures that day pupils benefit from the boarding 'feel'.

St David's College continues to excel in its traditional areas of strength: the arts; science; business/entrepreneurship; sport; outdoor education; ALN support; pastoral care and of course literacy and numeracy. The objective of staying true to who we are, has ensured a whole school focus. It has proven our solid foundation and we have consolidated our position within the boarding sector and the local day market. Demand for boarding places in the 2024/25 academic year remains strong, reflecting the school's reputation for excellence and the quality of our educational offerings. We are actively exploring ways to accommodate more students, as bed availability is at a premium.

We have maintained our support for RGC (the regional rugby team in North Wales) and with Bangor University. Many of our pupils are now benefiting from a defined pathway due to this educational partnership. Kit sponsorship and stadium advertising has raised the profile of St David's in the local community and beyond due to televising of high profile matches and concerts at Stadiwn CSM (Eirias Park Colwyn Bay). Likewise, we have sponsored Colwyn Bay RFC U15 linking with other local businesses.

Our strategic objectives for the upcoming year include:

- Recruiting international and domestic boarders
- Fundraising and implementing our Master Plan to create a future-ready environment
- Explore additional income stream initiatives
- Prioritizing staff training and wellbeing
- ALN assessment and online provision
- Advancing environmental initiatives, particularly through the Eco Schools Award

Operationally, we will continue to invest in quality assurance processes across all departments to maintain our high standards.

Strategies

The College measures its success in many ways, some of which are easier to quantify than others. Academically we measure success by raw examination results but more accurately by the value-added scores that are calculated annually when comparing the students' performance in exams with the levels as measured by national baseline testing when they joined the College. Equally important are the essential skills of leadership, teamwork, resilience, etc. These are almost impossible to quantify empirically, but we are proud of our success in ensuring that the majority of our pupils leave us with a strong sense of community, empathy and resilience.

The school places great importance on essential characteristics which ensures that young adults are equipped for anything that is thrown at them in their adulthood.

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Public benefit

St David's College Trust remains committed to the aim of providing public benefit in accordance with its founding principles. Charity law has introduced the requirement to demonstrate that public benefit for charitable purposes where it has hitherto been presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

The award of bursaries for the needy is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Board takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the College provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our college and who receive financial support contribute to the college community in a variety of ways. Hence the benefit is not purely to these pupils but to the whole College and, in some cases to the wider community. This year the College awarded scholarships, bursaries and other awards to the value of £691,868 at 9.1% of gross fees (2023 was £583,747, at 8.7% of gross fees) helping children to pursue their education at the College. The Governors will continue to demonstrate public benefit by making awards based on academic ability and financial need. We continue to provide for LEA funded students and 3 students who are partially funded by external Charitable Trust Funds.

The College has offered its facilities to local schools, organising several events including sporting activities. Local groups continue to make use of our facilities for meetings, charity events and drama clubs. The College opens up its historic buildings to the public as part of an annual Heritage Scheme in the county. The public benefit from partnering with RGC (Rygbi Gogledd Cymru), Llandudno Football Team and Llandudno Cricket Club will be appreciable in the offering of sports clinics and festivals in the closed term seasons.

Fundraising performance

We have been able to raise £2,880 for 12 charities, notably Restart a Heart (an initiative led by the Resuscitation Council UK to raise awareness of CPR and provide training to schoolchildren and communities, with the goal of increasing survival rates from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests), Make-A-Wish (grants life-changing wishes to children with critical illness) as well as our other home clothes day event donations. The Old Davideans' Association has raised over £1,500 through reunion events to support students who need financial assistance for essential A Level and GCSE curriculum trips, including sports tours. The committee is also dedicated to working more closely with the school to provide funding for smaller projects, while contributing to larger fundraising initiatives. Currently, there is over £40,000 in reserve, earmarked for enhancing sports facilities.

Investment performance

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS). Funds held in the AFPS are £730,183 (2023: £400,265). The value of investments held is £0 (2023: £111,115). However, as of September 2024, £1,000,000 has been deposited into a charity investment account to further secure the school's long-term financial commitments.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of achievements and performance for the year

At St David's College, we take pride in celebrating the accomplishments of our community, which reflect our distinctive approach to education. Our tailored programmes foster personal success within a nurturing environment. We are excited to continue our journey of growth, innovation, and excellence in the coming years. We are particularly proud of the inspection team's findings during our recent Estyn Inspection.

St. David's College is a welcoming and nurturing school. Pupils are confident and engage positively with staff and visitors. Staff build positive working relationships with pupils based on mutual respect and understanding. They provide sensitive guidance to support them to develop important skills, such as resilience. As a result, pupils engage purposefully with their learning. School leaders are committed and caring. They are heavily invested in the pupils and the life of the school. They have a clear understanding of the needs and aspirations of pupils – Estyn Nov 23

This year, we are celebrating success in all aspects of school life, as both pupils and staff have excelled in raising standards. This achievement comes at a time of growing student enrolment, reflecting the strength of our school community.

Examination results - At Level 2, St David's College performed strongly in several areas. While the percentage of A*/A grades was 8.8%, compared to 19.2% across Wales, the percentage of pupils achieving C/4 or above was 72.18%, higher than the national average of 62.2%. In specific subjects, 94.59% of pupils achieved C/4 or above in English, and there was a 100% success rate in Performing Arts, Music, and PE. Among the Year 10 cohort, 26.67% of students achieved C/4, with an impressive 89.33% securing A*/A grades out of 35 candidates. The school's value-added score at Level 2 stood at +0.2, indicating a positive impact on pupil progress.

At Level 3, St David's College excelled, with 42.19% of students achieving A*/A grades, well above the national average of 29.9% in Wales. Sixty percent of BTEC Level 3 results were awarded at the Distinction*/Distinction level. Furthermore, 100% of students received top grades in Chemistry, Physics, and Financial Capability, and 80% of grades achieved by PE students were Distinction*/Distinction. The value-added score at Level 3 was +0.3, further highlighting the school's contribution to academic growth and achievement.

University destinations include York, Cardiff Metropolitan, Oxford Brookes, Gloucester, Lancaster, Nottingham and Leeds with some students taking Gap years before continuing in education and others taking advantage of the new apprenticeship opportunities.

While many schools are restructuring and limiting subject choices, we are expanding our outstanding academic programme by introducing new subjects such as Economics and Financial Capability at Level 3. In addition, we continue to enrich our curriculum with departmental trips to enhance learning, including visits to the Globe Theatre and London dance studios, as well as educational experiences at historic sites like Blists Hill, the Battlefields, Krakow, and Auschwitz.

Life at St David's goes far beyond outstanding academic results. We believe that the world itself is a classroom, and fostering an appreciation for the awe and majesty of nature is vital to shaping well-rounded individuals. For the 2023/24 academic year, we had an exciting lineup of major outdoor education expeditions, offering students a range of adventurous experiences.

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Year 10 students embarked on several expeditions, including sea kayaking around the Isle of Skye, canoeing on the River Severn, rock climbing in the Peak District, and in Devon & Cornwall, caving in the Yorkshire Dales, trekking in the Lake District, and mountaineering in Scotland. Additionally, three exeat trips were based in North Wales, featuring canoeing and trekking.

We are also proud to have been able to offer a range of Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions: five for Bronze in Snowdonia, two for Silver in Anglesey, and one for Gold in the Lake District. 5 pupils were awarded their Gold DoE at the Palace this Summer.

For our younger students, we had the Year 6 expedition to Snowdonia, Year 5 to the Llangollen Canal, Year 7 to Anglesey, and Year 8 to the Mawdach Estuary. These expeditions provided invaluable outdoor learning experiences and personal growth opportunities for all the participants. This is in addition to the 90 school days of in-curriculum provision during the year and the house walls, Iron Hero, raft racing, orienteering, sailing and climbing competition (both intra and inter school)

By way of further departmental recognition (AHOEC Gold Standard 2022) our Chief Instructor has been honoured with the RYA Sailing Impact Award 2024, recognising his dedication to sailing and the significant influence he has had on countless pupils at St David's College and beyond. Not only has he provided engaging and memorable sailing lessons, but he has also equipped students, particularly BTEC pupils, with professional boating qualifications. Many of our 6th formers graduate with certifications such as Power Boat Level 1 and 2, Safety Boat, RYA First Aid, VHF, and Sea Survival Certificates. The leaders of the department are also published authors and regular magazine contributors.

Beyond the school, he has forged strong partnerships with local Scout groups, giving local youth access to our sailing facilities. His contributions have had a wide-reaching impact.

As Welsh Boys Champions at Llangrannog early this year, St David's College had the honour of representing Wales at the British Ski Championships in November at Hillend in Edinburgh. The teams also competed in the North Wales Snowsports Association even later in the year. The school organised two ski trips to Italy, offering opportunities for both beginner and advanced skiers. Additionally, two of our boys hold the title of Welsh U16 dry slope champion and secured first and second place in Wales on artificial snow.

With dozens of sports fixtures each term in each age category, some pupils at St David's College enjoy nearly 24 hours of sport a week, thanks to a comprehensive programme of after-school and weekend activities, both at school and through local clubs. The school provides strong support for our elite athletes, ensuring they can maintain their education while competing away from school by working closely with the associations' education coordinators.

At the elite level, we have two girls representing the Ravens in rugby, along with four RGC players and St David's is the Urdd Rugby Cup holders at the U12 girls' and U15 boys' levels. A Year 10 pupil plays football for Wales and has competed in European competitions above her age group. Five skiers represent Wales, as does a Year 10 pupil in weightlifting and a Year 11 pupil in badminton. St David's is also home to national champions in sailing and hydrofoiling, as well as athletes excelling at regional levels in netball, tennis, and equestrian sports. Unusually we are also the U13 and U14 Urdd Cup holders in Basketball this year, a sport with growing interest and participation.

The new Chaplain was officially welcomed into the school with a blessing from the Bishop of St Asaph, who shared a touching comment from his own son's experience at our school: 'Do you know who the most important person is at school Dad? It's me!' This recent appointment has further enhanced the school's pastoral care, with the Chaplain offering spiritual guidance and support. He provides students with opportunities for reflection on Christianity and other faiths, enriching the overall well-being of our community.

As part of our commitment to enhancing our careers provision, we have successfully launched Unifrog for students in Years 11, 12, and 13, with plans to roll it out to Year 10 after half-term. Full staff training will be provided during the coming year. We will also be incorporating Unifrog into PSHE lessons for Years 7 to 9. The platform aligns with the Gatsby Benchmarks, helping us demonstrate how we are meeting these important career education standards.

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In our performing arts and music departments, The LAMDA results were outstanding, with the highest honour going to the 1st XV rugby captain, who achieved a Grade 8 Distinction in Solo Musical Theatre, capping off his recognition through his NODA awards two years previous. Several students earned Level 7 Silver Awards in the same discipline, and two were nominated for Best Actor in the Area 1 NODA Awards, with one new actor winning for his portrayal of Trunchbull in *Matilda*.

The school's production of *Loserville* was a resounding success, featuring four performances at a local theatre and involving a quarter of the school in various roles. Additionally, the junior department staged *Lion King Junior*, alongside a Summer Soiree held in the Speech Day marquee. These performances complemented our band and talent nights, as well as the wide range of peripatetic lessons that contribute to the heart of the school through the music department.

We continue to nurture our 60-year partnership with Glod camps during the summer holidays. Looking ahead, we aim to expand our offerings by introducing activities that will serve as additional income streams for St David's College. These plans include hosting touring teams, offering summer sports and academic programs, and providing ALN assessments.

We are delighted to announce that one of our pupils, last year's Head Girl, after being selected as a finalist for this year's Innovation Awards, has won one of the 12 prestigious awards. She will be presented with her award and prize money at a ceremony in the Senedd in Cardiff Bay at the end of the year. Being nominated is a remarkable achievement, with six of our students reaching the finalist stage, but winning one of these highly coveted awards is truly outstanding.

We are incredibly proud to share that one of our year twelve pupils has been named The Most Remarkable Sixth Former of the Year, winning the prestigious Lexden Prize at the Independent Schools Association Awards 2024! Born with a rare genetic condition, he has undergone 43 surgeries so far, yet his determination to become a surgeon has never wavered. Despite the challenges of recovering from complex operations, he has worked tirelessly to achieve an outstanding academic record to pursue his dream.

Recently, he was invited to speak at the European Symposium on Paediatric Otorhinolaryngology 2023, where he presented to over 100 surgeons about the impact of his airway interventions. In addition to his academic achievements, our new Deputy Head boy leads a busy and fulfilling life—he has a paper round, practices kickboxing, earned a black belt in karate, plays multiple musical instruments, and volunteers at a local care home.

Above all, he is a truly remarkable person. Later this year, he will head to the House of Lords to receive his well-deserved award. We couldn't be happier that his extraordinary strength of character has been recognized in this way.

This year, we have 33 children with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) and 19 with statements of special educational needs. The most prevalent Additional Learning Need (ALN) in our school is dyslexia, with 69 pupils registered as having this as their primary learning difficulty. Additionally, 115 pupils are on School Action Plus, a number that could be significantly affected by future external financial changes.

Our ALN department consists of one full-time ALNCo and three deputies, supported by a team of 21 teachers, two speech and language therapists, and one occupational therapist. This team works to complement our classroom provision, which includes small class sizes of 2-12 pupils, low sensory distractions, a multisensory teaching approach, and a curriculum tailored to support students with weak working memory and slow processing speeds. Each classroom is equipped with assistive technology to further support learning.

*Staff at the school work in pupils' best interests and have high expectations of them. As a result, nearly all pupils, including those with additional learning needs (ALN), make positive progress during their time at the school. - Estyn
Nov 23*

In the coming year, we will be introducing an online assessment provision, leveraging the expertise of our team, along with offering online interventions for students who require additional support.

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In 2022, St David's College proudly joined the internationally accredited Eco-Schools Programme, a global initiative involving 59,000 schools across 68 countries. Today, we are thrilled to celebrate a significant milestone: the Eco-Schools Silver Award. This achievement was made possible thanks to the dedication and hard work of our pupils, particularly the Eco-Schools Committee, as well as the support of the housekeeping, maintenance, and catering teams, along with the Senior Leadership Team. Even our parents have played a role by introducing a uniform swap shop!

As part of the programme, we assessed our performance in areas such as energy usage, waste management, and the community's awareness of climate change. This evaluation guided the creation of an action plan, with many goals achieved through the collective efforts of our school community. The plan is now under review, and new targets are being set to help us make further progress in reducing our environmental impact and securing a sustainable future for our pupils. We are proud to be building on our Silver Award as we continue this important journey.

All staff at St David's are easily accessible, with house staff maintaining daily communication with boarding families. The positive school culture is evident to visitors, guests, and inspectors alike, characterized by a deep sense of individual value for each pupil. There is a strong bond between staff and students, with both invested in each other's lives. Personal growth is nurtured through small class sizes and robust cultural integration programs. - Estyn Nov 23

Our strategic objectives for the upcoming year include:

- Recruiting international and domestic boarders
- Fundraising and implementing our Master Plan to create a future-ready environment
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Operationally, we will continue to invest in quality assurance processes across all departments to maintain our high standards.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The College's surplus of £379,448 (2023: £113,111 deficit) was above the target budgeted surplus of £39,433. This was due to additional boarding pupils during the year and tight cost control. Operating costs tended to reduce against budget in most areas. We had a good collection of debtors during the year adding only £19,687 to our debtor provisions. We had a gain on investments of £5,402. Academic staffing costs were £3,519,986 (2023: £3,463,096).

Fees increased by 3.9% on 1st September 2023 and 2% on 1st January 2024. The gross fee income increased by £873,994 during the year due to extra boarding pupils and the impact of the fee increase. Bursaries continued to be in demand, with the level awarded being 0.5% of gross fees at £36,481. Bursaries are awarded on a means tested basis. There was an increase in net fees of £765,873.

Pupil numbers increased from 257 to 267 by the year ended 31st August 2024 (265 during the year ended 31st August 2023). Pupil numbers in September 2024 are 270 and the new pupil intake is 52.

We have maintained a strong balance sheet and cash reserves, which have enabled us to prepare for the challenges of the new year, including the rising costs of fuel, energy, and food, as well as the anticipated VAT on school fees from January 2025.

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Reserves Level and Policy and Financial Viability

The College's reserve policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted income reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall and to rely on the readily realisable cash in bank and overdraft facility.

The College's total reserves are £3,202,855 (2023: £2,823,407) at the year end, of which £3,075,626 (2023: £3,226,083) relate to the fixed assets and investments of the school, leaving £127,229 (2023: £(402,732)) of free reserves for the College. The Board deem this to be an adequate level of free reserves given the current climate and the availability of the £400,000 overdraft.

Restricted Funds of £94,160 (2023: £89,821) and Designated Funds of £73 (2023: £91) are held against various restricted activities, being the depreciating value of Tryfan Boarding House, the James Webb fund held for projects relating to the Assistive Technology Programme, the Boat fund which is held for the purchase and upkeep of school boats, the appeal value of Chelsea House and the Chapel fund for Chapel resources and other needs. The Charity Commission has advised us that although the fund value of Tryfan must remain restricted, the cash surplus in respect of Chelsea may be used for other development purposes.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Risk management

The Governors consider that, while previous years of economic turbulence and future uncertainties continue to pose potential challenges to our financial security through fluctuations in pupil numbers, the decision to move away from the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) has significantly alleviated a major financial risk for the College. Increased costs for manpower and other resources have been supported by corresponding increases in fees. The Governors recognised the escalating costs of the TPS as an unacceptable risk, leading to a consultation process with teaching staff, which concluded with the College exiting the scheme on 30 April 2021. This bold decision has proven to be the right one for the long-term sustainability of the College, as the new pension scheme continues to offer manageable employers' contributions in line with the pre-September 2021 TPS rate of 16.48%, rather than the unsustainable increase to 23.7%.

Governors have also reviewed the risks faced in the principal areas of College operations, noting the continual risk assessments conducted by staff. The Governors remain of the opinion that the College has established resources and systems which, under normal conditions, should allow risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the College's routine operations.

Again, this year, the Governors have monitored the requirements of the Charities Act on the College's charitable status. As reported under Public Benefit, the College can demonstrate its public benefit; the Governors see no necessity, therefore, to make any financial provision for the Charities Act requirements at this time.

The key controls used by the charity include:

- 1) Formal agendas for all Committee and Board activity
- 2) Detailed Terms of Reference for Finance, Education and Development Committees
- 3) Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting, and management accounting
- 4) Production of a College Development Plan which is continuously updated by the School Leadership Team
- 5) Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- 6) Formal written policies and health and safety procedures
- 7) Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable
- 8) Monitoring of cash flows on a termly basis

Through the risk management processes established for the College, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

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The main risks as identified by the Governors are as follows:

Pupil Numbers

The Governing Body regularly reviews the recruitment and retention of pupils, with a particular focus on sustaining and growing our boarding community. The College continues to invest in new marketing initiatives, with a notable increase in the marketing budget aimed at strengthening pupil recruitment. While pupil numbers across the independent school sector have seen a slight decline-overall numbers decreasing by 0.1% and new pupil enrolments dropping by 2.7% (source: The Independent School Council (ISC) census)-our College has bucked this trend with consistent growth. This is particularly significant in a time when year seven enrolments and smaller schools have been disproportionately affected. The Governors continue to monitor our marketing and admissions efforts closely and are considering additional recruitment within the department to further support this positive trajectory.

Loss of VAT relief

Now that the Labour Party is in government, the introduction of VAT at 20% on independent school fees is anticipated. In response, the Governing Body has moved beyond scenario planning and is actively taking steps to ensure the College remains competitive and viable. To mitigate the financial impact on the school and its families, we have made a strategic decision to increase fees by 8% from January 2025, rather than the full 20% to cover VAT. We believe this measured approach will help maintain accessibility for our families while ensuring the College's financial sustainability.

Our decision was not solely based on hypothetical planning but involved a thorough review of the local market in North Wales. This review confirmed that our fee structure remains competitive within the region, and our careful adjustments will support the long-term viability of the College. Additionally, the Governors continue to explore other cost-saving and income-generating strategies to further ease the financial burden on families and preserve the high quality of education and pastoral care that St. David's College is known for.

By taking proactive steps, we aim to maintain our strong position in the independent school sector, despite the external financial pressures.

Credit and Debt recovery Risk

The Governing body monitor the late and/or non-payment of fees and the steps in place to recover these debts, to prevent a detrimental effect on cash flow and income. Persistent debtors are pursued through legal channels to recover the debt. An adequate provision for bad debts that may not be recoverable is set each year to protect against any unpreventable losses.

Cash flow Risk

Cash flow is assessed on a monthly basis and reported to the Governing Body. The average cash balance by this year end was reported to be an adequate £1,737,345 (2023: £1,188,086).

Future Plans

The strong financial performance and positive cash flows in recent years have positioned the College to explore exciting opportunities for significant capital investments in the coming years. We are actively engaged in our master plan, which reflects our commitment to enhancing the educational experience for our students while preserving the unique character of our Grade I listed building.

- An improved sports facility through the delivery of a new indoor sports facility including sports hall, weights room and PE classrooms.
- Collaborate with the ODA in building a pavilion on the games pitch.
- Refurbishment of boarding areas through our rolling upgrading and maintenance programme.
- Continue to develop a link to humanitarian projects in the UK and Europe, specifically for younger years to attend.
- Continue to improve ICT, technology for learning and communications systems within the college and boarding accommodation.
- Creating improved teaching facilities.
- More environmentally friendly policies across the College.

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Year ended 31 August 2024

Trustees'/Governors' Responsibilities

The Governors (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions applicable under the Companies Act 2006 and the charity's constitution.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- as the Governors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable for companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

Approved by the Board of Governors of St David's College Trust on 3rd December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Gaskell

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St David's College Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including the Summary Income and Expenditure Account), the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Charities SORP 2019.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Governors' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Governors' Annual Report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Governors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Governors' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees'/Governors' responsibilities set out on page 10, the Governors (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the industry and sector, control environment and business performance;
- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or error;
- the results of our enquiries of management and members of the board of governors of their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the following areas:

(i) The presentation of the charity's Statement of Financial Activities, (ii) revenue recognition (iii) the overstatement of salary and other costs. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued by the joint SORP making body.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. This includes regulations concerning Data Protection and Safeguarding.

Audit response to risks identified

As a result of performing the above, we identified the presentation of the academy's Statement of Financial Activities, revenue recognition and overstatement of wages and other costs as the key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud. The key audit matters section of our report explains the matters in more detail and also describes the specific procedures we performed in response to those key audit matters.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations described above as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management and members of the board concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;

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- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with relevant authorities where matters identified were significant;
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited

Louise Casey (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of MITCHELL CHARLESWORTH (AUDIT) LIMITED, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 3rd December 2024

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 August 2024

INCOME		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from Charitable Activities						
School fees	2	6,911,357	-	-	6,911,357	6,145,483
Other educational income	3a	57,255	-	-	57,255	51,123
Other ancillary income	3b	68,455	-	-	68,455	77,838
Donations	3c	-	-	10,027	10,027	500
Grant income	3d	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	4	-	-	-	-	666
Total income		7,037,067	-	10,027	7,047,094	6,275,610
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	6,627,386	18	5,688	6,633,092	6,374,909
Costs of raising funds	8	39,956	-	-	39,956	10,456
Total expenditure	8	6,667,341	18	5,688	6,673,048	6,385,365
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		369,726	(18)	4,339	374,046	(109,754)
Net (losses) gain on Investment	11	5,402	-	-	5,402	(3,357)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		375,128	(18)	4,339	379,448	(113,111)
Fund balances as at 1 September		2,733,493	91	89,822	2,823,407	2,936,463
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST	17	3,108,621	73	94,161	3,202,855	2,823,351

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 August 2023

INCOME		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from Charitable Activities						
School fees	2	6,145,483	-	-	6,145,483	6,046,187
Other educational income	3a	51,123	-	-	51,123	71,078
Other ancillary income	3b	77,838	-	-	77,838	77,482
Donations	3c	500	-	-	500	-
Grant income	3d	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	4	666	-	-	666	2,032
Total income		<u>6,275,610</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,275,610</u>	<u>6,196,779</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	6,369,198	23	5,688	6,374,909	6,016,206
Costs of raising funds	8	10,456	-	-	10,456	6,179
Total expenditure	8	<u>6,7379,654</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>5,688</u>	<u>6,385,365</u>	<u>6,022,385</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		(104,044)	(23)	(5,688)	(109,754)	174,394
Net (losses) gain on Investment	11	(3,357)	-	-	(3,357)	(16,383)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(107,401)	(23)	(5,688)	(113,111)	158,011
Fund balances as at 1 September		2,840,839	114	95,510	2,936,463	2,778,452
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST	17	<u>2,733,438</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>89,822</u>	<u>2,823,351</u>	<u>2,936,463</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	3,075,626	3,114,969
Investments	11	-	111,115
Total fixed assets		<u>3,075,626</u>	<u>3,226,083</u>
Current assets			
Land held for sale	12	37,227	37,227
Stocks		19,703	31,328
Debtors due within one year	13	1,137,582	152,089
Cash at bank and in hand		2,587,566	1,366,181
		<u>3,782,078</u>	<u>1,586,824</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(3,074,083)</u>	<u>(1,607,227)</u>
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>707,995</u>	<u>(20,403)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,783,621</u>	<u>3,205,680</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(580,767)</u>	<u>(382,329)</u>
Net assets		<u>3,202,855</u>	<u>2,823,351</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	18a	94,161	89,822
Designated funds	18b	73	91
Unrestricted funds	18c	3,108,621	2,733,438
Total funds		<u>3,202,855</u>	<u>2,823,351</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements on pages 18 to 38 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 3rd December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Gaskell

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

The notes on pages 22 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash from operating activities	23	917,933		393,342	
Interest paid		<u>(20,082)</u>		<u>(11,334)</u>	
Net cash from operating activities			897,851		382,008
Cash used in investing activities					
Investment income		116,517		666	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(122,956)</u>		<u>(153,869)</u>	
Cash used in investing activities			(6,439)		(153,204)
Fees in advance scheme					
New fees in advance	15a	732,882		352,288	
Amounts accrued to fees in advance contracts		6,362		4,996	
Amounts utilised		<u>(409,326)</u>		<u>(262,428)</u>	
			329,918		94,857
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year			1,221,330		323,662
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			1,366,236		1,042,574
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u>2,587,566</u>		<u>1,366,236</u>

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

St David's College Trust, Llandudno (the College) is an incorporated charitable company which is limited by guarantee, (registered company no. 01351369), (charity no. 1075705), registered in England & Wales. The College's registered address and principal place of business is St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value except for certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounting policies are set out below.

The College constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the College. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The College's ability to continue operating is aided by the continued support of its bankers and the availability of adequate overdraft facilities, should they be required. The overdraft facility has been renewed up to August 2025. Should it be necessary we can draw on the overdraft facility, but we have not needed to in either the current or prior year. Detailed cash flow forecasts and budgets have been prepared and approved by the Governors to ensure the College can meet its financial commitments when they become due in the coming year and the following year. The College has implemented a strategy focused on pupil recruitment and a programme of cost control to ensure the College can operate within its agreed bank overdraft facilities. On this basis therefore it is appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the withdrawal of support from the College's bankers.

The College has managed its finances very efficiently during the current year. Governors have concluded that it is reasonable to expect that the school will generate sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet all of its financial obligations. For this reason, the Governors have continued to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the School's financial statements.

Fees and similar income

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions granted by the College, but include contributions received from Restricted Funds for Scholarships, Bursaries and other grants. Scholarships are assessed and awarded on a pupil's merit following an annual Scholarship Day held in the early Spring term. Bursaries are considered on the basis of a declaration of income and liabilities from the parents applying for such an award. Non-refundable fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years under an Advance Fee Payment Scheme contract are held as interest-bearing liabilities until either taken to income in the term when used or transferred to another school.

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Investment income

Investment income from bank balances and fixed asset investments are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the running of the school and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to those activities. Governance costs (included within support costs) comprise the costs of running the charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the College Governors, and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the costs of Board and Committee meetings and of preparing statutory accounts and satisfying public accountability.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. The capitalisation policy is that purchases of more than £1,000 and with a useful life of over 12 months are considered to be capital purchases.

Land and buildings are classified as fixed assets held primarily for charity use and do not include investment assets. Land deemed as to be put up for sale within 12 months is classified as current assets.

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives. The current depreciation rates are as follows:

Leasehold buildings	2% p.a. (2.5% in 2006 and prior years) – straight line
Portable buildings	10% p.a. – straight line
Equipment and furnishings	19% to 21% p.a. – reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% p.a. – reducing balance
Assets in the course of construction	No depreciation

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks comprise of resources purchased during 2023/24, for use in the academic year 2024/25.

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Pension schemes

The College participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) (the TPS), for its teaching staff up to 30 April 2021 when it exited the scheme. This is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme and it is not possible or appropriate to consistently identify the liabilities of the TPS which are attributable to the College. The College, in accordance with FRS 102 therefore, the Scheme is accounted for as a Defined Contribution Scheme.

The College also participates in a defined contribution group personal pension scheme for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS. The employer contributions start from 8% up to a maximum of 12.35% in line with the amount the employee wishes to contribute personally.

Contributions to both schemes are charged in the SOFA as they become payable.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to resources expended on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Unrestricted Funds and Designated fund

Funds are retained to cover the fixed assets, provide working capital and repay long-term loans. Funds are designated within Unrestricted Funds when there is a specific project to be undertaken.

The designated fund represents the depreciating value of the furniture and equipment of the Chelsea House along with the surplus in the specific designated bank account.

Restricted fund

The restricted fund represents the depreciating value of the Tryfan Boarding House and the James Webb Assistive Technology Suite.

Funds are restricted when they have been given or raised for a specific purpose.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

The College has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised in the College's balance sheet when the school becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables (but not prepayments) not measured at amortised cost, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as, either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The College makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Bad debt provision

Fee debtors are reviewed, annually, when the governors consider the requirement to write off any bad debts over 12 months old or those which are found to be non-recoverable. All fee debts, which are outstanding at the end of the financial year, less any amounts expected during the following financial year, will be covered by a bad debt provision, unless those fees are believed to be payable within the next 3 months.

Depreciation rates

Depreciation policies are applied to each asset category in order to reflect the useful economic life of the assets.

2 Income from charitable activities

School fees

(a) The School's fee income comprised:

	Unrestricted	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross fees	7,603,225	6,729,231
Less: Bursaries and awards	(184,087)	(183,544)
Fee discounts	(507,781)	(400,203)
	<u>6,911,357</u>	<u>6,145,483</u>

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3	Other income	Unrestricted	
		2024	2023
		£	£
(a)	Other educational charitable activities		
	Lettings	57,255	51,123
		<u>57,255</u>	<u>51,123</u>
(b)	Other ancillary activities		
		Unrestricted	
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Other income	691	6,506
	Bus income	67,764	71,333
		<u>68,455</u>	<u>77,838</u>
(c)	Donations - Restricted		
		Restricted	
		2024	2023
		£	£
		10,027	500
		<u>10,027</u>	<u>500</u>
(d)	Grant income - Unrestricted		
		Unrestricted	
		2024	2023
		£	£
		-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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4	Investment income	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
	Investment income	-	-	-	666
		-	-	-	666

The total income in 2024 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5	Total staff costs comprised	2024 £	2023 £
	Wages and salaries	3,971,022	3,824,429
	Social security costs	372,918	351,721
	Pension contributions	501,106	469,512
		4,845,046	4,645,663

The average full-time equivalent number of employees employed by the School during the year was:

	2024	2023
Teaching	56	55
Welfare	29	28
Premises	8	8
Support	9	9
	102	100
The average number of employees on the payroll was	142	141

None of the Board members received remuneration in the year.

Governor travel and training expenses of £2,114 (2023: £2,100) – paid to Governors during the year to reimburse out of pocket expenses relating to travel.

An ex-gratia provision of £1,471 was made this year. The provision was made in relation to a termination of employment settlement agreement.

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5 Total staff costs comprised (continued)

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£60,000- £70,000	2	3
£70,000-£80,000	-	2
£80,000-£90,000	-	1
£90,000- £100,000	1	1
£100,000-£110,000	-	-

Contributions by the school for the higher-paid employee shown above amounting to £52,561 (2023 £41,200) were made to the Legal & General Pension Fund.

	2024	2023
Aggregate employee benefits of:		
Key management personnel	250,474	£245,820

The key management personnel are the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head and the Chaplain.

6 Analysis of Governance expenditure included within support costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Auditors' remuneration including VAT: for audit services	38,040	28,500
Governors travel expenses	2,114	2,100
	40,154	30,600

7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2024 £	2023 £
Operating leases:		
- Land & buildings	35,700	35,700
- Motor	37,553	37,553
- Equipment	14,736	12,589
Depreciation	162,298	161,301

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8 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Depreciation £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Costs of raising funds:					
Financing costs	-	8,387	-	8,387	6,463
Bank interest and charges	-	11,695	-	11,695	4,871
Bad debts write off	-	19,874	-	19,874	(878)
	<u>-</u>	<u>39,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,956</u>	<u>10,456</u>
Charitable activities					
Teaching	3,519,986	351,882	44,959	3,916,828	3,858,690
Welfare	691,413	329,122	41,363	1,061,897	880,251
Premises	257,574	655,230	72,380	985,184	956,168
Support costs of schooling	376,074	289,512	3,597	669,183	679,800
	<u>4,845,047</u>	<u>1,625,746</u>	<u>162,298</u>	<u>6,633,092</u>	<u>6,374,909</u>
School's operating costs					
	<u>4,845,047</u>	<u>1,625,746</u>	<u>162,298</u>	<u>6,633,092</u>	<u>6,374,909</u>
Total expenditure	<u>4,845,047</u>	<u>1,665,702</u>	<u>162,298</u>	<u>6,673,048</u>	<u>6,385,365</u>

Total expenditure was £6,673,048 (2023: £6,385,365) of which £5,688 (2023: £5,688) was restricted and £18 (2023: £23) was designated. Total remaining funds were unrestricted.

The credit on the bad debt write off arose due to collection of some older historic debts which has enabled us to release bad debt provisions, and excellent collection of the current year's fees.

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Depreciation £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Support costs of schooling					
Salaries	376,074	-	-	376,074	363,925
PR & Marketing	-	133,732	-	133,732	142,159
Agents Commission	-	30,359	-	30,359	56,875
Legal & professional	-	67,204	-	67,204	53,752
Postage and stationery	-	32,521	-	32,521	32,787
Telephones	-	25,697	-	25,697	26,727
Depreciation	-	-	3,597	3,597	3,575
	<u>376,074</u>	<u>289,512</u>	<u>3,597</u>	<u>669,183</u>	<u>679,800</u>

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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Asset in Course of Construction	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Portable Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment & Furnishings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 September 2023		4,340,544	29,756	41,954	1,609,790	6,022,044
Additions	1,320	83,691	-	17,515	23,430	125,956
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
At 31 August 2024	1,320	4,424,235	29,756	56,469	1,633,220	6,145,000
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2023	-	1,555,864	26,443	35,183	1,289,586	2,907,077
Charge for year	-	99,504	2,975	5,622	54,197	162,298
At 31 August 2024	-	1,655,368	29,418	40,805	£1,343,783	£3,069,374
Net Book Value						
At 31 August 2024	£1,320	2,768,867	338	15,664	289,436	3,075,626
At 31 August 2023	-	2,784,680	3,314	9,772	320,203	3,114,969

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11 Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Investments at market value at 1 September 2023	111,115	114,472
Additions	9,364	29,380
Disposals	(120,683)	(21,235)
Increase in Cash	(963)	(9,345)
Revaluation (loss)/surplus	-	(3,357)
Fees	1,167	1,200
Investments at market value at 31 August 2024	-	111,115
Historical Cost of investments	-	115,595

Listed investment assets in the UK

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Listed investments				
Quoted fixed interest securities	-	-	-	36,636
Other investments	-	-	-	66,617
Other investments				
UK cash held as part of portfolio	-	-	-	7,862
	-	-	-	111,115

All investments are primarily held to provide an investment return. All investments are carried at their fair value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value). Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

At the year-end, the College's long-term investments stood at £0, as the funds were repaid in April 2024 following the conclusion of the investment.

12 Land held for sale

	2024 £	2023 £
Land held for sale	37,227	37,227
	37,227	37,227

School fees which were previously secured by a Voluntary Legal Charge were realised during 2012/13 and the School took possession of land included at £37,227 the value of the outstanding debt.

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13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees and extras in arrears	1,059,729	17,964
Other debtors		
Prepayments	77,854	134,125
	<u>1,137,582</u>	<u>152,089</u>

Debts which have been written off during the year amounted to £26,083 (2023: £18,077). The provision for doubtful debts has decreased by £26,979 in the year.

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	57,690	79,022
Accruals	54,965	120,886
Deferred income	2,223,960	811,426
Other creditors	168,121	140,158
School fees in advance	422,416	318,935
Deposits against recoveries	47,000	45,000
Other Tax and Social Security	86,508	80,974
Pension contributions	13,421	10,826
	<u>3,074,083</u>	<u>1,607,227</u>

School fees in advance include £730,183 (2023: £400,265) relating to the Advance Fee Payments Scheme, see note 15a for details. The remainder are for Autumn term 2024.

	2024 £	2023 £
School fees in advance (excluding advance fee payment schemes) At 1 September 2023	811,426	529,200
Released from previous year	(811,426)	(529,200)
Resources deferred in the year	2,223,960	811,426
	<u>2,223,960</u>	<u>811,426</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2024		

Bank overdraft

The bank overdraft is secured by a first mortgage dated 13 November 2000 over the College's leasehold property known as St David's College, Gloddaeth Hall and Cottages, Llandudno, LL30 1RP and the following debenture dated 7 December 2000.

Debenture including Fixed Charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; First Fixed Charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future, and First Floating Charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future dated 7 December 2000.

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15 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
School fees received in advance (see note 15a)	307,767	81,329
Deposits against recoveries	273,000	301,000
	<u>580,767</u>	<u>382,329</u>

The deposits are from parents and are disclosed as partly repayable after more than one year because they are repayable when the pupil leaves and it is reasonable to assume that many pupils will not be leaving within one year.

15a Advance fee payments

Parents may pay to the College up to the equivalent of 7 years tuition fees in advance. Ownership of the funds passes to the College on receipt, but advance payments can be repaid if a pupil does not come to St David's or leaves the College earlier than had been anticipated.

Assuming pupils will remain in the College, advance fees will be applied as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Within 1 year	422,416	318,935
Within 2-5 years	<u>307,767</u>	<u>81,329</u>
	<u>730,183</u>	<u>400,265</u>

The balance included in creditors represents the accrued liability under the contracts. The capital movements during the year were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Balance at 1 September	400,265	305,408
New scheme in year	732,882	352,288
Amounts accrued to contracts as debt financing costs	6,362	4,996
Amounts utilised in payment of fees	<u>(409,326)</u>	<u>(262,428)</u>
Balance at 31 August	<u>730,183</u>	<u>400,265</u>

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16 Financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Carrying amount of financial assets	37,227	148,342
Financial assets measured at fair value		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>1,059,729</u>	<u>17,964</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities	(2,924,666)	(777,866)
Measured at amortised cost		

17 Allocation of the charity net assets

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

31 August 2024	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liability £	Total £
Restricted funds	82,376	-	11,785	-	94,160
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	2,993,250	-	1,426,394	(580,767)	3,838,878
Advance fees	-	-	(422,416)	(307,767)	(730,183)
Unrestricted funds: Designated	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	<u>3,075,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,015,762</u>	<u>(888,534)</u>	<u>3,202,855</u>
31 August 2023	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liability £	Total £
Restricted funds	88,064	-	7,057	-	95,121
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	3,026,814	111,115	372,804	(382,329)	3,128,404
Advance fees	-	-	(318,935)	(81,329)	(400,265)
Unrestricted funds: Designated	91	-	-	-	91
Total funds	<u>3,114,969</u>	<u>111,115</u>	<u>60,926</u>	<u>(463,659)</u>	<u>2,823,351</u>

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18a Restricted funds

31 August 2024	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Tryfan	88,064	-	(5,688)	-	82,376
James Webb		-	-	-	
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Chapel Fund	-	10,027	-	-	10,027
Total funds	89,821	10,027	(5,688)	-	94,161

31 August 2023	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Tryfan	93,752	-	(5,688)	-	88,064
James Webb	-	-	-	-	-
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	95,510	-	(5,688)	-	89,821

Tryfan:	The balance represents the depreciating value of the Boarding House.
James Webb Fund:	The fund was set up to provide an assistive technology suite.
Boat Fund:	Donations received towards the purchase and upkeep of boats.
Chapel Fund:	Donations designated for the Chaplain to allocate towards Chapel resources and other needs as required.

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18b Unrestricted funds: Designated

31 August 2024	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Development	91	-	(18)	-	73
Appeal					
31 August 2023	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Development	114	-	(23)	-	91

Development Appeal: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Chelsea House furniture and equipment, which may now be used for other development purposes.

18c Unrestricted funds

31 August 2024	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
General reserve	2,733,493	7,037,067	(6,667,341)	5,402	3,108,621
31 August 2023	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
General reserve	2,840,839	6,275,610	(6,379,654)	(3,357)	2,733,493

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19 Contracts and commitments

There is a capital commitment for £Nil at 31 August 2024 (2023: £Nil).

20 Operating lease

The lease, covering the school buildings and the grounds, granted by Mostyn Estates expires in 2060.

Total Future minimum lease payments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Under 1 year	48,077	80,824
1 – 5 years	149,000	189,799
After 5 years	<u>1,088,850</u>	<u>1,106,700</u>
	<u>1,285,927</u>	<u>1,377,323</u>

The leases relate to land and buildings, minibuses and equipment.

21 Related party transactions

Charlotte Hart, a Governor, was previously an Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP. Hill Dickinson LLP provided legal services of £14,773 (2023: £20,284) during the year. There was a balance of £515 (2023: £569) outstanding at the end of the year. Additionally, Eunice Aubert, Vice Chair of the Governing Body, and her family donated £600 to the Chapel fund. Due to a correction in accounting treatment, an additional £9,427, which had accumulated since 2020, is being recognised through the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the first time this year. These funds, totaling £10,027, have not yet been used and will remain in restricted funds for future Chapel-related purposes. All transactions were carried out in accordance with the College's governing document.

22 Pension costs

Legal and General Pension Scheme

From 1 May 2021 the College participated in a Legal and General Pension Scheme for all eligible teachers. The employer contributions being 16.48%. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to that scheme for the 12 months of £414,080 (2023: £373,687 plus TPS £0) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £nil (2023: £nil).

Group personal pension scheme

The College also participates in two defined contribution group personal pension schemes for employees who are not eligible for membership of the Legal and General Pension Scheme. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to those schemes of £87,026 (2023: £88,449) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £nil (2023: £nil).

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23 Cash generated from operations

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	374,046	(109,699)
Eliminations of non-operating cash flows:		
Investment income	-	(666)
Finance costs	20,082	11,334
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	162,298	161,301
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	556,427	62,269
Decrease in stocks	11,625	(11,796)
Increase in debtors	(985,494)	(41,397)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors (excluding fees in advance scheme)	1,335,375	384,266
Cash generated from operations	917,933	393,342

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Registered Charity number: 1075705
Registered Company number: 01351369

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Year ended 31 August 2023

Legal Status

St David's College Trust is a registered charity incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006.

Governors

The Governors of St David's College Trust who served during the year were:

Rev Dr P Gaskell +* "(Chairman and Chair of Finance Committee)
R Kenwell (Treasurer)*
Rt Rev K Sinclair
Viscount Chelsea
G Wilson *
R Leake + (Chair of Education Committee)
Miss C Hart
Mrs B Hutchinson Smith +
P Hadley +
Mrs A Seldon "(Nee Haydon) (Chair of Estates Committee)
T Mueller
Mrs S Hepworth +
Mrs E Aubert "

* Members of the Finance Committee

+ Members of the Education Committee

"Members of the Estates Committee

Registered charity number	Company number	Registered office
1075705	01351369	St David's College Llandudno LL30 1RD

Operating name

The company operates as St David's College Trust.

The Headmaster

A Russell B.Sc., P.G.C.E., C.C.M. (SpLD)

The Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

Mrs N McDonald BA(Hons), ACMA

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ADVISERS

Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 60 Mostyn Street Llandudno Conwy LL30 2SF
Solicitors	Hill Dickinson LLP No 1, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Auditor	RSM UK Audit LLP One City Place Queens Road Chester CH1 3BQ
Investments	Brewin Dolphin Limited 1 The Avenue Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
Property & Estates	Mostyn Estates Ltd (Landlord) Mostyn Court 2 Mostyn Street Llandudno LL30 2PS
Insurances	Circle Insurance Services PLC 2 John Bradshaw Court Alexandria Way Congleton Cheshire CX12 1LB

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GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 August 2023

The Board of Governors, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023, together with the audited financial statements for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016).

Principal activities and objectives

St David's College Trust (the College) which operates from St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD, is established to promote and provide for the advancement of education.

The College is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales, No. 01351369, and is registered with the Charities Commission under charity number 1075705. The Governors have obtained the consent of the Registrar of Companies to be exempt from the requirement to use the word 'Limited' in its name.

The Governors are also the company's directors and are shown on page 1.

Auditor

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The College is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as revised in June 2006.

Governing Body

The company is governed by its Board which consists of no less than 7 and no more than 20 members. The governing body, assisted by the Headmaster, Mr A Russell, and Bursar, Mrs N McDonald, is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the company as a whole.

The Governors are appointed annually by the Board of Governors.

Recruitment and training of Governors

Governors are recruited from all walks of life, including the clergy, business, the professions and alumni. Governors must subscribe to the College's statement of faith. On joining, Governors are inducted into the responsibilities of both directors of the company and trustees of the charity. Through membership of AGBIS, Governors attend appropriate external seminars and workshops; internally, periodic training days are arranged in College.

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GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

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Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the College and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. The work of implementing most of the Board's policies is carried out by the Finance Committee which has met three times this year. The Education Committee met three times during the year, to discuss academic, pastoral and spiritual issues. The Governors submit a self-evaluation of their work which is incorporated into the College Development Plan. The day to day running of the College is delegated to the Head and Bursar supported by members of the School Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT meets every week and is comprised of the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain, two Assistant Heads and the SENCO.

Key management remuneration policy

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Board, with the policy objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly and responsibly for their individual contributions to the Company's success.

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually, including reference to comparisons with other independent colleges to ensure that the College remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit, subject to experience, at the lower to medium point within a band, providing scope for rewarding excellence. Delivery of the College's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our charitable expenditure.

Related Parties

A number of the Governors are directors or officers of external companies and any transactions are disclosed in Note 21 of the accounts.

Investment policy and objectives

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS).

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the company are set out in its Memorandum of Association. Within these objects the College aims:

- a. To develop the College as a Christian college for boys and girls.
- b. To acquire and carry on in the United Kingdom any other college or colleges for the education of children.

Aims and intended impacts

The College is a boarding and day college for up to 280 pupils aged 9-19. The College aims to develop "the whole person", through a broad education founded on Christian principles, a wide choice of interest and activity, and an achievable personal programme for each pupil. The College's expertise in helping dyslexic pupils is recognised internationally.

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Objectives

During this academic year St David's has continued to flourish in all aspects of school life with a growing local reputation and an improving situation with respect to boarding. This healthy balance ensures that day pupils benefit from the boarding 'feel'.

St David's College continues to excel in its traditional areas of strength: the arts; science; business/entrepreneurship; sport; outdoor education; ALN support; pastoral care and of course literacy and numeracy. The objective of staying true to who we are, has ensured a whole school focus. It has proven our solid foundation and we have consolidated our position within the boarding sector and the local day market. Several year groups are full with waiting lists and bed availability is at a premium for the year 23/24.

We have recently been awarded the Independent School of the Year Award for Innovative Teaching in the field of sport and dyspraxia. The sports department has reached out to the professional sporting and coaching community to collaborate on new and exciting techniques which allow access to movement for all.

We have maintained our support for RGC (the regional rugby team in North Wales) and with Bangor University. Many of our pupils are now benefiting from a defined pathway due to this educational partnership. Kit sponsorship and stadium advertising has raised the profile of St David's in the local community and beyond due to televising of high profile matches and concerts at Stadiwn CSM (Eirias Park Colwyn Bay).

Our strategic objectives for the coming year will be focused on:

- Recruitment and retention of staff and pupils
 - Fundraising and execution of the Master Plan
 - Staff training and wellbeing
 - Whole community environmental work specifically targeted through the Eco Schools Award
- whilst operationally we continue to invest in our quality assurance procedures within departments.

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Strategies

The College measures its success in many ways, some of which are easier to quantify than others. Academically we measure success by raw examination results but more accurately by the value-added scores that are calculated annually when comparing the students' performance in exams with the levels as measured by national baseline testing when they joined the College. Equally important are the essential skills of leadership, teamwork, resilience, etc. These are almost impossible to quantify empirically, but we are proud of our success in ensuring that the majority of our pupils leave us with a strong sense of community, empathy and resilience.

The school places great importance on essential characteristics which ensures that young adults are equipped for anything that is thrown at them in their adulthood. This has proven the case with the success stories reported during the harsh times of lockdown.

Public benefit

St David's College Trust remains committed to the aim of providing public benefit in accordance with its founding principles. Charity law has introduced the requirement to demonstrate that public benefit for charitable purposes where it has hitherto been presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

The award of bursaries for the needy is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Board takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the College provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our college and who receive financial support contribute to the college community in a variety of ways. Hence the benefit is not purely to these pupils but to the whole College and, in some cases to the wider community. This year the College awarded scholarships, bursaries and other awards to the value of £583,747 at 8.7% of gross fees (2022 was £610,044, at 9.2% of gross fees) helping children to pursue their education at the College. The Governors will continue to demonstrate public benefit by making awards based on academic ability and financial need. We continue to provide for LEA funded students and 4 students who are partially funded by external Charitable Trust Funds.

The College has offered its facilities to local schools, organising several events including sporting activities. The sports facilities are used by several local cricket teams on a non-profit making basis. Local groups continue to make use of our facilities for meetings and drama clubs. The College opens up its historic buildings to the public as part of an annual Heritage Scheme in the county. The public benefit from partnering with RGC (Rygbi Gogledd Cymru), Llandudno Football Team and Llandudno Cricket Club will be appreciable in the offering of sports clinics and festivals in the closed term seasons.

Fundraising performance

Due to an unforeseen event in Uganda, we were not able to send the team to provide essential care and assistance this year, as we have done annually in the past, however we have been able to raise £2,329.65 for 7 charities, notably Hope Restored (a local church providing respite and food for the homeless), the Ukraine and Syria appeals as well as our other home clothes day event donations. The Alumni raised over £3,000 for the school's sports tours from its Summer Ball commemorating its 50th year – Netball tour to Gibraltar (40 girls) and Rugby to Italy and Slovenia (25 boys) as well as donating £250 for a sixth form girl to go on an Army Cadets expedition to South Africa to do conservation work and to build relationships while supporting local communities and schools. The ODA also provided two travel scholarships of a similar amount to students who were unable to fund curriculum necessary trips for A Level.

Investment performance

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS). Funds held in the AFPS are £400,265 (2022: £305,408). The value of investments held is £111,115 (2022: £114,472).

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of achievements and performance for the year

At St David's College we celebrate achievements among the community as a testament to our unique approach to education, where a bespoke programme ensures individual success within a supportive community. We look forward to another year of growth, innovation and excellence.

Diverse excellence is reported in results across all subject areas for Level 2 examinations (both GCSE and BTEC combined) have been excellent across all subject areas. 31.9% of the grades received were at A/7 or better. 82.2% of grades were C/4 and above which was more than 17% above the Welsh average. A total of 8 departments received 100% C/4 pass rates including the three sciences, engineering, music and all the languages. Maths (of which 35% were A*-A), English (22% A*-A) and Science (56% A*-A) all had a 100% pass rate from A*-G.

Top tier performance in the sixth form at Level 3 witnessed a remarkable 30.3% of grades at A*-A/Distinction*-Distinction. A Levels alone accounted for 20.9% of the top grades, while comparably, in Wales it was 34%, however BTEC Level 3 saw a hugely commendable 42.4% Distinction*/Distinction success rate. 88% off the leaving cohort are attending Universities such as Liverpool, Dundee, Westminster, Brighton and Sussex to study amongst other subjects Forensic Anthropology, Criminology, Maths and Statistics, Real Estate and Geography. Due to our bespoke approach to education, the building of the whole person and the huge breadth of experience during the formative school years apprenticeships continue to be a popular choice after sixth form.

As a non-selective school, we are very proud of these results in particular the measure of the Value Added where each pupil attained 0.69 grades higher than expected at Level 2 (excelling this year were performing arts and science departments) and 0.13 grades at Level 3 (particularly art and sport which were 1.13 grades above expected) are most commendable.

Life at St David's is so much more than excellent academic results. We believe that the whole world is a classroom and appreciating the awe and majesty of nature is essential to building the whole person. Therefore, beyond the academics the school sent 30 year 10 pupils on expedition including canoeing in Sweden, trekking in Mallorca, caving in Yorkshire, sea kayaking in Scotland and rock climbing in Ireland. This is the culmination of years of curricular and co-curricular time training the pupils in many areas of outdoor education. It feeds into the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme but more essentially into the whole person approach to education. In addition to these expeditions the department has also catered for weekends of sailing in Plymouth, training in Snowdonia and numerous house events and House Mountain walks. As well as seeing a huge crop of Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards this year pupils are able to showcase their prowess by design within the curriculum and by choice at weekends and during the holiday periods. This provides each pupil with essential character skills equipping them with the resilience to cope with the shock waves of adult life.

Recognition of outstanding musical performances and accolades in theatrical productions continue to be seen at all levels within our performing arts department. One of our students who has previously toured with School of Rock won the prestigious Musician of the Year Award 2023 (middle senior years) for his quite incredible cello playing. He has also played a major part in a local theatre group musical and is working with a national orchestra. His brother is an accomplished pianist and both boys are making great strides in academia too. In performing arts another St David's pupil has received young performer recognition from NODA for his excellent rendition of the Genie in Aladdin the Musical, making it 4 years in a row for the department has been recognised at a national level for pupil performance and direction in musical theatre.

Our ski teams are the current Welsh School champions, and we have the top girls and boys in Wales competing on snow in the Alps and on plastic all year round. Our sailors and windsurfers are excelling in the GB rankings, and we have both boy and girl national weightlifting champions in our middle and senior school. Our commitment to these athletes through continued educational provision whilst competing away from school in arenas and on the slopes is essential and valued both by parents and pupils.

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We were proud to receive the Independent School of the Year Award 2022 for Outstanding New Initiative in recognition of the pioneering work done by our sports department in designing courses that provide accessibility for all pupils but especially for those who may have dyspraxia. This includes a collaboration with many sports lecturers in Higher Education and with regional club and Olympic coaches. The department has developed a podcast which reaches out to the sporting community with the objective of bringing innovative coaching approaches to the wider community. This underlines our commitment to inclusive education.

Hugely important to our wider community is our philanthropy and, despite the challenges we face as a global community. Due to an unforeseen event in Uganda, we were not able to send the team to provide essential care and assistance this year, as we have done annually in the past, however we have been able to raise £2329.65 for 7 charities, notably Hope Restored (a local church providing respite and food for the homeless), the Ukraine and Syria appeals as well as our other home clothes day event donations. The Alumni raised over £3000 for the school's sports tours from its Summer Ball commemorating its 50th year – Netball tour to Gibraltar (40 girls) and Rugby to Italy and Slovenia (25 boys) as well as donating £250 for a sixth form girl to go on an Army Cadets expedition to South Africa to do conservation work and to build relationships while supporting local communities and schools. The Old Davideans Association also provided two travel scholarships of a similar amount to students who were unable to fund curriculum necessary trips for A Level.

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St. David's College is a welcoming and nurturing school. Pupils are confident and engage positively with staff and visitors. Staff build positive working relationships with pupils based on mutual respect and understanding. They provide sensitive guidance to support them to develop important skills, such as resilience. As a result, pupils engage purposefully with their learning.

Estyn Nov 2023

Our recent Estyn Report is a glowing testament to the dedication from all the staff to: ensure academic excellence; a continuing lifelong love for study through high university and apprenticeship take up; a holistic education with varied choice in extra curricular activities including outdoor education and artistic and athletic achievements, which showcases a well-rounded education beyond the academics. We have a cultural diversity within the boarding and day community which combine through after school activities and events. International students provide a cosmopolitan feel to the school which demonstrates our commitment to cultural and global citizenship. Eco friendly initiatives pervade all areas of decision making especially when considering the impact of our international travel balancing the damage the environment with the essential need for worldly wide experiences. Our dedicated pastoral staff provide excellent communication channel to international parents so that all areas of their child's development are reported, essential when distance makes in person attendance at parents' meetings impossible. All staff are contactable, and house-staff particularly are in daily communication with boarding families. There is a positive school culture at St David's which is felt by visitors, guests and not least inspectors which sees each pupil valued as an individual, a strong connection between staff and pupils who are invested in each other's lives, a fostering of personal growth through small class sizes and strong cultural integration programs.

Our strategic objectives for the coming year will be focused on:

- Recruitment and retention of staff and pupils
 - Fundraising and execution of the Master Plan, building an environment fit for the future is essential
 - Staff training and wellbeing remain a priority
 - Whole community environmental work specifically targeted through the Eco Schools Award
- whilst operationally we continue to invest in our quality assurance procedures within departments.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The College's deficit of £113,111 (2022: £158,011 surplus) was above the target budgeted deficit of £156,483. This was due to additional boarding pupils during the year and tight cost control. Operating costs tended to reduce against budget in most areas. We had a good collection of debtors during the year and have been able to release £26,979 of our debtor provisions. We had a loss on investments of £3,357. Academic staffing costs were £3,463,096 (2022: £3,154,677).

Fees increased by 3.5% on 1st September 2022 and 1.5% on 1st January 2023. The gross fee income increased by £73,149 during the year due to extra boarding pupils and the impact of the fee increase. Bursaries continued to be in demand, with the level awarded being 1% of gross fees at £65,136. Bursaries are awarded on a means tested basis. There was an increase in net fees of £99,296.

Pupil numbers increased from 249 to 257 by the year ended 31st August 2023 (260 during the year ended 31st August 2022). Pupil numbers at September 2023 are 268 and the new pupil intake is 52.

We have maintained a strong balance sheet and cash reserves which have enable us to face the challenges the new year is presenting with the rising costs of fuel, energy and food.

Reserves Level and Policy and Financial Viability

The College's reserve policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted income reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall and to rely on the readily realisable cash in bank and overdraft facility.

The College's total reserves are £2,823,351 (2022: £2,936,463) at the year end, of which £3,226,083 (2022: £3,236,872) relate to the fixed assets and investments of the school, leaving £(402,732) (2022: £(300,409)) of free reserves for the College. The Board deem this to be an adequate level of free reserves give the current climate and the availability of the £400,000 overdraft. We intend to build up the free reserves from the current deficit to a surplus over the next 4 years.

Restricted Funds of £95,121 (2022: £95,510) and Designated Funds of £91 (2022: £114) are held against various restricted activities, being the depreciating value of Tryfan Boarding House, the James Webb fund held for projects relating to the Assistive Technology Programme, the Boat fund which is held for the purchase and upkeep of school boats and the appeal value of Chelsea House. The Charity Commission has advised us that although the fund value of Tryfan must remain restricted, the cash surplus in respect of Chelsea may be used for other development purposes.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Risk management

The Governors consider that previous years of economic turbulence, as well as the future uncertainties facing the country, could have an impact on our financial security through pupil numbers. Increased costs for manpower and other resources have been supported with an increase in fees. The Governors viewed the increasing costs of the Teachers' Pension Scheme to be an unacceptable risk and entered a consultation process with teaching staff that concluded with the College exiting the Teachers' Pension Scheme on 30 April 2021. The new pension scheme offered to teachers maintains the more manageable employers' contributions of the Teachers Pensions Scheme of 16.48% that applied prior to the increase to 23.7% in September 2021.

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Governors have also reviewed the risks faced in the principal areas of College operations, noting the continual risk assessments conducted by staff. The Governors remain of the opinion that the College has established resources and system which, under normal conditions, should allow risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the College's routine operations.

Again, this year, the Governors have monitored the requirements of the Charities Act on the College's charitable status. As reported under Public Benefit, the College can demonstrate its public benefit; the Governors see no necessity, therefore, to make any financial provision for the Charities Act requirements at this time.

The key controls used by the charity include:

- 1) Formal agendas for all Committee and Board activity
- 2) Detailed Terms of Reference for Finance, Education and Development Committees
- 3) Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting, and management accounting
- 4) Production of a College Development Plan which is continuously updated by the School Leadership Team
- 5) Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- 6) Formal written policies and health and safety procedures
- 7) Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable
- 8) Monitoring of cash flows on a termly basis

Through the risk management processes established for the College, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The main risks as identified by the Governors are as follows:

Pupil Numbers

The Governing body review regularly the recruitment and retention of pupils. The College is pursuing many new marketing initiatives and has invested in its marketing budget and the appointment of a new Registrar and Marketing Manager with a particular emphasis to grow boarding numbers.

Loss of VAT relief

The Labour party is resolved, should they form the next government, to apply VAT at 20% to independent schools' fees. The Governing body is looking at ways to mitigate this risk in the form of scenario planning.

Credit and Debt recovery Risk

The Governing body monitor the late and/or non-payment of fees and the steps in place to recover these debts, to prevent a detrimental effect on cash flow and income. Persistent debtors are pursued through legal channels to recover the debt. An adequate provision for bad debts that may not be recoverable is set each year to protect against any unpreventable losses.

Cash flow Risk

Cash flow is assessed on a monthly basis and reported to the Governing Body. The average cash balance by this year end was reported to be an adequate £1,188,086 (2022: £1,178,842).

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Future Plans

The financial performance and positive cash flows, in recent years, has given the College the scope to consider the possibility of investing in more significant capital projects in the next few years.

- Refurbishment of boarding areas through our rolling upgrading and maintenance programme.
- Research of an improved sports facility either through the delivery of a multi-use games area or an indoor sports facility.
- Continue to develop a link to humanitarian projects in the UK and Europe, specifically for younger years to attend.
- Continue to improve ICT, technology for learning and communications systems within the college and boarding accommodation.
- Collaborate with the ODA in building a pavilion on the games pitch.
- Creating improved teaching facilities.
- More environmentally friendly policies across the College.

Trustees'/Governors' Responsibilities

The Governors (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions applicable under the Companies Act 2006 and the charity's constitution.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- as the Governors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable for companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

Approved by the Board of Governors of St David's College Trust on 12 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Peter Gaskell

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St David's College Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including the Summary Income and Expenditure Account), the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Governors' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Governors' Annual Report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Trustees' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees'/Governors' responsibilities set out on page 10, the Governors (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in and how the charitable company is complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the charitable company's governing document, tax legislation and Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing the financial statements including the Trustees' Report and remaining alert to new or unusual transactions which may not be in accordance with the governing documents.

The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, Keeping Children Safe in Education under section 175 of the Education Act 2002, and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), as well as the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. We performed audit procedures to inquire of management and those charged with governance whether the charitable company is in compliance with these law and regulations and inspected correspondence with regulatory authorities.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments, evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business and challenging judgments and estimates made by management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anna Spencer-Gray

ANNA SPENCER-GRAY (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor
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Date: 13 March 2024

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the year ended 31 August 2023

INCOME		Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from Charitable Activities						
School fees	2	6,145,483			6,145,483	6,046,187
Other educational income	3a	51,123			51,123	71,078
Other ancillary income	3b	77,838			77,838	77,482
Donations	3c	500			500	
Grant income	3d					-
Investment income	4	666			666	2,032
Total income		6,275,610			6,275,610	6,196,779
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	6,369,198	23	5,688	6,374,909	6,016,206
Costs of raising funds	8	10,456			10,456	6,179
Total expenditure	8	6,7379,654	23	5,688	6,385,365	6,022,385
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS		(104,044)	(23)	(5,688)	(109,754)	174,394
Net (losses) gain on Investment	11	(3,357)	-	-	(3,357)	(16,383)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		(107,401)	(23)	(5,688)	(113,111)	158,011
Fund balances as at 1 September		2,840,839	114	95,510	2,936,463	2,778,452
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST	17	2,733,438	91	89,822	2,823,351	2,936,463

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

Company Registration Number 01351369

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	3,114,969	3,122,400
Investments	11	111,115	114,472
Total fixed assets		<u>3,226,083</u>	<u>3,236,872</u>
Current assets			
Land held for sale	12	37,227	37,227
Stocks		31,328	19,532
Debtors due within one year	13	152,089	110,692
Cash at bank and in hand		1,366,181	1,042,574
		<u>1,586,824</u>	<u>1,210,025</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,607,227)</u>	<u>(1,107,558)</u>
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>(20,403)</u>	<u>102,467</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,205,680</u>	<u>3,339,339</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(382,329)</u>	<u>(402,876)</u>
Net assets		<u>2,823,351</u>	<u>2,936,463</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	18a	89,822	95,510
Designated funds	18b	91	114
Unrestricted funds	18c	2,733,438	2,840,839
Total funds		<u>2,823,351</u>	<u>2,936,463</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements on pages 17 to 36 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 12 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

The notes on pages 20 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Cash from operating activities	23				
Interest paid		(11,334)	393,287	(6,999)	285,599
Net cash from operating activities			<u>381,953</u>		<u>278,600</u>
 Cash used in investing activities					
Investment income		666		2,032	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(153,869)		(193,727)	
Cash used in investing activities			<u>(153,204)</u>		<u>(191,695)</u>
 Fees in advance scheme	15a				
New fees in advance		352,288		317,419	
Amounts accrued to fees in advance contracts		4,996		2,271	
Amounts utilised		(262,428)		(217,262)	
			<u>94,857</u>		<u>102,428</u>
 Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year			<u>323,607</u>		<u>189,333</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>1,042,574</u>		<u>853,241</u>
 Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u><u>1,366,181</u></u>		<u><u>1,042,574</u></u>

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

St David's College Trust, Llandudno (the College) is an incorporated charitable company which is limited by guarantee, (registered company no. 01351369), (charity no. 1075705), registered in England & Wales. The College's registered address and principal place of business is St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value except for certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounting policies are set out below.

The College constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the College. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The College's ability to continue operating is aided by the continued support of its bankers and the availability of adequate overdraft facilities, should they be required. The overdraft facility has been renewed up to August 2024. Should it be necessary we can draw on the overdraft facility, but we have not needed to in either the current or prior year. Detailed cash flow forecasts and budgets have been prepared and approved by the Governors to ensure the College can meet its financial commitments when they become due in the coming year and the following year. The College has implemented a strategy focused on pupil recruitment and a programme of cost control to ensure the College can operate within its agreed bank overdraft facilities. On this basis therefore it is appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the withdrawal of support from the College's bankers.

The College has managed its finances very efficiently during the current year and the periods impacted by Covid 19. Governors have concluded that it is reasonable to expect that the school will generate sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet all of its financial obligations. For this reason, the Governors have continued to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the School's financial statements.

Fees and similar income

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions granted by the College, but include contributions received from Restricted Funds for Scholarships, Bursaries and other grants. Scholarships are assessed and awarded on a pupil's merit following an annual Scholarship Day held in the early Spring term. Bursaries are considered on the basis of a declaration of income and liabilities from the parents applying for such an award. Non-refundable fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years under an Advance Fee Payment Scheme contract are held as interest-bearing liabilities until either taken to income in the term when used or transferred to another school.

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Investment income

Investment income from bank balances and fixed asset investments are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the running of the school and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to those activities. Governance costs (included within support costs) comprise the costs of running the charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the College Governors, and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the costs of Board and Committee meetings and of preparing statutory accounts and satisfying public accountability.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. The capitalisation policy is that purchases of more than £1,000 and with a useful life of over 12 months are considered to be capital purchases.

Land and buildings are classified as fixed assets held primarily for charity use and do not include investment assets. Land deemed as to be put up for sale within 12 months is classified as current assets.

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives. The current depreciation rates are as follows:

Leasehold buildings	2% p.a. (2.5% in 2006 and prior years) – straight line
Portable buildings	10% p.a. – reducing balance
Equipment and furnishings	19% to 21% p.a. – reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% p.a. – reducing balance
Assets in the course of construction	No depreciation

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks comprise of resources purchased during 2022/23, for use in the academic year 2023/24.

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Pension schemes

The College participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) (the TPS), for its teaching staff up to 30 April 2021 when it exited the scheme. This is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme and it is not possible or appropriate to consistently identify the liabilities of the TPS which are attributable to the College. The College, in accordance with FRS 102 therefore, the Scheme is accounted for as a Defined Contribution Scheme.

The College also participates in a defined contribution group personal pension scheme for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS. The employer contributions start from 8.35% up to a maximum of 12.35% in line with the amount the employee wishes to contribute personally.

Contributions to both schemes are charged in the SOFA as they become payable.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to resources expended on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Unrestricted Funds and Designated fund

Funds are retained to cover the fixed assets, provide working capital and repay long-term loans. Funds are designated within Unrestricted Funds when there is a specific project to be undertaken.

The designated fund represents the depreciating value of the furniture and equipment of the Chelsea House along with the surplus in the specific designated bank account.

Restricted fund

The restricted fund represents the depreciating value of the Tryfan Boarding House and the James Webb Assistive Technology Suite.

Funds are restricted when they have been given or raised for a specific purpose.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

The College has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised in the College's balance sheet when the school becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables (but not prepayments) not measured at amortised cost, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as, either, financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The College makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Pension scheme valuation assumptions

Assumptions have been made by the actuary in calculating the valuation of the defined benefit pension scheme at the year end. Details of the assumptions made are included within the pension note.

Bad debt provision

Fee debtors are reviewed, annually, when the governors consider the requirement to write off any bad debts over 12 months old or those which are found to be non-recoverable. All fee debts, which are outstanding at the end of the financial year, less any amounts expected during the following financial year, will be covered by a bad debt provision, unless those fees are believed to be payable within the next 3 months.

Depreciation rates

Depreciation policies are applied to each asset category in order to reflect the useful economic life of the assets.

2 Income from charitable activities

School fees

(a) The School's fee income comprised:

	2023	Unrestricted 2022
	£	£
Gross fees	6,729,231	6,656,231
Less: Bursaries and awards	(183,544)	(224,162)
Fee discounts	(400,203)	(385,882)
	<u>6,145,483</u>	<u>6,046,187</u>

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3	Other income	Unrestricted	
		2023	2022
		£	£
(a)	Other educational charitable activities		
	Lettings	51,123	71,078
		51,123	71,078
(b)	Other ancillary activities		
	Other income	6,506	8,654
	Bus income	71,333	68,828
		77,838	77,482
(c)	Donations - Restricted		
		2023	2022
		£	£
		500	-
		500	-
(d)	Grant income - Unrestricted		
		2023	2022
		£	£
		-	-
		-	-

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Investment income	666		666	2,032
	<u>666</u>		<u>666</u>	<u>2,032</u>

The total income in 2023 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Total staff costs comprised

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	3,824,429	3,514,165
Social security costs	351,721	329,710
Pension contributions	469,512	408,193
	<u>4,645,663</u>	<u>4,252,068</u>

The average full-time equivalent number of employees employed by the School during the year was:

	2023	2022
Teaching	55	60
Welfare	28	23
Premises	8	9
Support	9	9
	<u>100</u>	<u>101</u>

The average number of employees on the payroll was

<u>141</u>	<u>147</u>
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None of the Board members received remuneration in the year.

Governor travel and training expenses of £2,100 (2022: £2,034) – paid to Governors during the year to reimburse out of pocket expenses relating to travel.

An ex-gratia provision of £30,000 was made this this year. The provision was made in relation to a termination of employment settlement agreement.

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5 Total staff costs comprised (continued)

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
£60,000- £70,000	2	2
£90,000- £100,000	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Contributions by the school for the higher-paid employee shown above amounting to £16,666 (2022 £15,649) were made to the Legal & General Pension Fund.

	2023	2022
Aggregate employee benefits of:		
Key management personnel	245,820	£265,378
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The key management personnel are the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head and the Chaplain.

6 Analysis of Governance expenditure included within support costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration including VAT: for audit services	28,500	26,400
Governors travel expenses	2,100	2,034
	<u>30,600</u>	<u>28,434</u>

7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating leases:		
- Land & buildings	35,700	35,700
- Motor	37,553	37,640
- Equipment	12,589	17,248
Depreciation	161,301	163,597
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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8 Expenditure

	Staff costs	Other costs	Depreciation	2023	2022
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Costs of raising funds:					
Financing costs		6,463		6,463	2,534
Bank interest and charges		4,871		4,871	4,465
Bad debts write off		(878)		(878)	(280)
		10,456		10,456	6,719
Charitable activities					
Teaching	3,463,096	350,911	44,683	3,858,690	3,553,690
Welfare	560,631	278,512	41,108	880,251	798,325
Premises	285,012	626,221	71,936	956,168	1,024,252
Support costs of schooling	363,925	312,300	3,575	679,800	639,399
School's operating costs	4,645,663	1,567,944	161,302	6,374,909	6,015,666
Total expenditure	4,645,663	1,578,400	161,302	6,385,365	6,022,385

Total expenditure was £6,374,909 (2022: £6,022,385) of which £5,688 (2022: £7,101) was restricted and £23 (2022: £29) was designated. Total remaining funds were unrestricted.

The credit on the bad debt write off arose due to collection of some older historic debts which has enabled us to release bad debt provisions, and excellent collection of the current year's fees.

	Staff costs	Other costs	Depreciation	2023	2022
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Support costs of schooling					
Salaries	363,925	-	-	363,925	357,028
PR & Marketing	-	142,159	-	142,159	124,666
Agents Commission	-	56,875	-	56,875	60,908
Legal & professional	-	53,752	-	53,752	36,195
Postage and stationery	-	32,787	-	32,787	26,698
Telephones	-	26,727	-	26,727	30,277
Depreciation	-	-	3,575	3,575	3,626
	363,925	312,300	3,575	679,800	639,398

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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Portable Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment & Furnishings £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2022	4,255,970	29,756	44,955	1,540,494	5,871,175
Additions	84,574	-	-	69,296	153,869
At 31 August 2023	4,340,544	29,756	44,955	1,609,790	6,025,044
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2022	1,458,884	26,074	32,926	1,227,892	2,748,775
Charge for year	96,980	368	2,257	61,695	161,301
At 31 August 2023	1,555,864	26,442	35,183	1,289,587	2,907,077
Net Book Value					
At 31 August 2023	2,784,680	3,314	6,772	320,203	3,114,969
At 31 August 2022	2,797,086	3,682	9,029	312,603	3,122,400

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11 Investments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investments at market value at 1 September 2022	114,472	130,855
Additions	29,380	17,563
Disposals	(21,235)	(21,503)
Increase in Cash	(9,345)	2,728
Revaluation (loss)/surplus	(3,357)	(16,383)
Fees	1,200	1,212
Investments at market value at 31 August 2023	111,115	114,472
Historical Cost of investments	115,595	116,086

Listed investment assets in the UK

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments				
Quoted fixed interest securities	36,636		36,636	32,198
Other investments	66,617		66,617	72,889
Other investments				
UK cash held as part of portfolio	7,862		7,862	9,385
	111,115	-	111,115	114,472

All investments are primarily held to provide an investment return. All investments are carried at their fair value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value). Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

At the year-end the College's long-term investments totalled £111,115. The overall total investment loss was £16,383 which, given the economic climate was not unexpected. Investments are made up of UK bonds, UK and overseas equities and a Sterling Capital Account.

12 Land held for sale

	2023	2022
	£	£
Land held for sale	37,227	37,227
	37,227	37,227

School fees which were previously secured by a Voluntary Legal Charge were realised during 2012/13 and the School took possession of land included at £37,227 the value of the outstanding debt.

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13 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees and extras in arrears	17,964	28,848
Other debtors	-	2,379
Prepayments	134,125	79,465
	<u>152,089</u>	<u>110,692</u>

Debts which have been written off during the year amounted to £26,083 (2022: £18,077). The provision for doubtful debts has decreased by £26,979 in the year.

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	79,022	107,234
Accruals	120,886	70,459
Other creditors	140,158	80,564
School fees in advance	1,130,361	723,732
Deposits against recoveries	45,000	40,000
Other Tax and Social Security	80,974	80,437
Pension contributions	10,826	5,132
	<u>1,607,227</u>	<u>1,107,558</u>

School fees in advance include £400,265 (2022: £305,408) relating to the Advance Fee Payments Scheme, see note 15a for details. The remainder are for Autumn term 2021.

	2023	2022
	£	£
School fees in advance (excluding advance fee payment schemes)		
At 1 September 2022	529,200	615,965
Released from previous year	(529,200)	(615,965)
Resources deferred in the year	811,426	529,200
	<u>811,426</u>	<u>529,200</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2023		
	<u>811,426</u>	<u>529,200</u>

Bank overdraft

The bank overdraft is secured by a first mortgage dated 13 November 2000 over the College's leasehold property known as St David's College, Gloddaeth Hall and Cottages, Llandudno, LL30 1RP and the following debentures dated 7 December 2000 and 20 July 1999.

Debenture including Fixed Charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; First Fixed Charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future, and First Floating Charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future dated 7 December 2000.

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15 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
School fees received in advance (see note 15a)	81,329	110,876
Deposits against recoveries	301,000	292,000
	<u>382,329</u>	<u>402,876</u>

The deposits are from parents and are disclosed as partly repayable after more than one year because they are repayable when the pupil leaves and it is reasonable to assume that many pupils will not be leaving within one year.

15a Advance fee payments

Parents may pay to the College up to the equivalent of 7 years tuition fees in advance. Ownership of the funds passes to the College on receipt, but advance payments can be repaid if a pupil does not come to St David's or leaves the College earlier than had been anticipated.

Assuming pupils will remain in the College, advance fees will be applied as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within 1 year	318,935	194,532
Within 2-5 years	<u>81,329</u>	<u>110,876</u>
	<u>400,265</u>	<u>305,408</u>

The balance included in creditors represents the accrued liability under the contracts. The capital movements during the year were:

	2023	2022
Balance at 1 September	305,408	202,980
New scheme in year	352,288	317,419
Amounts accrued to contracts as debt financing costs	4,996	2,271
Amounts utilised in payment of fees	<u>(262,428)</u>	<u>(217,262)</u>
Balance at 31 August	<u>400,265</u>	<u>305,408</u>

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Financial instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
<i>Carrying amount of financial assets</i>		
Financial assets measured at fair value	148,342	151,699
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>17,964</u>	<u>28,848</u>
<i>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</i>		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>(777,866)</u>	<u>(675,826)</u>

17 Allocation of the charity net assets

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

31 August 2023	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liability £	Total £
Restricted funds	88,064		7,057		95,121
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	3,026,814	111,115	372,804	(382,329)	3,128,404
Advance fees			(318,935)	(81,329)	(400,265)
Unrestricted funds: Designated	<u>91</u>				<u>91</u>
	<u>3,114,969</u>	<u>111,115</u>	<u>60,926</u>	<u>(463,659)</u>	<u>2,823,351</u>
31 August 2022	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liability £	Total £
Restricted funds	93,752		1,758		95,510
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	3,028,534	114,472	406,117	(402,876)	3,146,247
Advance fees			(285,408)	(20,000)	(305,408)
Unrestricted funds: Designated	<u>114</u>				<u>114</u>
	<u>3,122,400</u>	<u>114,472</u>	<u>122,467</u>	<u>(422,876)</u>	<u>2,936,463</u>

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18a Restricted funds

31 August 2023	Balance at 1 September 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 August 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Tryfan	93,752	-	(5,688)	-	88,064
James Webb	-	-	-	-	-
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	95,510	-	(5,688)	-	89,821

31 August 2022	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Tryfan	99,440	-	(5,688)	-	93,752
James Webb	1,413	-	(1,413)	-	-
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	102,611	-	(7,101)	-	95,510

Tryfan:	The balance represents the depreciating value of the Boarding House.
James Webb Fund:	The fund was set up to provide an assistive technology suite.
Boat Fund:	Donations received towards the purchase and upkeep of boats.

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18b Unrestricted funds: Designated

31 August 2023	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Development Appeal	114	-	(23)		91
31 August 2022	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Development Appeal	143	-	(29)	-	114

Development Appeal: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Chelsea House furniture and equipment, which may now be used for other development purposes.

18c Unrestricted funds

31 August 2023	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
General reserve	2,840,839	6,275,610	(6,379,654)	(3,357)	2,733,438
31 August 2022	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
General reserve	2,675,698	6,196,779	(6,015,255)	(16,383)	2,840,839

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19 Contracts and commitments

There is a capital commitment for Nil at 31 August 2023 (2022: £Nil).

20 Operating lease

The lease, covering the school buildings and the grounds, granted by Mostyn Estates expires in 2060.

Total Future minimum lease payments:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Under 1 year	80,824	90,587
1 – 5 years	189,799	282,237
After 5 years	<u>1,106,700</u>	<u>1,213,800</u>
	<u>1,377,323</u>	<u>1,586,624</u>

The leases relate to land and buildings, minibuses and equipment.

21 Related party transactions

Charlotte Hart (Governor) is an Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP. Hill Dickinson LLP provided legal services of £20,284 (2022: £11,635) during the year. This provision is in accordance with the College's governing document. There was a balance of £569 (2022: £nil) outstanding at the end of the year.

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22 Pension costs

Legal and General Pension Scheme

From 1 May 2021 the College participated in a Legal and General Pension Scheme for all eligible teachers. The employer contributions being 16.48%. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to that scheme for the 12 months of £373,687 (2022: £357,508 plus TPS £316,721) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £nil (2022: £nil).

Group personal pension scheme

The College also participates in two defined contribution group personal pension schemes for employees who are not eligible for membership of the Legal and General Pension Scheme. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to those schemes of £88,449 (2022: £50,685) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £nil (2022: £nil).

23 Cash generated from operations

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(109,754)	174,394
Eliminations of non-operating cash flows:		
Investment income	(666)	(2,032)
Finance costs	11,334	6,999
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	161,301	163,596
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	62,214	342,957
Decrease in stocks	(11,796)	1,604
Increase in debtors	(41,397)	(6,654)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors (excluding fees in advance scheme)	384,266	(52,308)
Cash generated from operations	393,287	285,599

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Registered Charity number: 1075705
Registered Company number: 01351369

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Legal Status

St David's College Trust is a registered charity incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006.

Governors

The Governors of St David's College Trust who served during the year were:

Rev Dr P Gaskell +* "(Chairman and Chair of Finance Committee)

R Kenwell (Treasurer)*

Rt Rev K Sinclair

Viscount Chelsea

G Wilson *

R Leake + (Chair of Education Committee)

Miss C Hart

Mrs B Hutchinson Smith +

Lord Mostyn * (Resigned 15 December 2021)

P Hadley +

Mrs A Seldon "(Nee Haydon) (Chair of Estates Committee)

T Mueller

Mrs S Hepworth +

Mrs E Aubert "(Appointed 09 February 2022)

* Members of the Finance Committee

+ Members of the Education Committee

"Members of the Estates Committee

Registered charity number	Company number	Registered office
1075705	01351369	St David's College Llandudno LL30 1RD

Operating name

The company operates as St David's College Trust.

The Headmaster

A Russell B.Sc., P.G.C.E., C.C.M. (SpLD)

The Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

Miss K Baines B.Sc., ACA (Resigned 04 October 2022)

Mrs N McDonald BA(Hons), ACMA (Appointed 05 October 2022)

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ADVISERS

Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 60 Mostyn Street Llandudno Conwy LL30 2SF
Solicitors	Hill Dickinson LLP No 1, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Auditor	RSM UK Audit LLP One City Place Queens Road Chester CH1 3BQ
Investments	Brewin Dolphin Limited 1 The Avenue Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
Property & Estates	Mostyn Estates Ltd (Landlord) Mostyn Court 2 Mostyn Street Llandudno LL30 2PS
Insurances	Circle Insurance Services PLC 2 John Bradshaw Court Alexandria Way Congleton Cheshire CX12 1LB

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The Board of Governors, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2022, together with the audited financial statements for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016).

Principal activities and objectives

St David's College Trust (the College) which operates from St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD, is established to promote and provide for the advancement of education.

The College is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales, No. 01351369, and is registered with the Charities Commission under charity number 1075705. The Governors have obtained the consent of the Registrar of Companies to be exempt from the requirement to use the word 'Limited' in its name.

The Governors are also the company's directors and are shown on page 1.

Auditor

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The College is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as revised in June 2006.

Governing Body

The company is governed by its Board which consists of no less than 7 and no more than 20 members. The governing body, assisted by the Headmaster, Mr A Russell, and Bursar, Mrs N McDonald, is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the company as a whole.

The Governors are appointed annually by the Board of Governors.

Recruitment and training of Governors

Governors are recruited from all walks of life, including the clergy, business, the professions and alumni. Governors must subscribe to the College's statement of faith. On joining, Governors are inducted into the responsibilities of both directors of the company and trustees of the charity. Through membership of AGBIS, Governors attend appropriate external seminars and workshops; internally, periodic training days are arranged in College.

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Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the College and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. The work of implementing most of the Board's policies is carried out by the Finance Committee which has met three times this year. The Education Committee met three times during the year, to discuss academic, pastoral and spiritual issues. The Governors submit a self-evaluation of their work which is incorporated into the College Development Plan. The day to day running of the College is delegated to the Head and Bursar supported by members of the School Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT meets every week and is comprised of the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain, two Assistant Heads and the SENCO.

Key management remuneration policy

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Board, with the policy objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly and responsibly for their individual contributions to the Company's success.

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually, including reference to comparisons with other independent colleges to ensure that the College remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit, subject to experience, at the lower to medium point within a band, providing scope for rewarding excellence. Delivery of the College's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our charitable expenditure.

Related Parties

A number of the Governors are directors or officers of external companies and any transactions are disclosed in Note 21 of the accounts.

Investment policy and objectives

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS).

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the company are set out in its Memorandum of Association. Within these objects the College aims:

- a. To develop the College as a Christian college for boys and girls.
- b. To acquire and carry on in the United Kingdom any other college or colleges for the education of children.

Aims and intended impacts

The College is a boarding and day college for up to 280 pupils aged 9-19. The College aims to develop "the whole person", through a broad education founded on Christian principles, a wide choice of interest and activity, and an achievable personal programme for each pupil. The College's expertise in helping dyslexic pupils is recognised internationally.

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Objectives

During this academic year St David's has continued to flourish in all aspects of school life with a growing local reputation and an improving situation with respect to boarding. This healthy balance ensures that day pupils benefit from the boarding 'feel'.

The Autumn term in Wales was especially difficult as schools were still in a semi lockdown situation, bubbles existing for all year groups and many of the existing measures from the summer still in place. The whole school science fair was the first major event sadly without parents attending, however, every pupil in Key stages 2, 3 and 4 were involved ably supported by the school prefect subject ambassadors. Sports fixtures were behind closed doors and the Carol Service held in St Paul's Craig y Don was a school only event. It was especially marked as it was the first time the whole community gathered under one roof since March 2020. As a result of this slow start to the year the myriad of house and school events that could not take place were forced into the Spring and Summer terms. This helped to maintain the community and develop the community feel.

The marketing and admission teams worked ceaselessly due to the increased interest in the school from home and abroad with new markets emerging in the USA and Spain and pupils travelling to North Wales from London in larger numbers. The USPs of excellent outdoor education and education support, design technology, sport and above all the location were at the forefront of the decision makers.

The Headmaster and the Governors launched the Master Plan on Speech Day in front of 800 guests. The plan includes a MUGA, sports centre, a 15-classroom block for core subjects, science block extension, a forest amphitheatre, a 140 retractable seating theatre with dance floor, common room refurb, performing arts centre, boarding extension and a food tech lab. This 7- 10 year plan is ambitious and as such the role of fundraising co-ordinator has been advertised.

Relationships and communication remain at the heart of all that is good at the school. A newly appointed Headmaster's PA and school secretary have shored up the organisation and the administration of the school including revamping the communication procedures with all stakeholders. Likewise, there has been a restructure of the Bursar's department, improving the efficiency of the finance and H&S functions.

St David's has recruited a new pastoral officer to take position in October 2022, replacing the incumbent who has successfully moved into a teaching post within the school. The Heads of Year have deputies to facilitate a closer working relationship with the tutors and parents.

The school was a finalist in the Muddy Stiletto Awards for 2022 for the Most Inventive Sports programme, and the school is awaiting the outcome of the Independent School of the Year Award for the Innovation Award for Outstanding New Initiative 2022 category. While in November of 2021 the school became only the third school to ever have been awarded the prestigious Gold Award from the Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres.

The main objectives for the Leadership Team over the coming year are to

- focus the department heads on the deep learning through rigid quality assurance systems.
- create a culture of CPD throughout each strata of staffing, both internally and externally provided.
- facilitate the implementation of the master plan
- continue to develop our system of pastoral care
- maintain the financial security of the school through tight cost control and the development of additional income streams
- promote care for the environment throughout the school in its care for and development of the site.

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Strategies

The College measures its success in many ways, some of which are easier to quantify than others. Academically we measure success by raw examination results but more accurately by the value-added scores that are calculated annually when comparing the students' performance in exams with the levels as measured by national baseline testing when they joined the College. Equally important are the essential skills of leadership, teamwork, resilience, etc. These are almost impossible to quantify empirically, but we are proud of our success in ensuring that the majority of our pupils leave us with a strong sense of community, empathy and resilience. The school places great importance on essential characteristics which ensures that young adults are equipped for anything that is thrown at them in their adulthood. This has proven the case with the success stories reported during the harsh times of lockdown.

Public benefit

St David's College Trust remains committed to the aim of providing public benefit in accordance with its founding principles. Charity law has introduced the requirement to demonstrate that public benefit for charitable purposes where it has hitherto been presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

The award of bursaries for the needy is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Board takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the College provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our college and who receive financial support contribute to the college community in a variety of ways. Hence the benefit is not purely to these pupils but to the whole College and, in some cases to the wider community. This year the College awarded scholarships, bursaries and other awards to the value of £610,044 9.2% of gross fees (2021 was £ 630,444, at 10.45% of gross fees) helping children to pursue their education at the College. The Governors will continue to demonstrate public benefit by making awards based on academic ability and financial need. We continue to provide for LEA funded students and 4 students who are partially funded by external Charitable Trust Funds.

The College has offered its facilities to local schools, organising several events including sporting activities. The sports facilities are used by several local cricket teams on a non-profit making basis. Local groups continue to make use of our facilities for meetings and drama clubs. The College opens up its historic buildings to the public as part of an annual Heritage Scheme in the county. The public benefit from partnering with RGC (Rygbi Gogledd Cymru), Llandudno Football Team and Llandudno Cricket Club will be appreciable in the offering of sports clinics and festivals in the closed term seasons.

Fundraising performance

St David's has continued in its commitment to Operation Christmas Child and has built upon its work with the local community in facilitating expertise and a framework with which the Ukrainian Refugees entering North Wales could be accommodated. This was achieved through the dedication of our Chaplain Emeritus and the Link International Charity connected to the school. The Headmaster's wife has an annual chosen charity and is working closely with NSPCC to help fund essential work with Childline.

Investment performance

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS). Funds held in the AFPS are £305,408 (2021: £202,980). The value of investments held is £114,472 (2021: £130,855).

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of achievements and performance for the year

The UK Government announced that schools should prepare their public examination cohorts for two very different scenarios. The first was to evidence performance via a three-stage examination programme during the year in preparation for a potential Teacher Assessed Grades scenario if the pandemic flared in the Summer term and also to prepare them for the full Summer series of exams. In December Welsh schools were still emerging from a phased removal of Covid-19 measures and so the pressure was ramped up for all examination candidates from year 10 through to year 13.

The St David's College Summer 2022 reported results for Level 2 examinations (both GCSE and BTEC combined) have been excellent across all subject areas. 21.55% of the grades received were at A/7 or better. 78.02% of grades were C/4 and above which was almost 10% above the Welsh average. Almost all departmental received 100% C/4 pass rates including Maths (of which 18% were A*-A), English (31% A*-A) and Science (38.5% A*-A).

The percentage of grades awarded to pupils receiving C/4 and above at Level 2 was 78.02% which compares extremely favourably to the Wales figure of 68.6%. As a non-selective school, we are very proud of these results in particular and equally the measure of the Value Added each pupil attained 0.44 grades higher than expected at Level 2 and 0.67 grades at Level 3 are most commendable.

Within the sixth form at Level 3, 42.27% of the grades were at A*-A/Distinction*- Distinction. A Levels alone accounted for 53.33% of the top grades, while comparably, in Wales it was 40.9%. 74% off the leaving cohort are attending Universities such as Southampton, Loughborough and Cardiff studying subjects such as Biomedical Sciences, Neuroscience, Ancient History and Journalism. Due to the bespoke approach to education, the building of the whole person and the huge breadth of experience during the formative school years, gap years and apprenticeships continue to be a popular choice after sixth form.

Interestingly the year 10 cohort (around one third of the year group who had not yet witnessed external public examinations) sitting their core exams a year early received 41% - A*/A and 92% - A*/C.

Two sixth form students have gained an HNC in Computer Aided Design and Draughting awarded by the SQA. St David's is the only school that offers this level of qualification.

10% of the student roll at St David's represent their country in a chosen sport or pursuit. This is quite remarkable given the non-selective policy adopted by the admissions team. Children represent Wales in rugby, ladies' football, badminton, skiing and weightlifting for Wales and sailing and windsurfing for Great Britain. Many children are selected for the region or county on sports such as cross country and cricket.

A pupil has yet again won a performance award from the National Operatic and Dramatic Association for their lead role in Aladdin Jr which is notable as it was the performance that signified a return to normality as we edged out of lockdown.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The College's surplus of £158,011 (2021 £122,112 surplus) was above the target budgeted surplus of £37,341. This was due to additional boarding pupils during the year and tight cost control. Operating costs tended to reduce against budget in most areas except for maintenance where we increased spend to continue our plans for improving the facilities. We had a good collection of debtors during the year and have been able to release £18,397 of our debtor provisions. We had a loss on investments of £16,383. Academic staffing costs were £3,154,677 (2021: £2,968,309).

Fees increased by 2% on 1st January 2022. The gross fee income increased by £625,864 during the year due to extra boarding pupils and the impact of the fee increase. Bursaries continued to be in demand, with the level awarded being 1.4% of gross fees at £89,937. Bursaries are awarded on a means tested basis. There was an increase in net fees of £646,264.

Pupil numbers declined from 266 to 260 by the year ended 31st August 2022 (262 during the year ended 31st August 2021). The new pupil intake at September 2021 was at a good level of 53. Pupil numbers at September 2022 are 249 and the new pupil intake is 40.

We have maintained a strong balance sheet and cash reserves which have enable us to face the challenges the new year is presenting with the rising costs of fuel, energy and food.

Reserves Level and Policy and Financial Viability

The College's reserve policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted income reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall and to rely on the readily realisable cash in bank and overdraft facility.

The College's total reserves are £2,936,463 (2021: £2,778,452) at the year end, of which £ 3,236,872 (2021: £3,223,124) relate to the fixed assets and investments of the school, leaving £(300,409) (2021: £(444,672)) of free reserves for the College. The Board deem this to be an adequate level of free reserves give the current climate and the availability of the £400,000 overdraft. We intend to build up the free reserves from the current deficit to a surplus over the next 4 years.

Restricted Funds of £95,510 (2021: 102,611) and Designated Funds of £114 (2021: £143) are held against various restricted activities, being the depreciating value of Tryfan Boarding House, the James Webb fund held for projects relating to the Assistive Technology Programme, the Boat fund which is held for the purchase and upkeep of school boats and the appeal value of Chelsea House. The Charity Commission has advised us that although the fund value of Tryfan must remain restricted, the cash surplus in respect of Chelsea may be used for other development purposes.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Risk management

The Governors consider that previous years of economic turbulence, as well as the future uncertainties facing the country, could have an impact on our financial security through pupil numbers. Increased costs for manpower and other resources have been supported with an increase in fees. The Governors viewed the increasing costs of the Teachers' Pension Scheme to be an unacceptable risk and entered a consultation process with teaching staff that concluded with the College exiting the Teachers' Pension Scheme on 30 April 2021. The new pension scheme offered to teachers maintains the more manageable employers' contributions of the Teachers Pensions Scheme of 16.48% that applied prior to the increase to 23.7% in September 2021. The

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Governors have also reviewed the risks faced in the principal areas of College operations, noting the continual risk assessments conducted by staff. The Governors remain of the opinion that the College has established resources and system which, under normal conditions, should allow risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the College's routine operations.

Again, this year, the Governors have monitored the requirements of the Charities Act on the College's charitable status. As reported under Public Benefit, the College can demonstrate its public benefit; the Governors see no necessity, therefore, to make any financial provision for the Charities Act requirements at this time.

The key controls used by the charity include:

- 1) Formal agendas for all Committee and Board activity
- 2) Detailed Terms of Reference for Finance, Education and Development Committees
- 3) Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting, and management accounting
- 4) Production of a College Development Plan which is continuously updated by the School Leadership Team
- 5) Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- 6) Formal written policies and health and safety procedures
- 7) Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable
- 8) Monitoring of cash flows on a termly basis

Through the risk management processes established for the College, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The main risks as identified by the Governors are as follows:

Pupil Numbers

The Governing body review regularly the recruitment and retention of pupils. The College is pursuing many new marketing initiatives and has invested in its marketing budget and the appointment of a new Registrar and Marketing Manager with a particular emphasis to grow boarding numbers.

Credit and Debt recovery Risk

The Governing body monitor the late and/or non-payment of fees and the steps in place to recover these debts, to prevent a detrimental effect on cash flow and income. Persistent debtors are pursued through legal channels to recover the debt. An adequate provision for bad debts that may not be recoverable is set each year to protect against any unpreventable losses.

Cash flow Risk

Cash flow is assessed on a monthly basis and reported to the Governing Body. The average cash balance by this year end was reported to be an adequate £1,178,842 (2021: £1,074,505)

Brexit

The Governing body are monitoring the impact of Brexit on the college in terms of its effect on the recruitment of pupils, supply of goods and services and travel to and from Europe.

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Future Plans

The financial performance and positive cash flows, in recent years, has given the College the scope to consider the possibility of investing in more significant capital projects in the next few years.

- Refurbishment of boarding areas through our rolling upgrading and maintenance programme.
- Research of an improved sports facility either through the delivery of a multi-use games area or an indoor sports facility.
- Continue to develop a link to humanitarian projects in the UK and Europe, specifically for younger years to attend.
- Continue to improve ICT, technology for learning and communications systems within the college and boarding accommodation.
- Collaborate with the ODA in building a pavilion on the games pitch.
- Creating improved teaching facilities.
- More environmentally friendly policies across the College.

Trustees'/Governors' Responsibilities

The Governors (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions applicable under the Companies Act 2006 and the charity's constitution.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- as the Governors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

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Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable for companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

Approved by the Board of Governors of St David's College Trust on 31 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Gaskell

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St David's College Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account), the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Governors' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST (continued)

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Governors' Annual Report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 10, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST (continued)

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in and how the charitable company is complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST (continued)

As a result of these procedures, we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the charitable company's governing document. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing the financial statements including the Trustees' Report, remaining alert to new or unusual transactions which may not be in accordance with the governing documents.

The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, Keeping Children Safe in Education under section 175 of the Education Act 2002, and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), as well as the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. We performed audit procedures to inquire of management and those charged with governance whether the charitable company is in compliance with these law and regulations and inspected correspondence with regulatory authorities.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments, evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business, challenging judgments and estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anna Spencer-Gray

ANNA SPENCER-GRAY (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Date: 06/02/23

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOME						
Income from Charitable Activities						
School fees	2	6,046,187	-	-	6,046,187	5,399,923
Other educational income	3a	71,078	-	-	71,078	11,245
Other ancillary income	3b	77,482	-	-	77,482	40,626
Donations	3c	-	-	-	-	1,200
Grant Income	3d	-	-	-	-	105,944
Investment income	4	2,032	-	-	2,032	2,573
Total income		<u>6,196,779</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,196,779</u>	<u>5,561,511</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	6,009,076	29	7,101	6,016,206	5,501,790
Costs of raising funds	8	6,179	-	-	6,179	(49,710)
Total expenditure	8	<u>6,015,255</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>7,101</u>	<u>6,022,385</u>	<u>5,452,080</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
		181,524	(29)	(7,101)	174,394	109,431
Net (losses) gain on Investment	11	(16,383)	-	-	(16,383)	12,681
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		<u>165,141</u>	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(7,101)</u>	<u>158,011</u>	<u>122,112</u>
Fund balances as at 1 September		<u>2,675,698</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>102,611</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST	17	<u>2,840,839</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>95,510</u>	<u>2,936,463</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 19 to 36 form part of these financial statements

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

Company Registration Number 01351369

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	3,122,400	3,092,269
Investments	11	114,472	130,855
Total fixed assets		<u>3,236,872</u>	<u>3,223,124</u>
Current assets			
Land held for sale	12	37,227	37,227
Stocks		19,532	21,136
Debtors due within one year	13	110,692	104,038
Cash at bank and in hand		1,042,574	853,241
		<u>1,210,025</u>	<u>1,015,642</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,107,558)</u>	<u>(1,112,828)</u>
Net current assets/ (liabilities)		<u>102,467</u>	<u>(97,186)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,339,339</u>	<u>3,125,938</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(402,876)</u>	<u>(347,486)</u>
Net assets		<u>2,936,463</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	18a	95,510	102,611
Designated funds	18b	114	143
Unrestricted funds	18c	2,840,839	2,675,698
Total funds		<u>2,936,463</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements on pages 16 to 36 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 31 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Peter Gaskell

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

The notes on pages 19 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 August 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Cash from operating activities	23		285,599		469,979
Interest paid		(6,999)		(9,624)	
Net cash from operating activities			<u>278,600</u>		<u>460,355</u>
Cash used in investing activities					
Investment income		2,032		2,573	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(193,727)		(188,806)	
Cash used in investing activities			<u>(191,695)</u>		<u>(186,233)</u>
Fees in advance scheme	15a				
New fees in advance		317,419		179,808	
Amounts accrued to fees in advance contracts		2,271		2,965	
Amounts utilised		(217,262)		(216,844)	
			<u>102,428</u>		<u>(34,071)</u>
Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year			<u>189,333</u>		<u>240,051</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>853,241</u>		<u>613,190</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u><u>1,042,574</u></u>		<u><u>853,241</u></u>

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

St David's College Trust, Llandudno (the College) is an incorporated charitable company which is limited by guarantee, (registered company no. 01351369), (charity no. 1075705), registered in England & Wales. The College's registered address and principal place of business is St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value except for certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounting policies are set out below.

The College constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the College. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The College's ability to continue operating is aided by the continued support of its bankers and the availability of adequate overdraft facilities, should they be required. The overdraft facility has been renewed up to November 2023. Should it be necessary we can draw on the overdraft facility, but we have not needed to in either the current or prior year. Detailed cash flow forecasts and budgets have been prepared and approved by the Governors to ensure the College can meet its financial commitments when they become due in the coming year and the following year. The College has implemented a strategy focused on pupil recruitment and a programme of cost control to ensure the College can operate within its agreed bank overdraft facilities. On this basis therefore it is appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the withdrawal of support from the College's bankers.

The College has managed its finances very efficiently during the current year and the periods impacted by Covid 19. Governors have concluded that it is reasonable to expect that the school will generate sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet all of its financial obligations. For this reason, the Governors have continued to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the School's financial statements.

Fees and similar income

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions granted by the College, but include contributions received from Restricted Funds for Scholarships, Bursaries and other grants. Scholarships are assessed and awarded on a pupil's merit following an annual Scholarship Day held in the early Spring term. Bursaries are considered on the basis of a declaration of income and liabilities from the parents applying for such an award. Non-refundable fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years under an Advance Fee Payment Scheme contract are held as interest-bearing liabilities until either taken to income in the term when used or transferred to another school.

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Investment income

Investment income from bank balances and fixed asset investments are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the running of the school and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to those activities. Governance costs (included within support costs) comprise the costs of running the charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the College Governors, and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the costs of Board and Committee meetings and of preparing statutory accounts and satisfying public accountability.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. The capitalisation policy is that purchases of more than £1,000 and with a useful life of over 12 months are considered to be capital purchases.

Land and buildings are classified as fixed assets held primarily for charity use and do not include investment assets. Land deemed as to be put up for sale within 12 months is classified as current assets.

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives. The current depreciation rates are as follows:

Leasehold buildings	2% p.a. (2.5% in 2006 and prior years) – straight line
Portable buildings	10% p.a. – reducing balance
Equipment and furnishings	19% to 21% p.a. – reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% p.a. – reducing balance
Assets in the course of construction	No depreciation

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks comprise of resources purchased during 2021/22, for use in the academic year 2022/23.

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Pension schemes

The College participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) (the TPS), for its teaching staff up to 30 April 2021 when it exited the scheme. This is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme and it is not possible or appropriate to consistently identify the liabilities of the TPS which are attributable to the College. The College, in accordance with FRS 102 therefore, the Scheme is accounted for as a Defined Contribution Scheme.

The College also participates in a defined contribution group personal pension scheme for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS. The employer contributions start from 8.35% up to a maximum of 12.35% in line with the amount the employee wishes to contribute personally.

Contributions to both schemes are charged in the SOFA as they become payable.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to resources expended on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Unrestricted Funds and Designated fund

Funds are retained to cover the fixed assets, provide working capital and repay long-term loans. Funds are designated within Unrestricted Funds when there is a specific project to be undertaken.

The designated fund represents the depreciating value of the furniture and equipment of the Chelsea House along with the surplus in the specific designated bank account.

Restricted fund

The restricted fund represents the depreciating value of the Tryfan Boarding House and the James Webb Assistive Technology Suite.

Funds are restricted when they have been given or raised for a specific purpose.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

The College has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised in the College's balance sheet when the school becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables (but not prepayments) not measured at amortised cost, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as, either, financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The College makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Pension scheme valuation assumptions

Assumptions have been made by the actuary in calculating the valuation of the defined benefit pension scheme at the year end. Details of the assumptions made are included within the pension note.

Bad debt provision

Fee debtors are reviewed, annually, when the governors consider the requirement to write off any bad debts over 12 months old or those which are found to be non-recoverable. All fee debts, which are outstanding at the end of the financial year, less any amounts expected during the following financial year, will be covered by a bad debt provision, unless those fees are believed to be payable within the next 3 months.

Depreciation rates

Depreciation policies are applied to each asset category in order to reflect the useful economic life of the assets.

2 Income from charitable activities

School fees

	2022	Unrestricted 2021
	£	£
(a) The School's fee income comprised:		
Gross fees	6,656,231	6,030,367
Less: Bursaries and awards	(224,162)	(223,679)
Fee discounts	<u>(385,882)</u>	<u>(406,765)</u>
	<u>6,046,187</u>	<u>5,399,923</u>

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Investment income	2,032	-	2,032	2,573
	<u>2,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,032</u>	<u>2,573</u>

The total income in 2021 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Total staff costs comprised

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	3,514,165	3,224,250
Social security costs	329,710	281,734
Pension contributions	408,193	480,097
	<u>4,252,068</u>	<u>3,986,081</u>

The average full-time equivalent number of employees employed by the School during the year was:

	2022	2021
Teaching	60	57
Welfare	23	26
Premises	9	7
Support	9	8
	<u>101</u>	<u>98</u>

The average number of employees on the payroll was

	<u>147</u>	<u>139</u>
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None of the Board members received remuneration in the year.

Governor travel and training expenses of £2,034 (2021: £296) – paid to Governors during the year to reimburse out of pocket expenses relating to travel.

An ex-gratia payment of £Nil (2022: £2,500) was paid during the previous year. The payment was in relation to a termination of employment settlement agreement.

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5 Total staff costs comprised (continued)

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2022	2021
£60,000- £70,000	2	2
£90,000- £100,000	1	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Contributions by the school for the higher-paid employee shown above amounting to £ 15,649 (2021 £19,808) were made to the Legal & General Pension Fund.

	2022	2021
Aggregate employee benefits of:		
Key management personnel	£265,378	280,429
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The key management personnel are the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head and the Chaplain.

6 Analysis of Governance expenditure included within support costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration including VAT: for audit services	26,400	21,864
Governors travel expenses	2,034	296
	<u>28,434</u>	<u>22,160</u>

7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating leases:		
- Land & buildings	35,700	35,700
- Motor	37,640	37,553
- Equipment	17,248	20,560
Depreciation	163,597	167,385
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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8 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Depreciation £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Costs of raising funds:					
Financing costs	-	2,534	-	2,534	2,743
Bank interest and charges	-	4,465	-	4,465	6,881
Bad debts write off	-	(280)	-	(280)	(59,334)
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,719</u>	<u>(49,710)</u>
Charitable activities					
Teaching	3,154,677	353,694	45,319	3,553,690	3,298,436
Welfare	501,607	255,025	41,693	798,325	649,873
Premises	238,756	712,537	72,959	1,024,252	942,338
Support costs of schooling	357,028	278,745	3,626	639,399	611,143
School's operating costs	<u>4,252,068</u>	<u>1,600,001</u>	<u>163,597</u>	<u>6,015,666</u>	<u>5,501,790</u>
Total expenditure	<u>4,252,068</u>	<u>1,606,720</u>	<u>163,597</u>	<u>6,022,385</u>	<u>5,452,080</u>

Total expenditure was £6,022,385 (2021: £5,452,080) of which £7,101 (2021: £7,999) was restricted and £29 (2021: £36) was designated. Total remaining funds were unrestricted.

The credit on the bad debt write off arose due to collection of some older historic debts which has enabled us to release bad debt provisions, and excellent collection of the current year's fees.

	Staff costs £	Other Costs £	Depreciation £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Support costs of schooling					
Salaries	357,028	-	-	357,028	351,031
PR & Marketing	-	124,666	-	124,666	75,951
Agents Commission	-	60,908	-	60,908	62,544
Legal and professional	-	36,195	-	36,195	62,184
Postage and stationery	-	26,698	-	26,698	28,498
Telephones	-	30,277	-	30,277	27,225
Depreciation	-	-	3,626	3,626	3,710
	<u>357,028</u>	<u>278,744</u>	<u>3,626</u>	<u>639,398</u>	<u>611,143</u>

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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets in the course of construction £	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Portable Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment & Furnishings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 September 2021	-	4,178,426	29,756	44,955	1,424,311	5,677,448
Additions	-	77,544	-	-	116,183	193,727
At 31 August 2022	-	4,255,970	29,756	44,955	1,540,494	5,871,175
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2021	-	1,363,698	25,665	32,905	1,162,911	2,585,179
Charge for year	-	95,186	409	3,021	64,980	163,596
At 31 August 2022	-	1,458,884	26,074	35,926	1,227,892	2,748,775
Net Book Value						
At 31 August 2022	-	2,797,086	3,682	9,029	312,603	3,122,400
At 31 August 2021	-	2,814,728	4,091	12,050	261,400	3,092,269

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11 Investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Investments at market value at 1 September 2021	130,855	118,174
Additions	17,563	40,430
Disposals	(21,503)	(44,236)
Increase in Cash	2,728	2,606
Revaluation (loss)/surplus	(16,383)	12,681
Fees	1,212	1,200
	<u>114,472</u>	<u>130,855</u>
Investments at market value at 31 August 2022	<u>114,472</u>	<u>130,855</u>
Historical Cost of investments	<u>116,086</u>	<u>114,462</u>

Listed investment assets in the UK

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments				
Quoted fixed interest securities	32,198	-	32,198	44,541
Other investments	72,889	-	72,889	79,657
Other investments				
UK cash held as part of portfolio	9,385	-	9,385	6,657
	<u>114,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>114,472</u>	<u>130,855</u>

All investments are primarily held to provide an investment return. All investments are carried at their fair value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value). Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

At the year-end the College's long-term investments totalled £114,472. The overall total investment loss was £16,383 which, given the economic climate was not unexpected. Investments are made up of UK bonds, UK and overseas equities and a Sterling Capital Account.

12 Land held for sale

	2022	2021
	£	£
Land held for sale	37,227	37,227
	<u>37,227</u>	<u>37,227</u>

School fees which were previously secured by a Voluntary Legal Charge were realised during 2012/13 and the School took possession of land included at £37,227 the value of the outstanding debt.

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13 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees and extras in arrears	28,848	31,418
Other debtors	2,379	6,060
Prepayments	79,465	66,560
	<u>110,692</u>	<u>104,038</u>

Debts which have been written off during the year amounted to £18,077 (2021: £17,920). The provision for doubtful debts has decreased by £18,117 in the year.

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	107,234	74,897
Accruals	70,459	89,704
Other creditors	80,564	70,054
School fees in advance	723,732	769,209
Deposits against recoveries	40,000	39,248
Other Tax and Social Security	80,437	65,192
Pension contributions	5,132	4,524
	<u>1,107,558</u>	<u>1,112,828</u>

School fees in advance include £172,812 (2021 £202,980) relating to the Advance Fee Payments Scheme, see note 15a for details. The remainder are for Autumn term 2021.

	2022	2021
	£	£
School fees in advance (excluding advance fee payment schemes)		
At 1 September 2021	615,965	382,615
Released from previous year	(615,965)	(382,615)
Resources deferred in the year	529,200	615,965
	<u>529,200</u>	<u>615,965</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2022		
	<u>529,200</u>	<u>615,965</u>

Bank overdraft

The bank overdraft is secured by a first mortgage dated 13 November 2000 over the College's leasehold property known as St David's College, Gloddaeth Hall and Cottages, Llandudno, LL30 1RP and the following debentures dated 7 December 2000 and 20 July 1999.

Debenture including Fixed Charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; First Fixed Charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future, and First Floating Charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future dated 7 December 2000.

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15 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
School fees received in advance (see note 15a)	110,876	49,736
Deposits against recoveries	292,000	297,750
	<u>402,876</u>	<u>347,486</u>

The deposits are from parents and are disclosed as partly repayable after more than one year because they are repayable when the pupil leaves and it is reasonable to assume that many pupils will not be leaving within one year.

15a Advance fee payments

Parents may pay to the College up to the equivalent of 7 years tuition fees in advance. Ownership of the funds passes to the College on receipt, but advance payments can be repaid if a pupil does not come to St David's or leaves the College earlier than had been anticipated.

Assuming pupils will remain in the College, advance fees will be applied as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within 1 year	194,532	153,244
Within 2-5 years	<u>110,876</u>	<u>49,736</u>
	<u>305,408</u>	<u>202,980</u>

The balance included in creditors represents the accrued liability under the contracts. The capital movements during the year were:

	2022	2021
Balance at 1 September	202,980	237,051
New scheme in year	317,419	179,808
Amounts accrued to contracts as debt financing costs	2,271	2,965
Amounts utilised in payment of fees	<u>(217,262)</u>	<u>(216,844)</u>
Balance at 31 August	<u>305,408</u>	<u>202,980</u>

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Financial instruments

	2022	2021
	£	£
<i>Carrying amount of financial assets</i>		
Financial assets measured at fair value	151,699	168,082
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>28,848</u>	<u>31,418</u>
<i>Carrying amount of financial liabilities</i>		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>(675,826)</u>	<u>(641,369)</u>

17 Allocation of the charity net assets

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

31 August 2022

	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	93,752	-	1,758	-	95,510
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	3,028,534	114,472	406,117	(402,876)	3,146,247
Advance fees			(285,408)	(20,000)	(305,408)
Unrestricted funds:	114	-	-	-	114
Designated					
	<u>3,122,400</u>	<u>114,472</u>	<u>122,467</u>	<u>(422,876)</u>	<u>2,936,463</u>

31 August 2021

	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	100,853	-	1,758	-	102,611
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	2,991,273	130,855	54,300	(297,750)	2,878,678
Advance fees	-	-	(153,244)	(49,736)	(202,980)
Unrestricted funds:	143	-	-	-	143
Designated					
	<u>3,092,269</u>	<u>130,855</u>	<u>(97,186)</u>	<u>(347,486)</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>

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18a Restricted funds

31 August 2022	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Tryfan	99,440	-	(5,688)	-	93,752
James Webb	1,413	-	(1,413)	-	-
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
	102,611	-	(7,101)	-	95,510
31 August 2021	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Tryfan	105,128	-	(5,688)	-	99,440
James Webb	3,724	-	(2,311)	-	1,413
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
	110,610	1,200	(9,199)	-	102,611

Tryfan: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Boarding House.
 James Webb Fund: The fund was set up to provide an assistive technology suite.
 Boat Fund: Donations received towards the purchase and upkeep of boats.

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18b Unrestricted funds: Designated

31 August 2022	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Development Appeal	143	-	(29)	-	114
31 August 2021	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Development Appeal	179	-	(36)	-	143

Development Appeal: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Chelsea House furniture and equipment, which may now be used for other development purposes.

18c Unrestricted funds

31 August 2022	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
General reserve	2,675,698	6,196,779	(6,015,255)	(16,383)	2,840,839
31 August 2021	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
General reserve	2,545,551	5,560,311	(5,442,845)	12,681	2,675,698

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19 Contracts and commitments

There is a capital commitment for Nil at 31 August 2022 (2021: £Nil).

20 Operating lease

The lease, covering the school buildings and the grounds, granted by Mostyn Estates expires in 2060.

Total Future minimum lease payments:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Under 1 year	90,587	85,133
1 – 5 years	282,237	274,944
After 5 years	<u>1,213,800</u>	<u>1,178,100</u>
	<u>1,586,624</u>	<u>1,538,177</u>

The leases relate to land and buildings, minibuses and equipment.

21 Related party transactions

Charlotte Hart (Governor) is an Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP. Hill Dickinson LLP provided legal services of £11,635 (2021: £13,200) during the year. This provision is in accordance with the College's governing document. There was a balance of £nil (2021: £nil) outstanding at the end of the year.

P Gaskell (Governor) is a member of the Titus Trust who, during the previous years has conducted a summer camp at the College. There was no balance outstanding at the year end.

Lord Mostyn (Governor) is a director of Mostyn Estates Limited from whom the School leases its property under a lease which expires in 2060. The charge for the year was £ 35,700 (2021: £35,700). Mostyn Estates also charges the School buildings insurance which was £24,263 for the year (2021: £22,949). There is no balance outstanding at the year end.

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22 Pension costs

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The College participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff up to 30 April 2021 when it exited the scheme. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £nil (2021: £316,721) and at the year-end nil (2021 - £nil) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The government announced on 4 February 2021 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2021, and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. Following a public consultation, the Government have accepted three key proposals recommended by the Government Actuary, and are aiming to implement these changes in time for the 2021 valuations.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

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Until the cost cap mechanism revision is completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Legal and General Pension Scheme

From 1 May 2021 the College participated in a Legal and General Pension Scheme for all eligible teachers. The employer contributions being 16.48%. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to that scheme for the 12 months of £357,508 (2021: £105,133 plus TPS £316,721) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of nil (2021: nil).

Group personal pension scheme

The College also participates in two defined contribution group personal pension schemes for employees who are not eligible for membership of the Legal and General Pension Scheme. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to those schemes of £50,685 (2021: £50,571) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £nil (2021: £4,524).

23 Cash generated from operations

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income for the year	174,394	109,431
Eliminations of non-operating cash flows:		
Investment income	(2,032)	(2,573)
Finance costs	6,999	9,624
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	163,596	167,385
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	3,952
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	342,957	287,819
Decrease in stocks	1,604	4,640
Increase in debtors	(6,654)	(1,437)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors (excluding fees in advance scheme)	(52,308)	178,957
Cash generated from operations	285,599	469,979

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Registered Charity number: 1075705
Registered Company number: 01351369

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ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

COMPANY INFORMATION

Year ended 31 August 2021

Legal Status

St David's College Trust is a registered charity incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006.

Governors

The Governors of St David's College Trust who served during the year were:

Rev Dr P Gaskell +* "(Chairman and Chair of Finance Committee)
R Kenwell (Treasurer)*
Rt Rev K Sinclair
Viscount Chelsea
G Wilson *
R Leake + (Chair of Education Committee)
Miss C Hart
Mrs B Hutchinson Smith +
Lord Mostyn *
P Hadley +
Mrs A Seldon "(Nee Haydon) (Chair of Estates Committee)
T Mueller
Mrs S Hepworth +

* Members of the Finance Committee

+ Members of the Education Committee

"Members of the Estates Committee

Registered charity number	Company number	Registered office
1075705	01351369	St David's College Llandudno LL30 1RD

Operating name

The company operates as St David's College Trust.

The Headmaster

A Russell B.Sc., P.G.C.E., C.C.M. (SpLD)

The Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

K Baines B.Sc., ACA

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ADVISERS

Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 60 Mostyn Street Llandudno Conwy LL30 2SF
Solicitors	Hill Dickinson LLP No 1, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Auditors	RSM UK Audit LLP One City Place Queens Road Chester CH1 3BQ
Investments	Brewin Dolphin Limited 1 The Avenue Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
Property & Estates	Mostyn Estates Ltd (Landlord) Mostyn Court 2 Mostyn Street Llandudno LL30 2PS
Insurances	Circle Insurance Services PLC 2 John Bradshaw Court Alexandria Way Congleton Cheshire CX12 1LB

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GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 August 2021

The Board of Governors, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2021, together with the audited financial statements for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016).

Principal activities and objectives

St David's College Trust (the College) which operates from St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD, is established to promote and provide for the advancement of education.

The College is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales, No. 01351369, and is registered with the Charities Commission under charity number 1075705. The Governors have obtained the consent of the Registrar of Companies to be exempt from the requirement to use the word 'Limited' in its name.

The Governors are also the company's directors and are shown on page 1.

Auditor

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The College is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as revised in June 2006.

Governing Body

The company is governed by its Board which consists of no less than 7 and no more than 20 members. The governing body, assisted by the Headmaster, Mr A Russell, and Bursar, Miss K Baines, is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the company as a whole.

The Governors are appointed annually by the Board of Governors with a normal retiring age of 65 years which subject to re-election, may be extended to age 70.

Recruitment and training of Governors

Governors are recruited from all walks of life, including the clergy, business, the professions and alumni. Governors must subscribe to the College's statement of faith. On joining, Governors are inducted into the responsibilities of both directors of the company and trustees of the charity. Through membership of AGBIS, Governors attend appropriate external seminars and workshops; internally, periodic training days are arranged in College.

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Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the College and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. The work of implementing most of the Board's policies is carried out by the Finance Committee which has met three times this year. The Education Committee met three times during the year, to discuss academic, pastoral and spiritual issues. The Governors submit a self-evaluation of their work which is incorporated into the College Development Plan. The day to day running of the College is delegated to the Head and Bursar supported by members of the School Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT meets every week and from 1 September 2020 is now comprised of the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain, two Assistant Heads and the SENCO.

Key management remuneration policy

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Board, with the policy objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly and responsibly for their individual contributions to the Company's success.

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually, including reference to comparisons with other independent colleges to ensure that the College remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit, subject to experience, at the lower to medium point within a band, providing scope for rewarding excellence. Delivery of the College's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our charitable expenditure.

Related Parties

A number of the Governors are directors or officers of external companies and any transactions are disclosed in Note 21 of the accounts.

Investment policy and objectives

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS).

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the company are set out in its Memorandum of Association. Within these objects the College aims:

- a. To develop the College as a Christian college for boys and girls.
- b. To acquire and carry on in the United Kingdom any other college or colleges for the education of children.

Aims and intended impacts

The College is a boarding and day college for up to 280 pupils aged 9-19. The College aims to develop "the whole person", through a broad education founded on Christian principles, a wide choice of interest and activity, and an achievable personal programme for each pupil. The College's expertise in helping dyslexic pupils is recognised internationally.

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Objectives

This academic year has seen the UK navigate its way through the 5 alert levels and the school navigate its way through lockdown and 'live' schooling. Teaching has taken the form of face to face, hybrid and fully online lessons, where the timetable has always been taught to its fullest. Virtual challenges have been undertaken and physical education lessons have been taught in place of games and outdoor education. The children have maintained their close pastoral and spiritual connection with their teachers and tutors throughout.

Wellbeing has been the major focus of the leadership for the staff and the children and new initiatives of ambassadorship training for staff and similar posts for prefects have ensured a blanket of care covering each employee and pupil during this time of disconnection and need.

Relationships and communication have increased to ensure that no child or parent is left behind and that there are no resultant holes in learning and development. Online parents' meetings have ensured that parents remain fully informed of their children's progress throughout. Staff have been fully aware of the difficulties of parents having to work and teach at home, so the full timetable of lessons from nine to five has been of paramount importance. This 'lived experience' of us all remains our connection and as such we have introduced a full-time pastoral support officer to back up the essential work of the Assistant Head (pastoral), the Housemasters, Heads of Years, Tutors and the growing Chaplaincy team.

Marketing has focused more predominantly on the domestic boarding arena and new networks are being developed to include prep school visits and renewed engagement with other senior schools outside of the Principality.

New developments include an extension to the parking lots just outside of the school gates and new safety features for pedestrians within the campus. Modifications within boarding have increased and levelled the quality of the provision in the main school building and the other four houses and en-suite rooms have been created for new interns within the Chaplaincy team. This increases the number of adults resident on site to 19.

Developments within the curriculum have been numerous and resulted in the recognition of the ISA for our outstanding provision for sport (our teaching methodology is the subject of several studies by universities and also by high performance coaches in the sporting world), an additional ISA shortlisting for the outstanding level of support in SEN and a shortlisting by Independent School Parents magazine for outstanding school initiatives during the Pandemic. The Outdoor Education department is also the subject of a thematic report for Estyn as an example of sector leading practice.

Reverend Tim Hall retired after 50 years of incredible service at St David's College, taking up the Emeritus role supporting and mentoring the team of two chaplains and three interns of the next year. His commitment over half a century was recognised by all our member affiliated organisations.

This has been a tough year, with lost income from boarding, however we are strong in the day market and there are many year groups where there is limited recruitment or waiting lists for places.

Strategies

The College measures its success in many ways, some of which are easier to quantify than others.

Academically we measure success by raw examination results but more accurately by the value-added scores that are calculated annually when comparing the students' performance in exams with the levels as measured by national baseline testing when they joined the College. Equally important are the essential skills of leadership, teamwork, resilience, etc. These are almost impossible to quantify empirically, but we are proud of our success in ensuring that the majority of our pupils leave us with a strong sense of community, empathy and resilience.

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Public benefit

St David's College Trust remains committed to the aim of providing public benefit in accordance with its founding principles. Charity law has introduced the requirement to demonstrate that public benefit for charitable purposes where it has hitherto been presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

The award of bursaries for the needy is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Board takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the College provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our college and who receive financial support contribute to the college community in a variety of ways. Hence the benefit is not purely to these pupils but to the whole College and, in some cases to the wider community. This year the College awarded scholarships, bursaries and other awards to the value of £630,444 10.45% of gross fees (2020 was £ 592,135, at 10.3% of gross fees) helping 154 children to pursue their education at the College. The Governors will continue to demonstrate public benefit by making awards based on academic ability and financial need. We continue to provide for LEA funded students and 4 students who are partially funded by external Charitable Trust Funds.

The College has offered its facilities to local schools, organising several events including sporting activities. The sports facilities are used by several local cricket teams on a non-profit making basis. Local groups continue to make use of our facilities for meetings and drama clubs. The College opens up its historic buildings to the public as part of an annual Heritage Scheme in the county.

Fundraising performance

Limited face to face teaching time has likewise meant limited opportunities for fundraising, however, the children created shoe bags at Christmas for children in Africa and collected coats for a children's hospice in Wales. Fundraising will be a focus for us as a community in 2021/22 as children have learned how important it is to value life and our earth. We have 130 trees to plant to protect the environment and we are growing vegetables for our local community.

Investment performance

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS). Funds held in the AFPS are £202,980 (2020: £237,501). The value of investments held is £130,855 (2020: £118,174). Investments have performed very well this year.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of achievements and performance for the year

The Government announced in January that the Summer exams were to be cancelled and that grades were required to be a reflection of the students' attainment through teachers' assessments (TAGs), including amongst other things, coursework and mock exams. Level two and three results were received earlier in August than usual and an appeals process was set up to deal with any issues. The WJEC did not release their results until results day, whereas other boards' results were announced in advance.

The St David's College Summer 2021, Level 2 examination results (both GCSE and BTEC combined) have been excellent across all subject areas. 34.6% of the grades received were at A/7 which was 5.9% above the figures for Wales. Deeper analysis indicates that the GCSE results 35.1% performed above the BTEC 29.2% at the A/7 and above boundary. 97% of the students received the benchmark 5 GCES grade C/4 and above including Maths and English. There were many outstanding departmental results receiving 100% C/4 pass rates with Maths at 100% (47% of the results at A/7 and above) being particularly commendable.

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The results of pupils receiving C/4 grades at Level 2 was 96.9% which compares extremely favourably to the Wales figure of 73.6%. As a non-selective school, we are very proud of these results in particular.

Within the sixth form at Level 3, 51.5% of the grades were at A*-A/Distinction*- Distinction. A Levels alone accounted for 56.1% of the top grades, while comparably, in Wales it was 48.3%. 41% off the leaving cohort are attending Russell Group Universities studying subjects such as Pharmacy, Architecture, Aerospace Engineering and Accountancy. A gap year is proving a popular choice despite travel restrictions, while 20% of the cohort have gone straight into apprenticeships, others choosing courses that include audio engineering and songwriting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The College's surplus of £122,112 (2020 £149,318 deficit) was above the target budgeted surplus of £12,284. This was due to additional pupils during the year and tight cost control. Operating costs tended to reduce against budget in most areas except for maintenance where we increased spend to continue our plans for improving the facilities. We had excellent collection of debtors during the year and have been able to release £79,797 of our debtor provisions. We also had a substantial gain on investments of £12,681. Academic staffing costs were £2,968,309 (2020: £3,102,103).

Fees increased by 2% on 1st January 2021. The gross fee income increased by £304,517 during the year due to extra pupils and the impact of the fee increase. The School was closed to day pupils for the Spring Term, but we were open for a limited number of boarding pupils from February 2021. During the previous year we shut to all pupils for the entire Summer Term. Bursaries continued to be in demand, with the level awarded being 1.4% of gross fees at £84,120. Bursaries are awarded on a means tested basis. There was an increase in net fees of £266,208.

Pupil numbers rose steadily from 262 to 268 by the year ended 31st August 2021 (258 during the year ended 31st August 2020). The new pupil intake at September 2020 was at an excellent level of 76. Pupil numbers at September 2021 are 265 and the new pupil intake is a good 53.

Covid has had a minimal impact on the finances for the year with lost income being largely covered by savings in costs and assistance from the furlough scheme. We have maintained a strong balance sheet and cash reserves which have enable us to face the challenges the new year is presenting with the Covid pandemic and rising costs of fuel, energy and food.

Reserves Level and Policy and Financial Viability

The College's reserve policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted income reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall and to rely on the readily realisable cash in bank and overdraft facility.

The College's total reserves are £2,778,452 (2020: £2,656,340) at the year end, of which £3,223,124 (2020: £3,192,974) relate to the fixed assets and investments of the school, leaving £(444,672) (2020: £(536,634)) of free reserves for the College. The Board deem this to be an adequate level of free reserves give the current climate and the availability of the £400,000 overdraft. We intend to build up the free reserves from the current deficit to a surplus over the next 4 years.

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Restricted Funds of £102,611 (2020: £110,610) and Designated Funds of £143 (2020: £179) are held against various restricted activities, being the depreciating value of Tryfan Boarding House, the James Webb fund held for projects relating to the Assistive Technology Programme, the Boat fund which is held for the purchase and upkeep of school boats and the appeal value of Chelsea House. The Charity Commission has advised us that although the fund value of Tryfan must remain restricted, the cash surplus in respect of Chelsea may be used for other development purposes.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Risk management

The Governors consider that previous years of economic turbulence, as well as the future uncertainties facing the country, could have an impact on our financial security through pupil numbers. Increased costs for manpower and other resources have been supported with an increase in fees. The Governors viewed the increasing costs of the Teachers' Pension Scheme to be an unacceptable risk and entered a consultation process with teaching staff that concluded with the College exiting the Teachers' Pension Scheme on 30 April 2021. The new pension scheme offered to teachers maintains the more manageable employers' contributions of the Teachers Pensions Scheme of 16.48% that applied prior to the increase to 23.7% in September 2020. The Governors have also reviewed the risks faced in the principal areas of College operations, noting the continual risk assessments conducted by staff. The Governors remain of the opinion that the College has established resources and system which, under normal conditions, should allow risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the College's routine operations.

Again, this year, the Governors have monitored the requirements of the Charities Act on the College's charitable status. As reported under Public Benefit, the College can demonstrate its public benefit; the Governors see no necessity, therefore, to make any financial provision for the Charities Act requirements at this time.

The key controls used by the charity include:

- 1) Formal agendas for all Committee and Board activity
- 2) Detailed Terms of Reference for Finance, Education and Development Committees
- 3) Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting, and management accounting
- 4) Production of a College Development Plan which is continuously updated by the School Leadership Team
- 5) Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- 6) Formal written policies and health and safety procedures
- 7) Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable
- 8) Monitoring of cash flows on a termly basis

Through the risk management processes established for the College, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The main risks as identified by the Governors are as follows:

Pupil Numbers

The Governing body review regularly the recruitment and retention of pupils. The College is pursuing many new marketing initiatives and has invested in its marketing budget and the appointment of a new Registrar and Marketing Manager with a particular emphasis to grow boarding numbers.

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Credit and Debt recovery Risk

The Governing body monitor the late and/or non-payment of fees and the steps in place to recover these debts, to prevent a detrimental effect on cash flow and income. Persistent debtors are pursued through legal channels to recover the debt. An adequate provision for bad debts that may not be recoverable is set each year to protect against any unpreventable losses.

Cash flow Risk

Cash flow is assessed on a monthly basis and reported to the Governing Body. The average cash balance by this year end was reported to be an adequate £1,074,505 (2020: £1,148,268)

Brexit

The Governing body are monitoring the impact of Brexit on the college in terms of its effect on the recruitment of pupils, supply of goods and services and travel to and from Europe.

Future Plans

The financial performance and positive cash flows, in recent years, has given the College the scope to consider the possibility of investing in more significant capital projects in the next few years.

- Refurbishment of boarding areas through our rolling upgrading and maintenance programme.
- Research of an improved sports facility either through the delivery of a multi-use games area or an indoor sports facility.
- Continue to develop a link to humanitarian projects in the UK and Europe, specifically for younger years to attend.
- Continue to improve ICT, technology for learning and communications systems within the college and boarding accommodation.
- Collaborate with the ODA in building a pavilion on the games pitch.
- Creating improved teaching facilities.
- More environmentally friendly policies across the College.

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Trustees/Governors' Responsibilities

The Governors (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions applicable under the Companies Act 2006 and the charity's constitution.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- as the Governors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable for companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Governors of St David's College Trust on and signed on its behalf by:

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St David's College Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account), the Statement of Financial Position, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Governors' Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Governors' Annual Report, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Governors' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities set out on page 10, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the sector, including the legal and regulatory frameworks that the charitable company operates in and how the charitable company is complying with the legal and regulatory frameworks;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

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As a result of these procedures, we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, Charities SORP (FRS 102), Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the charitable company's governing document. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing the financial statements including the Trustees' Report, remaining alert to new or unusual transactions which may not be in accordance with the governing documents.

The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are The Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, Keeping Children Safe in Education under section 175 of the Education Act 2002, and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), as well as the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. We performed audit procedures to inquire of management and those charged with governance whether the charitable company is in compliance with these law and regulations and inspected correspondence with regulatory authorities.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments, evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business, challenging judgments and estimates.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

ANNA SPENCER-GRAY (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Date

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME						
Income from Charitable Activities						
School fees	2	5,399,923	-	-	5,399,923	5,133,715
Other educational income	3a	11,245	-	-	11,245	5,516
Other ancillary income	3b	40,626	-	-	40,626	40,628
Donations	3c	-	-	1,200	1,200	27,350
Grant Income	3d	105,944	-	-	105,944	217,714
Investment income	4	2,573	-	-	2,573	3,130
Total income		<u>5,560,311</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>5,561,511</u>	<u>5,428,053</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	5,492,555	36	9,199	5,501,790	5,473,931
Costs of raising funds	8	(49,710)	-	-	(49,710)	99,807
Total expenditure	8	<u>5,442,845</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>9,199</u>	<u>5,452,080</u>	<u>5,573,738</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
		117,466	(36)	(7,999)	109,431	(145,685)
Net gains / (losses) on Investment	11	12,681	-	-	12,681	(3,633)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		<u>130,147</u>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>(7,999)</u>	<u>122,112</u>	<u>(149,318)</u>
Fund balances as at 1 September		<u>2,545,551</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>110,610</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>	<u>2,805,658</u>
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST	17	<u>2,675,698</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>102,611</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 18 to 35 form part of these financial statements

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Company Registration Number 01351369

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 August 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	3,092,269	3,074,800
Investments	11	130,855	118,174
Total fixed assets		<u>3,223,124</u>	<u>3,192,974</u>
Current assets			
Land held for sale	12	37,227	37,227
Stocks		21,136	25,776
Debtors due within one year	13	104,038	102,601
Cash at bank and in hand		853,241	613,190
		<u>1,015,642</u>	<u>778,794</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,112,828)</u>	<u>(928,463)</u>
Net current assets		<u>(97,186)</u>	<u>(149,669)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,125,938</u>	<u>3,043,305</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(347,486)</u>	<u>(386,965)</u>
Net assets		<u>2,778,452</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	18a	102,611	110,610
Designated funds	18b	143	179
Unrestricted funds	18c	2,675,698	2,545,551
Total funds		<u>2,778,452</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 34 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on and signed on its behalf by:

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

The notes on pages 18 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 August 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Cash from operating activities	23		469,979		174,818
Interest paid		(9,624)		(7,881)	
Net cash from operating activities			<u>460,355</u>		<u>166,937</u>
Cash from/ (used in) investing activities					
Investment income		2,573		3,130	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(188,806)		(632,484)	
Cash used in investing activities		<u></u>	<u>(186,233)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(629,354)</u>
Fees in advance scheme	15a				
New fees in advance		179,808		175,759	
Amounts accrued to fees in advance contracts		2,965		2,946	
Amounts utilised		(216,844)		(200,487)	
		<u></u>	<u>(34,071)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(21,782)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year			<u>240,051</u>		<u>(484,199)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>613,190</u>		<u>1,097,389</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u><u>853,241</u></u>		<u><u>613,190</u></u>

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

St David's College Trust, Llandudno (the College) is an incorporated charitable company which is limited by guarantee, (registered company no. 01351369), (charity no. 1075705), registered in England & Wales. The College's registered address and principal place of business is St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value except for certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounting policies are set out below.

The College constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the College. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The College's ability to continue operating is aided by the continued support of its bankers and the availability of adequate overdraft facilities, should they be required. The overdraft facility has been renewed up to November 2022. Detailed cash flow forecasts and budgets have been prepared and approved by the Governors to ensure the College can meet its financial commitments when they become due in the coming year and the following year. The College has implemented a strategy focused on pupil recruitment and a programme of cost control to ensure the College can operate within its agreed bank overdraft facilities. On this basis therefore it is appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the withdrawal of support from the College's bankers.

The College has managed its finances very efficiently during the current year with respect to issues caused by Covid 19. Lost income due to lockdowns and partial lockdowns has largely been covered by cost savings and support from the furlough scheme. As with the current year we do not expect Covid 19 to have any significant impact on the College's finances. Governors have concluded that it is reasonable to expect that the school will generate sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet all of its financial obligations. For this reason, the Governors have continued to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the School's financial statements.

Fees and similar income

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions granted by the College, but include contributions received from Restricted Funds for Scholarships, Bursaries and other grants. Scholarships are assessed and awarded on a pupil's merit following an annual Scholarship Day held in the early Spring term. Bursaries are considered on the basis of a declaration of income and liabilities from the parents applying for such an award. Non-refundable fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years under an Advance Fee Payment Scheme contract are held as interest-bearing liabilities until either taken to income in the term when used or transferred to another school.

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Investment income

Investment income from bank balances and fixed asset investments are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the running of the school and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to those activities. Governance costs (included within support costs) comprise the costs of running the charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the College Governors, and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the costs of Board and Committee meetings and of preparing statutory accounts and satisfying public accountability.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. The capitalisation policy is that purchases of more than £1,000 and with a useful life of over 12 months are considered to be capital purchases.

Land and buildings are classified as fixed assets held primarily for charity use and do not include investment assets. Land deemed as to be put up for sale within 12 months is classified as current assets.

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives. The current depreciation rates are as follows:

Leasehold buildings	2% p.a. (2.5% in 2006 and prior years) – straight line
Portable buildings	10% p.a. – reducing balance
Equipment and furnishings	19% to 21% p.a. – reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% p.a. – reducing balance
Assets in the course of construction	No depreciation

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks comprise of resources purchased during 2020/21, for use in the academic year 2021/22.

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Pension schemes

The College participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) (the TPS), for its teaching staff. This is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme and it is not possible or appropriate to consistently identify the liabilities of the TPS which are attributable to the College. The College, in accordance with FRS 102 therefore, the Scheme is accounted for as a Defined Contribution Scheme.

The College also participates in a defined contribution group personal pension scheme for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS. The employer contributions start from 8.35% up to a maximum of 12.35% in line with the amount the employee wishes to contribute personally.

Contributions to both schemes are charged in the SOFA as they become payable.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to resources expended on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Unrestricted Funds and Designated fund

Funds are retained to cover the fixed assets, provide working capital and repay long-term loans. Funds are designated within Unrestricted Funds when there is a specific project to be undertaken.

The designated fund represents the depreciating value of the furniture and equipment of the Chelsea House along with the surplus in the specific designated bank account.

Restricted fund

The restricted fund represents the depreciating value of the Tryfan Boarding House and the James Webb Assistive Technology Suite.

Funds are restricted when they have been given or raised for a specific purpose.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

The College has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised in the College's balance sheet when the school becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables (but not prepayments) not measured at amortised cost, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as, either, financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The College makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Pension scheme valuation assumptions

Assumptions have been made by the actuary in calculating the valuation of the defined benefit pension scheme at the year end. Details of the assumptions made are included within the pension note.

Bad debt provision

Fee debtors are reviewed, annually, when the governors consider the requirement to write off any bad debts over 12 months old or those which are found to be non-recoverable. All fee debts, which are outstanding at the end of the financial year, less any amounts expected during the following financial year, will be covered by a bad debt provision, unless those fees are believed to be payable within the next 3 months.

Depreciation rates

Depreciation policies are applied to each asset category in order to reflect the useful economic life of the assets.

2 Income from charitable activities

School fees

	Unrestricted	
	2021	2020
	£	£
(a) The School's fee income comprised:		
Gross fees	6,030,367	5,725,850
Less: Bursaries and awards	(223,679)	(249,738)
Fee discounts	(406,765)	(342,397)
	<u>5,399,923</u>	<u>5,133,715</u>

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3	Other income	Unrestricted	
		2021	2020
		£	£
(a)	Other educational charitable activities		
	Lettings	11,245	5,516
		11,245	5,516
(b)	Other ancillary activities		
	Other income	2,665	5,715
	Bus income	37,961	34,913
		40,626	40,628
(c)	Donations - Restricted		
		1,200	27,350
		1,200	27,350
(d)	Grant income - Unrestricted		
		105,944	217,714
		105,944	217,714

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Investment income	2,573	-	2,573	3,130
	<u>2,573</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,573</u>	<u>3,130</u>

The total income in 2020 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Total staff costs comprised

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	3,224,250	3,096,622
Social security costs	281,734	290,184
Pension contributions	480,097	537,036
	<u>3,986,081</u>	<u>3,923,842</u>

The average full-time equivalent number of employees employed by the School during the year was:

	2021	2020
Teaching	57	59
Welfare	26	17
Premises	7	7
Support	8	8
	<u>98</u>	<u>91</u>

The average number of employees on the payroll was

<u>139</u>	<u>127</u>
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None of the Board members received remuneration in the year.

Governor travel and training expenses of £296 (2020: £2,210) – paid to Governors during the year to reimburse out of pocket expenses relating to travel.

An ex-gratia payment of £2,500 was paid during the previous year. The payment was in relation to a termination of employment settlement agreement.

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5 Total staff costs comprised (continued)

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2021	2020
£60,000- £70,000	2	2
£90,000- £100,000	1	1
£100,000-£110,000	-	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Contributions by the school for the higher-paid employee shown above amounting to £19,808 (2020 £13,514) were made to the Teachers' Pension Fund, a defined benefit scheme.

	2021	2020
Aggregate employee benefits of:		
Key management personnel	280,429	379,084
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The key management personnel are the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain and the Registrar and Director of Strategic Development (left 31 August 2020)

6 Analysis of Governance expenditure included within support costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration including VAT: for audit services	21,864	18,000
Governors travel expenses	296	2,210
	<u>22,160</u>	<u>20,210</u>

7 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating leases:		
- Land & buildings	35,700	35,700
- Motor	37,553	43,224
- Equipment	20,560	21,368
Depreciation	<u>167,385</u>	<u>159,953</u>

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8 Expenditure

	Staff costs	Other costs	Depreciation	2021	2020
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Costs of raising funds:					
Financing costs	-	2,743	-	2,743	4,903
Bank interest and charges	-	6,881	-	6,881	2,978
Bad debts write off	-	(59,334)	-	(59,334)	91,926
	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,710)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,710)</u>	<u>99,807</u>
Charitable activities					
Teaching	2,968,309	283,759	46,368	3,298,436	3,404,293
Welfare	450,050	157,164	42,659	649,873	486,121
Premises	216,691	650,999	74,648	942,338	915,454
Support costs of schooling	351,031	256,402	3,710	611,143	668,063
School's operating costs	<u>3,986,081</u>	<u>1,348,324</u>	<u>167,385</u>	<u>5,501,790</u>	<u>5,473,931</u>
Total expenditure	<u>3,986,081</u>	<u>1,298,614</u>	<u>167,385</u>	<u>5,452,080</u>	<u>5,573,738</u>

Total expenditure was £5,452,080 (2020: £5,573,931) of which £7,999 (2020: £20,999) was restricted and £36 (2020: £45) was designated. Total remaining funds were unrestricted.

The credit on the bad debt write off arose due to collection of some older historic debts which has enabled us to release bad debt provisions, and excellent collection of the current year's fees.

	Staff costs	Other Costs	Depreciation	2021	2020
	£	£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
Support costs of schooling					
Salaries	351,031	-	-	351,031	312,436
PR & Marketing	-	75,951	-	75,951	139,852
Agents Commission	-	62,544	-	62,544	64,248
Legal and professional	-	62,184	-	62,184	84,272
Postage and stationery	-	28,498	-	28,498	33,619
Telephones	-	27,225	-	27,225	30,091
Depreciation	-	-	3,710	3,710	3,545
	<u>351,031</u>	<u>256,402</u>	<u>3,710</u>	<u>611,143</u>	<u>668,063</u>

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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets in the course of construction £	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Portable Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment & Furnishings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 September 2020	635,260	3,401,681	29,756	44,955	2,450,621	6,562,273
Additions	-	141,485	-	-	47,321	188,806
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,073,631)	(1,073,631)
Transfer	(635,260)	635,260	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	-	4,178,426	29,756	44,955	1,424,311	5,677,448
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2020	-	1,270,062	25,211	28,878	2,163,322	3,487,473
Charge for year	-	93,636	454	4,027	69,268	167,385
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(1,069,679)	(1,069,679)
At 31 August 2021	-	1,363,698	25,665	32,905	1,162,911	2,585,179
Net Book Value						
At 31 August 2021	-	2,814,728	4,091	12,050	261,400	3,092,269
At 31 August 2020	635,260	2,131,619	4,545	16,077	287,299	3,074,800

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11 Investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Investments at market value at 1 September 2020	118,174	121,807
Additions	40,430	22,942
Disposals	(44,236)	(25,815)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash	2,606	1,673
Revaluation surplus/(loss)	12,681	(3,633)
Fees	1,200	1,200
	<u>130,855</u>	<u>118,174</u>
Investments at market value at 31 August 2021	<u>130,855</u>	<u>118,174</u>
	<u>114,462</u>	<u>113,710</u>
Historical Cost of investments	<u>114,462</u>	<u>113,710</u>

Listed investment assets in the UK

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments				
Quoted fixed interest securities	44,541	-	44,541	62,924
Other investments	79,657	-	79,657	51,199
Other investments				
UK cash held as part of portfolio	6,657	-	6,657	4,051
	<u>130,855</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,855</u>	<u>118,174</u>

All investments are primarily held to provide an investment return. All investments are carried at their fair value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value). Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

At the year-end the College's long-term investments totalled £130,855. The overall total investment return was an increase of £15,254 which is a very satisfactory result given the economic climate and growth. Investments are made up of UK bonds, UK and overseas equities and a Sterling Capital Account.

12 Land held for sale

	2021	2020
	£	£
Land held for sale	37,227	37,227
	<u>37,227</u>	<u>37,227</u>

School fees which were previously secured by a Voluntary Legal Charge were realised during 2012/13 and the School took possession of land included at £37,227 the value of the outstanding debt.

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13 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fees and extras in arrears	31,418	36,854
Other debtors	6,060	1,871
Prepayments	66,560	63,876
	<u>104,038</u>	<u>102,601</u>

Debts which have been written off during the year amounted to £17,920 (2020: £19,190). The provision for doubtful debts has decreased by £79,797 in the year.

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	74,897	20,478
Accruals	89,704	134,782
Other creditors	70,054	62,519
School fees in advance	769,209	533,699
Deposits against recoveries	39,248	47,100
Tax and Social Security	65,192	66,487
Pension contributions	4,524	63,398
	<u>1,112,828</u>	<u>928,463</u>

School fees in advance include £202,980 (2020 £237,051) relating to the Advance Fee Payments Scheme, see note 15a for details. The remainder are for Autumn term 2021.

	2021	2020
	£	£
School fees in advance (excluding advance fee payment schemes)		
At 1 September 2020	382,615	347,481
Released from previous year	(382,615)	(347,481)
Resources deferred in the year	615,965	382,615
	<u>615,965</u>	<u>382,615</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2021		
	<u>615,965</u>	<u>382,615</u>

Bank overdraft

The bank overdraft is secured by a first mortgage dated 13 November 2000 over the College's leasehold property known as St David's College, Gloddaeth Hall and Cottages, Llandudno, LL30 1RP and the following debentures dated 7 December 2000 and 20 July 1999.

Debenture including Fixed Charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; First Fixed Charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future, and First Floating Charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future dated 7 December 2000.

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15 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
School fees received in advance (see note 15a)	49,736	85,968
Deposits against recoveries	297,750	300,997
	<u>347,486</u>	<u>386,965</u>

The deposits are from parents and are disclosed as partly repayable after more than one year because they are repayable when the pupil leaves and it is reasonable to assume that many pupils will not be leaving within one year.

15a Advance fee payments

Parents may pay to the College up to the equivalent of 7 years tuition fees in advance. Ownership of the funds passes to the College on receipt, but advance payments can be repaid if a pupil does not come to St David's or leaves the College earlier than had been anticipated.

Assuming pupils will remain in the College, advance fees will be applied as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Within 1 year	153,244	151,083
Within 2-5 years	<u>49,736</u>	<u>85,968</u>
	<u>202,980</u>	<u>237,051</u>

The balance included in creditors represents the accrued liability under the contracts. The capital movements during the year were:

	2021	2020
Balance at 1 September 2020	237,051	258,833
New scheme in year	179,808	175,759
Amounts accrued to contracts as debt financing costs	2,965	2,946
Amounts utilised in payment of fees	<u>(216,844)</u>	<u>(200,487)</u>
Balance at 31 August 2021	<u>202,980</u>	<u>237,051</u>

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Financial instruments

	2021 £	2020 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value	168,082	155,401
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>31,418</u>	<u>36,854</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>(641,369)</u>	<u>(695,762)</u>

17 Allocation of the charity net assets

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

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	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	100,853	-	1,758	-	102,611
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	2,991,273	130,855	54,300	(297,750)	2,878,678
Advance fees	-	-	(153,244)	(49,736)	(202,980)
Unrestricted funds:	143	-	-	-	143
Designated					
	<u>3,092,269</u>	<u>130,855</u>	<u>(97,186)</u>	<u>(347,486)</u>	<u>2,778,452</u>

31 August 2020

	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	108,852	-	1,758	-	110,610
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	2,965,769	118,174	(344)	(300,997)	2,782,602
Advance fees	-	-	(151,083)	(85,968)	(237,051)
Unrestricted funds:	179	-	-	-	179
Designated					
	<u>3,074,800</u>	<u>118,174</u>	<u>(149,669)</u>	<u>(386,965)</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>

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18a Restricted funds

31 August 2021	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Tryfan	105,128	-	(5,688)	-	99,440
James Webb	3,724	-	(2,311)	-	1,413
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	1,200	(1,200)	-	-
	<u>110,610</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>(9,199)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,611</u>
31 August 2020	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Tryfan	110,816	-	(5,688)	-	105,128
James Webb	6,035	-	(2,311)	-	3,724
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	12,900	(12,900)	-	-
	<u>118,609</u>	<u>12,900</u>	<u>(20,899)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,610</u>

Tryfan: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Boarding House.
James Webb Fund: The fund was set up to provide an assistive technology suite.
Boat Fund: Donations received towards the purchase and upkeep of boats.

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18b Unrestricted funds: Designated

31 August 2021	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Development Appeal	179	-	(36)	-	143
31 August 2020	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Development Appeal	224	-	(45)	-	179

Development Appeal: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Chelsea House furniture and equipment, which may now be used for other development purposes.

18c Unrestricted funds

31 August 2021	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
General reserve	2,545,551	5,560,311	(5,442,845)	12,681	2,675,698
31 August 2020	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
General reserve	2,686,825	5,428,053	(5,565,694)	(3,633)	2,545,551

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19 Contracts and commitments

There is a capital commitment for nil at 31 August 2021 (2020: £16,030). The prior year amount was to build a 17 bedroom extension to the Augusta girl's boarding house. The work was done by Best Construction Limited.

20 Operating lease

The lease, covering the school buildings and the grounds, granted by Mostyn Estates expires in 2060.

Total Future minimum lease payments:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Under 1 year	85,133	93,829
1 – 5 years	274,944	302,757
After 5 years	<u>1,178,100</u>	<u>1,213,500</u>
	<u>1,538,177</u>	<u>1,610,086</u>

The leases relate to land and buildings, minibuses and equipment.

21 Related party transactions

Charlotte Hart (Governor) is an Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP. Hill Dickinson LLP provided legal services of £13,200 (2020: £10,445) during the year. This provision is in accordance with the College's governing document. There was a balance of £nil (2020: £288) outstanding at the end of the year.

P Gaskell (Governor) is a member of the Titus Trust who, during the previous years has conducted a summer camp at the College. There was no balance outstanding at the year end. The summer camp was cancelled in the current year and the previous year due to Covid.

Lord Mostyn (Governor) is a director of Mostyn Estates Limited from whom the School leases its property under a lease which expires in 2060. The charge for the year was £35,700 (2020: £35,700). Mostyn Estates also charges the School buildings insurance which was £22,949 for the year (2020: £21,268). There is no balance outstanding at the year end.

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22 Pension costs

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The College participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff up to 30 April 2021 when it exited the scheme. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS for 8 months of £316,721 (2020: £494,830) and at the year-end nil (2020 - £55,873) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. The government announced on 4 February 2021 that it intends to proceed with a deferred choice underpin under which members will be able to choose either legacy or reformed scheme benefits in respect of their service during the period between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2022 at the point they become payable.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2020, and a consultation was launched on 24 June on proposed changes to the cost control mechanism following a review by the Government Actuary. Following a public consultation, the Government have accepted three key proposals recommended by the Government Actuary, and are aiming to implement these changes in time for the 2020 valuations.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

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Until the cost cap mechanism revision is completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

Legal and General Pension Scheme

From 1 May 2021 the College participated in a Legal and General Pension Scheme for all eligible teachers.. The employer contributions being 16.48%. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to that schemes for the 4 months of £105,133 (2020: £nil) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of nil (2020: nil).

Group personal pension scheme

The College also participates in two defined contribution group personal pension schemes for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS or the Legal and General Pension Scheme. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to those schemes of £50,571 (2020: £42,206) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £4,524 (2020: £6,737).

23 Cash generated from operations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net surplus (deficit)/ income for the year	109,431	(145,685)
Eliminations of non-operating cash flows:		
Investment income	(2,573)	(3,130)
Finance costs	9,624	7,881
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	167,385	159,953
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,952	(2,946)
Proceeds from the disposal of fixed assets	-	4,029
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	287,819	20,102
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	4,640	(2,982)
Increase/(Decrease) in debtors	(1,437)	141,529
Increase in creditors (excluding fees in advance scheme)	178,957	16,169
Cash generated from operations	469,979	174,818

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England & Wales - Charity number 1075705

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Registered Charity number: 1075705
Registered Company number: 01351369

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Year ended 31 August 2020

Legal Status

St David's College Trust is a registered charity incorporated as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Act 2006.

Governors

The Governors of St David's College Trust who served during the year were:

Rev Dr P Gaskell +* "(Chairman and Chair of Finance Committee)

R Kenwell (Treasurer)*

Rt Rev K Sinclair

Viscount Chelsea

G Wilson * (appointed 25 February 2020)

R Leake + (Chair of Education Committee)

Miss C Hart +

Mrs B Hutchinson Smith +

Lord Mostyn *

P Hadley

Mrs A Seldon "(Nee Haydon) (Chair of Development Committee)

B Jackson * "(resigned 9 January 2020)

T Mueller

Mrs S Hepworth +(appointed 10 March 2020)

* Members of the Finance Committee

+ Members of the Education Committee

"Members of the Development Committee

Registered charity number	Company number	Registered office
1075705	01351369	St David's College Llandudno LL30 1RD

Operating name

The company operates as St David's College Trust.

The Headmaster

A Russell B.Sc., P.G.C.E., C.C.M. (SpLD)

The Bursar and Clerk to the Governors

K Baines B.Sc., ACA

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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ADVISERS

Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 60 Mostyn Street Llandudno Conwy LL30 2SF
Solicitors	Hill Dickinson LLP No 1, St Paul's Square Liverpool L3 9SJ
Auditors	RSM UK Audit LLP One City Place Queens Road Chester CH1 3BQ
Investments	Brewin Dolphin Limited 1 The Avenue Spinningfields Square Manchester M3 3AP
Property & Estates	Mostyn Estates Ltd (Landlord) Mostyn Court 2 Mostyn Street Llandudno LL30 2PS
Insurances	Circle Insurance Services PLC 2 John Bradshaw Court Alexandria Way Congleton Cheshire CX12 1LB

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The Board of Governors, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of the Companies Act present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2020, together with the audited financial statements for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2016).

Principal activities and objectives

St David's College Trust (the College) which operates from St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD, is established to promote and provide for the advancement of education.

The College is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales, No. 01351369, and is registered with the Charities Commission under charity number 1075705. The Governors have obtained the consent of the Registrar of Companies to be exempt from the requirement to use the word 'Limited' in its name.

The Governors are also the company's directors and are shown on page 1.

Auditor

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Structure, governance and management

Governing document

The College is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, as revised in June 2006.

Governing Body

The company is governed by its Board which consists of no less than 7 and no more than 20 members. The governing body, assisted by the Headmaster, Mr A Russell, and Bursar, Miss K Baines, is responsible for formulating the strategy and policies for the company as a whole.

The Governors are appointed annually by the Board of Governors with a normal retiring age of 65 years which subject to re-election, may be extended to age 70.

Recruitment and training of Governors

Governors are recruited from all walks of life, including the clergy, business, the professions and alumni. Governors must subscribe to the College's statement of faith. On joining, Governors are inducted into the responsibilities of both directors of the company and trustees of the charity. Through membership of AGBIS, Governors attend appropriate external seminars and workshops; internally, periodic training days are arranged in College.

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Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board at least three times a year to determine the general policy of the College and to review its overall management and control, for which they are legally responsible. The work of implementing most of the Board's policies is carried out by the Finance Committee which has met three times this year. The Education Committee met three times during the year, to discuss academic, pastoral and spiritual issues. The Governors submit a self-evaluation of their work which is incorporated into the College Development Plan. The day to day running of the College is delegated to the Head and Bursar supported by members of the School Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT meets every week and from 1 September 2019 is now comprised of the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain, the Registrar and Director of Strategic Development, two Assistant Heads and the SENCO. Prior to 1 September 2019 the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain and the Registrar and Director of Strategic Development formed the Executive Team.

Key management remuneration policy

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Board, with the policy objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly and responsibly for their individual contributions to the Company's success.

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually, including reference to comparisons with other independent colleges to ensure that the College remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. We aim to recruit, subject to experience, at the lower to medium point within a band, providing scope for rewarding excellence. Delivery of the College's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our charitable expenditure.

Related Parties

A number of the Governors are directors or officers of external companies and any transactions are disclosed in Note 21 of the accounts.

Investment policy and objectives

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS).

OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The principal objects of the company are set out in its Memorandum of Association. Within these objects the College aims:

- a. To develop the College as a Christian college for boys and girls.
- b. To acquire and carry on in the United Kingdom any other college or colleges for the education of children.

Aims and intended impacts

The College is a boarding and day college for up to 280 pupils aged 9-19. The College aims to develop "the whole person", through a broad education founded on Christian principles, a wide choice of interest and activity, and an achievable personal programme for each pupil. The College's expertise in helping dyslexic pupils is recognised internationally.

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Objectives

The turbulent global reaction to the Covid-19 issue has impacted the school in many ways and as such the SLT and the staff body have reacted to the situation with fluidity and professionalism. The year has been effectively split into two semesters. The first 'real' period in the school calendar reflected outstanding sporting and academic achievement matched by the continued excellent quality of care and amazing results in both internal and external sporting competitions. The 'virtual' time during lockdown showed the effectiveness of the resilience and character education that has become synonymous with the St David's name. Pupils continued to flourish despite the restrictions placed upon socialisation and gathering. Classes were effectively taught through the Microsoft 365 platform; pastoral care was effectively administered on a twice daily basis through the tutor system and parents were supported in this provision with regular conversations and contact via the Housemaster and Heads of Year.

The background to the effectiveness and the efficiency of our ability to adapt was through a small series of events that took place in the first 6 months of the school year. The very successful Estyn Inspection in November was swiftly followed by an attack on our IT systems from outside. This led to a long period of software and hardware adjustment which provided the school with a sound base to teach every child through a digital medium. In February this system was successfully tested when we sent home our returning skiers from Italy just as the virus broke in Milan. This precautionary measure which resulted in all negative results validated the efficiency of our ability to teach the whole curriculum remotely. We were subsequently advised of the fact that schools were to close in the UK in the week beginning the 16th March 2020 and as such many of the overseas boarders either had or were about to leave the UK to ensure that they were able to return home unrestricted. Only three members of the student body were not able to return home and were accommodated by host families or guardians. As a result, the school moved seamlessly into an online provision which included outdoor education and games. The only subjects that fell by the wayside were GSE and Music due to the early retirement of two members of staff. This successful educational provision has manifested in increased demand for places at St David's College and a development of Cadogan Online and other potential future income streams.

In particular our Games departments has seen an increase in interest from very well-established schools around the UK eager to emulate our provision. We have also been shortlisted by the ISA for two awards, namely the Award for Outstanding Sport (Small School) and the Award for Outstanding Provision for Learning Support.

The College continues to embrace humanitarian projects, despite the current pandemic, as a means to help those less fortunate and also to build an awareness and character into our own students. Our Chaplain and his team retain close contact with our friends in Uganda during this very difficult time. It is of course very uncertain when international travel will be feasible so our virtual connection and prayers for their community remains of paramount importance. A digital speech day and virtual chapel are new this year.

The College has enhanced its marketing efforts by employing a new team as a result of the resignation of the Marketing Manager. We have employed a new Marketing Manager who leads a department of two others namely the Marketing and Events Assistant and the Digital and Website Co-ordinator. This team has already set out its Communication and Marketing plan to ensure that the admissions objectives are met and the school is effectively celebrated and promoted in the wider community. Retention of pupils features strongly in these initiatives.

The extension to Augusta Girls' Boarding House has been completed during the lockdown period and this has added a further 16 beds to the already full house. There has also been a change in personnel as a result of the decision of the long-standing house-parents to move out and focus on their own family commitments.

New developments have been and continue to be implemented to ensure the safety of the pedestrians on site, especially important as the day market has grown incredibly resulting in an increase in the amount of traffic daily. Internal and external renovations continue to add to the quality of the site as a resource under the watchful

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eye of the Estate's Manager and we continue to work closely with architects and our landlords whilst collaborating on the Masterplan for the site over the next seven years.

The College regularly considers its allocation of resources and staff and makes adjustments in line with its financial projections.

Strategies

The College measures its success in many ways, some of which are easier to quantify than others.

Academically we measure success by raw examination results but more accurately by the value-added scores that are calculated annually when comparing the students' performance in exams with the levels as measured by national baseline testing when they joined the College. Equally important are the soft skills of leadership, teamwork, resilience, etc. These are almost impossible to attribute a testable quantity to, but we are proud of our success in ensuring that the majority of our pupils leave us with a strong sense of community, empathy and resilience.

Principal activities during the year

For the first part of the year many pupils continued to compete at a high level in sport, some at County and National level. Notable successes were achieved in rugby, swimming, sailing, cross country running and fell running. Outdoor education trips continue to be highly successful and included expeditions for all lower year groups which are proving to be exceptional. Year 10 expeditions were unfortunately cancelled this year however every member of the school from years 5 to 10 continued through lockdown with their outdoor education experience.

Public benefit

St David's College Trust remains committed to the aim of providing public benefit in accordance with its founding principles. Charity law has introduced the requirement to demonstrate that public benefit for charitable purposes where it has hitherto been presumed in the absence of evidence to the contrary.

The award of bursaries for the needy is a measurable means of providing public benefit. The Board takes the view that bursaries awarded to those who would not otherwise be able to afford the fees are important, but not to the exclusion of the much wider benefit that the College provides within the community. Those pupils who attend our college and who receive financial support contribute to the college community in a variety of ways. Hence the benefit is not purely to these pupils but to the whole College and, in some cases to the wider community. This year the College awarded scholarships, bursaries and other awards to the value of £592,135 10.3% of gross fees (2019 was £ 645,396, at 10.1% of gross fees) helping 117 children to pursue their education at the College. The Governors will continue to demonstrate public benefit by making awards based on academic ability and financial need. We continue to provide for LEA funded students and 2 students who are partially funded by external Charitable Trust Funds.

The College has offered its facilities to local schools, organising several events including sporting activities. The sports facilities are used by several local cricket teams on a non-profit making basis. Local groups continue to make use of our facilities for meetings and drama clubs. The College opens up its historic buildings to the public as part of an annual Heritage Scheme in the county.

Fundraising performance

In addition to the annual Children in Need, shoe bags for VetShed and Macmillan Cancer charity days, the parents and teachers have set up an independent Parent Teachers Association whose prime concern is to raise funds for both the school and charity. We are supporting the local food bank this year not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

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Investment performance

The Governors' investment policy complies with the Trustees Act 2000 and, in conjunction with working capital, is directed at covering the future liability of funds held in the Advanced Fee Payment Scheme (AFPS). Funds held in the AFPS are £237,501 (2019: £258,833). The value of investments held is £118,174 (2019: £121,807). Investments have performed as expected.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of achievements and performance for the year

Despite the national fervour that resulted from the Government's decision to switch to Centre Assessed Grades and the impact on many schools across the nation due to results being changed, St David's had very few adjustments and indeed of those that were adjusted they were predominantly done so in an upward fashion.

The Summer 2020, Level 2 examination results (both GCSE and BTEC combined) have been excellent across the board. The pupils obtaining A/7 and above rose from 19.3% to 38.3% which is 12.4% above the figures for Wales and 10.7% for the UK. Deeper analysis indicates that the GCSE results 39.5% performed above the BTEC 31.25% at the A/7 and above boundary. There were many outstanding departmental results receiving 100% C/4 pass rates with English at 97% and Maths at 95% being particularly commendable.

Teaching staff differentiated tasks and homework to support these pupils to get the best that they could. Improvements have also been made that each pupil now has a pupil passport for MAT and will be reviewed throughout the whole of the year to ensure that independent learning and higher thinking skills are embedded throughout their time at SDC to ensure the highest possible success in examinations.

The results of pupils receiving C/7 grades at Level 2 was 95.1% which compares extremely favourably to the Wales figure of 74.5% and the UK figure of 78.8%. As a non-selective school we are very proud of these results in particular.

Within the sixth form those achieving A*-A/Distinction*- Distinction at Level 3 was 45.7% which included both A Levels and BTECs. A Levels alone accounted for 32.7% of the top grades, while comparably, in Wales it was 29.9% and 27.8% for the UK. The controversy will undoubtedly continue to rage regarding CAGs however we are extremely pleased with the results which saw 100% pass rate across the board at all levels and as many as 5 departments seeing 20% or more (maximum 67%) A and A* grades at Level 3. Of the leaving cohort, 5 are attending Russell Group Universities. Again, there have been incredible performances from the BTEC examination routes due to the appropriateness of the course and selection whilst progressing from Key Stage 4 to 5.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The College's deficit of £149,318 (2019 £363,621 surplus) was above the target budgeted deficit of £194,220. This was due to additional pupils during the year and tight cost control. Operating costs tended to reduce against budget in most areas except for academic staffing costs where we incurred additional costs due to long term absence. Academic staffing costs were £3,033,572 (2019: £2,684,873).

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Fees increased by 4.75% on 1st September 2019. The gross fee income decreased by £667,249 during the year due to the impact of Covid less the impact of the fee increase. Bursaries continued to be in demand, with the level awarded being 1.8% of gross fees at £102,468. Bursaries are awarded on a means tested basis. There was a decrease in net fees of £613,988.

Pupil numbers rose steadily from 251 to 258 by the year ended 31st August 2020 (258 during the year ended 31st August 2019). The new pupil intake at September 2019 was at a good level of 47. Pupil numbers at September 2020 are 262 and the new pupil intake is an excellent 75.

Covid has had detrimental effect on the finances for the year. Compared to the forecast done in January 2020 we lost approximately £900,000 of income but made substantial savings of approximately £700,000 with a net detrimental effect of approximately £200,000. The largest savings were made from the furlough scheme whereby we furloughed most of the support staff plus savings in catering, cleaning, utilities and estates from when the School was closed from 24 March 2020 to 31 August 2020. As the School was shut we had less capital projects in the year, the main one being the completion of the 17 bedroom extension to the Augusta girls boarding house which we opened in August 2020. We also continued our investment in boarding house refurbishments. Despite the deficit for the year we have maintained a strong balance sheet and cash reserves which have enable us to face the challenges the new year is presenting with the Covid pandemic.

Reserves Level and Policy and Financial Viability

The College's reserve policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted income reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall and to rely on the readily realisable cash in bank and overdraft facility.

The College's total reserves are £2,656,340 (2019: £2,805,658) at the year end, of which £3,192,974 (2019: £2,725,159) relate to the fixed assets and investments of the school, leaving £(536,634) (2019: £80,499) of free reserves for the College. The Board deem this to be an adequate level of free reserves give the current climate and the availability of the £400,000 overdraft.

Restricted Funds of £110,610 (2019: £118,609) and Designated Funds of £179 (2019: £224) are held against various restricted activities, being the depreciating value of Tryfan Boarding House, the James Webb fund held for projects relating to the Assistive Technology Programme, the Boat fund which is held for the purchase and upkeep of school boats and the appeal value of Chelsea House. The Charity Commission has advised us that although the fund value of Tryfan must remain restricted, the cash surplus in respect of Chelsea may be used for other development purposes.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Risk management

The Governors consider that previous years of economic turbulence, as well as the future uncertainties facing the country, could have an impact on our financial security through pupil numbers. Increased costs for manpower and other resources have been supported with an increase in fees. The Governors have also reviewed the risks faced in the principal areas of College operations, noting the continual risk assessments conducted by staff. The Governors remain of the opinion that the College has established resources and system which, under normal conditions, should allow risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level in the College's routine operations.

Again, this year, the Governors have monitored the requirements of the Charities Act on the College's charitable status. As reported under Public Benefit, the College can demonstrate its public benefit; the Governors see no necessity, therefore, to make any financial provision for the Charities Act requirements at this time.

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The key controls used by the charity include:

- 1) Formal agendas for all Committee and Board activity
- 2) Detailed Terms of Reference for Finance, Education and Development Committees
- 3) Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- 4) Production of a College Development Plan which is continuously updated by the School Leadership Team
- 5) Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- 6) Formal written policies and health and safety procedures
- 7) Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable
- 8) Monitoring of cash flows on a termly basis

Through the risk management processes established for the College, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The main risks as identified by the Governors' are as follows:

Pupil Numbers

The Governing body review regularly the recruitment and retention of pupils. The College is pursuing many new marketing initiatives and has invested in its marketing budget and the appointment of a Registrar and Director of Strategic Development from September 2018 with a particular emphasis to grow boarding numbers.

Credit and Debt recovery Risk

The Governing body monitor the late and/or non-payment of fees and the steps in place to recover these debts, to prevent a detrimental effect on cash flow and income. Persistent debtors are pursued through legal channels to recover the debt. An adequate provision for bad debts that may not be recoverable is set each year to protect against any unpreventable losses.

Cash flow Risk

Cash flow is assessed on a monthly basis and reported to the Governing Body. The average cash balance by this year end was reported to be an adequate £1,148,268 (2019: £1,342,798)

Brexit

The Governing body are monitoring the impact of Brexit on the college in terms of its effect on the recruitment of pupils, supply of goods and services and travel to and from Europe.

Future Plans

The financial performance and positive cash flows, in recent years, has given the College the scope to consider the possibility of investing in more significant capital projects in the next few years.

- Refurbishment of boarding areas through our rolling upgrading and maintenance programme.
- Research of an improved sports facility either through the delivery of a multi-use games area or an indoor sports facility.
- Continue to develop a link to humanitarian projects in the UK and Europe, specifically for younger years to attend.
- Continue to improve ICT, technology for learning and communications systems within the college and boarding accommodation.
- Collaborate with the ODA in building a pavilion on the games pitch.
- Creating improved car-parking facilities for staff and visitors.
- Extra teaching staff.

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Trustees/Governors' Responsibilities

The Governors (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
4. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
5. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time to show and explain the charitable company's transactions, the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the provisions applicable under the Companies Act 2006 and the charity's constitution.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- as the Governors of the charity, we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable for companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

Approved by the Board of Governors of St David's College Trust on and signed on its behalf by:

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of St David's College Trust Ltd (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an income and expenditure account), the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Governors' Annual Report which includes the Directors Report prepared for the purposes of company law for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors Report included within the Governors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors report included within the Governors' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit;
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors Report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (Page 11), the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST (continued)

Use of our Report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Anna Spencer-Gray (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of RSM UK AUDIT LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
One City Place
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Chester
CH1 3BQ

Date

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
For the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOME						
Income from Charitable Activities						
School fees	2	5,148,165	-	(14,450)	5,133,715	5,747,703
Other educational income	3a	5,516	-	-	5,516	52,691
Other ancillary income	3b	40,628	-	-	40,628	67,373
Donations	3c	-	-	27,350	27,350	-
Grant Income	3d	217,714	-	-	217,714	-
Investment income	4	3,130	-	-	3,130	2,806
Total income		<u>5,415,153</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,900</u>	<u>5,428,053</u>	<u>5,870,573</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	8	5,452,987	45	20,899	5,473,931	5,457,393
Costs of raising funds	8	99,807	-	-	99,807	49,851
Total expenditure	8	<u>5,552,794</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>20,899</u>	<u>5,573,738</u>	<u>5,507,244</u>
NET EXPENDITURE AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE GAINS AND LOSSES ON INVESTMENTS						
		(137,641)	(45)	(7,999)	(145,685)	363,329
Net (losses) / gains on Investment	11	(3,633)	-	-	(3,633)	292
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		<u>(141,274)</u>	<u>(45)</u>	<u>(7,999)</u>	<u>(149,318)</u>	<u>363,621</u>
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST						
Fund balances as at 1 September		<u>2,686,825</u>	<u>224</u>	<u>118,609</u>	<u>2,805,658</u>	<u>2,442,037</u>
FUND BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST	17	<u>2,545,551</u>	<u>179</u>	<u>110,610</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>	<u>2,805,658</u>

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements

ST DAVID'S COLLEGE TRUST

Company Registration Number 01351369

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 August 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	3,074,800	2,603,352
Investments	11	118,174	121,807
Total fixed assets		<u>3,192,974</u>	<u>2,725,159</u>
Current assets			
Land held for sale	12	37,227	37,227
Stocks		25,776	22,794
Debtors due within one year	13	102,601	244,130
Cash at bank and in hand		613,190	1,097,389
		<u>778,794</u>	<u>1,401,540</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(928,463)	(978,727)
Net current assets		<u>(149,669)</u>	<u>422,813</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,043,305</u>	<u>3,147,972</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(386,965)	(342,314)
Net assets		<u>2,656,340</u>	<u>2,805,658</u>
Funds			
Restricted funds	18a	110,610	118,609
Designated funds	18b	179	224
Unrestricted funds	18c	2,545,551	2,686,825
Total funds		<u>2,656,340</u>	<u>2,805,658</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provision Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 34 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on and signed on its behalf by:

Rev.. Dr. Peter Gaskell, Chairman of Governors

The notes on pages 17 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the year ended 31 August 2020

	Note	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
Cash from operating activities	23		174,818		553,077
Interest paid		(7,881)		(6,724)	
Net cash from operating activities			<u>166,937</u>		<u>546,353</u>
Cash from/ (used in) investing activities					
Investment income		3,130		2,806	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(632,484)		(376,871)	
Cash used in investing activities		<u></u>	<u>(629,354)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(374,065)</u>
Fees in advance scheme	15a				
New fees in advance		175,759		310,651	
Amounts accrued to fees in advance contracts		2,946		2,965	
Amounts utilised		<u>(200,487)</u>		<u>(250,896)</u>	
			(21,782)		62,720
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents in the year			<u>(484,199)</u>		<u>235,008</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			<u>1,097,389</u>		<u>862,381</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u><u>613,190</u></u>		<u><u>1,097,389</u></u>

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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

St David's College Trust, Llandudno (the College) is an incorporated charitable company which is limited by guarantee, (registered company no. 01351369), (charity no. 1075705), registered in England & Wales. The College's registered address and principle place of business is St David's College, Llandudno, LL30 1RD.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value except for certain financial instruments at fair value. 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the accounting policies are set out below.

The College constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the College. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The College's ability to continue operating is aided by the continued support of its bankers and the availability of adequate overdraft facilities, should they be required. The overdraft facility has been renewed up to November 2021. Detailed cash flow forecasts and budgets have been prepared and approved by the Governors to ensure the College can meet its financial commitments when they become due in the coming year. The College has implemented a strategy focused on pupil recruitment and a programme of cost cutting to ensure the College can operate within its agreed bank overdraft facilities. On this basis therefore it is appropriate to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the withdrawal of support from the College's bankers.

At the time of completing these accounts the Corona virus outbreak due to Covid-19 had been declared a pandemic with a second wave hitting the UK throughout the autumn of 2020. We have considered the impact of Covid19 within our financial modelling and have considered the impact of a large drop in pupil numbers and the Governors have concluded that it is reasonable to expect that the school will generate sufficient resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and meet all of its financial obligations. For this reason, the Governors have continued to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the School's financial statements.

Fees and similar income

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions granted by the College, but include contributions received from Restricted Funds for Scholarships, Bursaries and other grants. Scholarships are assessed and awarded on a pupil's merit following an annual Scholarship Day held in the early Spring term. Bursaries are considered on the basis of a declaration of income and liabilities from the parents applying for such an award. Non-refundable fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years under an Advance Fee Payment Scheme contract are held as interest-bearing liabilities until either taken to income in the term when used or transferred to another school.

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Investment income

Investment income from bank balances and fixed asset investments are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting income and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities include expenditure associated with the running of the school and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to those activities. Governance costs (included within support costs) comprise the costs of running the charity, including strategic planning for its future development, also internal and external audit, any legal advice for the College Governors, and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the costs of Board and Committee meetings and of preparing statutory accounts and satisfying public accountability.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. The capitalisation policy is that purchases of more than £1,000 and with a useful life of over 12 months are considered to be capital purchases.

Land and buildings are classified as fixed assets held primarily for charity use and do not include investment assets. Land deemed as to be put up for sale within 12 months is classified as current assets.

Depreciation is provided so as to write off the cost of the fixed assets less their estimated residual value over their estimated useful lives. The current depreciation rates are as follows:

Leasehold buildings	2% p.a. (2.5% in 2006 and prior years) – straight line
Portable buildings	10% p.a. – reducing balance
Equipment and furnishings	19% to 21% p.a. – reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% p.a. – reducing balance
Assets in the course of construction	No depreciation

Investments

Listed investments are included in the financial statements at market value at the balance sheet date. Unrealised gains and losses arising on the revaluation of investments are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stocks comprise of resources purchased during 2019/20, for use in the academic year 2020/21.

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Pension schemes

The College participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) (the TPS), for its teaching staff. This is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme and it is not possible or appropriate to consistently identify the liabilities of the TPS which are attributable to the College. The College, in accordance with FRS 102 therefore, the Scheme is accounted for as a Defined Contribution Scheme.

The College also participates in a defined contribution group personal pension scheme for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS. The employer contributions start from 8.35% up to a maximum of 12.35% in line with the amount the employee wishes to contribute personally.

Contributions to both schemes are charged in the SOFA as they become payable.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to resources expended on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Unrestricted Funds and Designated fund

Funds are retained to cover the fixed assets, provide working capital and repay long-term loans. Funds are designated within Unrestricted Funds when there is a specific project to be undertaken.

The designated fund represents the depreciating value of the furniture and equipment of the Chelsea House along with the surplus in the specific designated bank account.

Restricted fund

The restricted fund represents the depreciating value of the Tryfan Boarding House and the James Webb Assistive Technology Suite.

Funds are restricted when they have been given or raised for a specific purpose.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Financial instruments

The College has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets are recognised in the College's balance sheet when the school becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables (but not prepayments) not measured at amortised cost, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in Statement of Financial Activities.

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as, either, financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The College makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

Pension scheme valuation assumptions

Assumptions have been made by the actuary in calculating the valuation of the defined benefit pension scheme at the year end. Details of the assumptions made are included within the pension note.

Bad debt provision

Fee debtors are reviewed, annually, when the governors consider the requirement to write off any bad debts over 12 months old or those which are found to be non-recoverable. All fee debts, which are outstanding at the end of the financial year, less any amounts expected during the following financial year, will be covered by a bad debt provision, unless those fees are believed to be payable within the next 3 months.

Depreciation rates

Depreciation policies are applied to each asset category in order to reflect the useful economic life of the assets.

2 Income from charitable activities

School fees

	Unrestricted	
	2020	2019
	£	£
(a) The School's fee income comprised:		
Gross fees	5,725,850	6,393,099
Less: Bursaries and awards	(249,738)	(337,114)
Fee discounts	(342,397)	(308,282)
	<u>5,133,715</u>	<u>5,747,703</u>

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3	Other income	Unrestricted	
		2020	2019
		£	£
(a)	Other educational charitable activities		
	Lettings	5,516	52,691
		5,516	52,691
		Unrestricted	
		2020	2019
		£	£
(b)	Other ancillary activities		
	Other income	5,715	8,662
	Bus income	34,913	58,711
		40,628	67,373
		Restricted	
		2020	2019
		£	£
(c)	Donations - Restricted		
		27,350	-
		27,350	-
		Unrestricted	
		2020	2019
		£	£
(d)	Grant income - Unrestricted		
		217,714	-
		217,714	-

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Investment income	3,130	-	3,130	2,806
	<u>3,130</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,130</u>	<u>2,806</u>

The total income in 2019 was attributable to unrestricted funds.

5 Total staff costs comprised

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	3,096,622	3,004,151
Social security costs	290,184	269,553
Pension contributions	537,036	371,166
	<u>3,923,842</u>	<u>3,644,870</u>

The average full-time equivalent number of employees employed by the School during the year was:

	2020	2019
Teaching	59	53
Welfare	16	16
Premises	8	8
Support	8	10
	<u>91</u>	<u>87</u>

The average number of employees on the payroll was

	<u>127</u>	<u>125</u>
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None of the Board members received remuneration in the year.

Governor travel and training expenses of £2,210 (2019: £5,266) – paid to Governors during the year to reimburse out of pocket expenses relating to travel.

An ex gratia payment of £2500 was paid during the year. The payment was in relation to a termination of employment settlement agreement.

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5 Total staff costs comprised (continued)

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2020	2019
£60,000- £70,000	1	1
£80,000-£90,000	-	1
£90,000- £100,000	1	-
£100,000-£110,000	1	-
£110,000- £120,000	-	1
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Contributions by the school for the higher-paid employee shown above amounting to £19,808 (2019 £13,514) were made to the Teachers' Pension Fund, a defined benefit scheme.

	2020	2019
Aggregate employee benefits of:		
Key management personnel	379,084	360,658
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The key management personnel are the Headmaster, the Bursar, the Deputy Head, the Chaplain and the Registrar and Director of Strategic Development

6 Analysis of Governance expenditure included within support costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Auditors remuneration including VAT: for audit services	18,000	18,000
Governors travel expenses	2,210	5,266
	<u>20,210</u>	<u>23,266</u>

7 Net (expenditure)/income for the year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Operating leases:		
- Land & buildings	35,700	35,700
- Motor	43,224	30,118
- Equipment	21,368	22,068
Depreciation	<u>159,953</u>	<u>169,442</u>

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8 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other costs £	Depreciation £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Costs of raising funds:					
Financing costs	-	4,903	-	4,903	3,476
Bank interest and charges	-	2,978	-	2,978	3,249
Bad debts write off	-	91,926	-	91,926	43,127
	<u>-</u>	<u>99,807</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,807</u>	<u>49,851</u>
Charitable activities					
Teaching	3,102,103	257,880	44,310	3,404,293	3,050,308
Welfare	296,558	148,799	40,764	486,121	564,624
Premises	212,745	631,375	71,334	915,454	1,070,879
Support costs of schooling	312,436	352,082	3,545	668,063	771,582
School's operating costs	<u>3,923,842</u>	<u>1,390,136</u>	<u>159,953</u>	<u>5,473,931</u>	<u>5,457,393</u>
Total expenditure	<u>3,923,842</u>	<u>1,489,943</u>	<u>159,953</u>	<u>5,573,738</u>	<u>5,507,244</u>

Total expenditure was £5,573,931 (2019: £5,507,244) of which £20,999 (2019: £7,999) was restricted and £45 (2019: £56) was designated. Total remaining funds were unrestricted.

	Staff costs £	Other Costs £	Depreciation £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Support costs of schooling					
Salaries	312,436	-	-	312,436	441,198
PR & Marketing	-	139,852	-	139,852	148,721
Agents Commission	-	64,248	-	64,248	80,981
Legal and professional	-	84,272	-	84,272	29,282
Postage and stationery	-	33,619	-	33,619	36,967
Telephones	-	30,091	-	30,091	30,678
Depreciation	-	-	3,545	3,545	3,755
	<u>312,436</u>	<u>352,082</u>	<u>3,545</u>	<u>668,063</u>	<u>771,582</u>

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9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Assets in the course of construction £	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Portable Buildings £	Motor Vehicles £	Equipment & Furnishings £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 September 2019	63,875	3,400,174	29,756	39,555	2,405,306	5,938,666
Additions	571,385	1,507	-	8,400	51,192	632,484
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,000)	(5,877)	(8,877)
At 31 August 2020	635,260	3,401,681	29,756	44,955	2,450,621	6,562,273
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2019	-	1,191,912	24,706	26,089	2,092,607	3,335,314
Charge for year	-	78,150	505	5,662	75,636	159,953
Disposals	-	-	-	(2,873)	(4,921)	(7,794)
At 31 August 2020	-	1,270,062	25,211	28,878	2,163,322	3,487,473
Net Book Value						
At 31 August 2020	635,260	2,131,619	4,545	16,077	287,299	3,074,800
At 31 August 2019	63,875	2,208,262	5,050	13,466	312,699	2,603,352

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11 Investments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Investments at market value at 1 September 2019	121,807	121,515
Additions	22,942	18,967
Disposals	(25,815)	(17,001)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash	1,673	(3,166)
Revaluation (loss)/surplus	(3,633)	292
Fees	1,200	1,200
	<u>118,174</u>	<u>121,807</u>
Investments at market value at 31 August 2020	<u>118,174</u>	<u>121,807</u>
Historical Cost of investments	<u>113,710</u>	<u>115,629</u>

Listed investment assets in the UK

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments				
Quoted fixed interest securities	62,924	-	62,924	45,774
Other investments	51,199	-	51,199	73,655
Other investments				
UK cash held as part of portfolio	4,051	-	4,051	2,378
	<u>118,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,174</u>	<u>121,807</u>

All investments are primarily held to provide an investment return. All investments are carried at their fair value. Asset sales and purchases are recognised at the date of trade at cost (that is their transaction value). Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

At the year-end the College's long-term investments totalled £118,174. The overall total investment return was a decrease of £503 which is a satisfactory result given the economic climate and growth. Investments are made up of UK bonds, UK and overseas equities and a Sterling Capital Account.

12 Land held for sale

	2020	2019
	£	£
Land held for sale	37,227	37,227
	<u>37,227</u>	<u>37,227</u>

School fees which were previously secured by a Voluntary Legal Charge were realised during 2012/13 and the School took possession of land included at £37,227 the value of the outstanding debt.

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13 Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees and extras in arrears	36,854	148,430
Other debtors	1,871	3,302
Prepayments	63,876	92,398
	<u>102,601</u>	<u>244,130</u>

Debts which have been written off during the year amounted to £19,190 (2019: £3,710). The provision for doubtful debts has increased £72,736 in the year.

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	20,478	58,854
Accruals	134,782	128,423
Other creditors	62,519	79,481
School fees in advance	533,699	545,264
Deposits against recoveries	47,100	51,607
Tax and Social Security	66,487	65,686
Pension contributions	63,398	49,412
	<u>928,463</u>	<u>978,727</u>

School fees in advance include £237,051 (2019 £258,833) relating to the Advance Fee Payments Scheme, see note 15a for details. The remainder are for Autumn term 2020.

	2020	2019
	£	£
School fees in advance (excluding advance fee payment schemes)		
At 1 September 2019	347,481	412,236
Released from previous year	(347,481)	(412,236)
Resources deferred in the year	382,615	347,481
	<u>382,615</u>	<u>347,481</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2020		

Bank overdraft

The bank overdraft is secured by a first mortgage dated 13 November 2000 over the College's leasehold property known as St David's College, Gloddaeth Hall and Cottages, Llandudno, LL30 1RP and the following debentures dated 7 December 2000 and 20 July 1999.

Debenture including Fixed Charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; First Fixed Charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future, and First Floating Charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future dated 7 December 2000.

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15 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
School fees received in advance (see note 15a)	85,967	61,050
Deposits against recoveries	300,998	281,264
	<u>386,965</u>	<u>342,314</u>

The deposits are from parents and are disclosed as partly repayable after more than one year because they are repayable when the pupil leaves and it is reasonable to assume that many pupils will not be leaving within one year.

15a Advance fee payments

Parents may pay to the College up to the equivalent of 7 years tuition fees in advance. Ownership of the funds passes to the College on receipt, but advance payments can be repaid if a pupil does not come to St David's or leaves the College earlier than had been anticipated.

Assuming pupils will remain in the College, advance fees will be applied as follows:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Within 1 year	151,083	197,783
Within 2-5 years	<u>85,968</u>	<u>61,050</u>
	<u>237,051</u>	<u>258,833</u>

The balance included in creditors represents the accrued liability under the contracts. The capital movements during the year were:

	2020	2019
Balance at 1 September 2019	258,833	196,113
New scheme in year	175,759	310,651
Amounts accrued to contracts as debt financing costs	2,946	2,965
Amounts utilised in payment of fees	<u>(200,487)</u>	<u>(250,896)</u>
Balance at 31 August 2020	<u>237,051</u>	<u>258,833</u>

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Financial instruments

	2020 £	2019 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value	155,401	159,034
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>36,854</u>	<u>148,430</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>(695,762)</u>	<u>(714,727)</u>

17 Allocation of the charity net assets

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows:

31 August 2020

	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	108,852	-	1,758	-	110,610
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	2,965,769	118,174	(344)	(300,997)	2,782,602
Advance fees	-	-	(151,083)	(85,968)	(237,051)
Unrestricted funds:	179	-	-	-	179
Designated					
	<u>3,074,800</u>	<u>118,174</u>	<u>(149,669)</u>	<u>(386,965)</u>	<u>2,656,340</u>

31 August 2019

	Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Net Current Assets £	Long Term Liabilities £	Total £
Restricted funds	116,851	-	1,758	-	118,609
Unrestricted funds:					
Unrestricted funds	2,486,277	121,807	618,838	(281,264)	2,945,658
Advance fees	-	-	(197,783)	(61,050)	(258,833)
Unrestricted funds:	224	-	-	-	224
Designated					
	<u>2,603,352</u>	<u>121,807</u>	<u>422,813</u>	<u>(342,314)</u>	<u>2,805,658</u>

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18a Restricted funds

31 August 2020	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Tryfan	110,816	-	(5,688)	-	105,128
James Webb	6,035	-	(2,311)	-	3,724
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
Donations	-	12,900	(12,900)	-	-
	<u>118,609</u>	<u>12,900</u>	<u>(20,899)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,610</u>
31 August 2019	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Tryfan	116,504	-	(5,688)	-	110,816
James Webb	8,346	-	(2,311)	-	6,035
Boat fund	1,758	-	-	-	1,758
	<u>126,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,999)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,609</u>

Tryfan: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Boarding House.
James Webb Fund: The fund was set up to provide an assistive technology suite.
Boat Fund: Donations received towards the purchase and upkeep of boats.

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18b Unrestricted funds: Designated

31 August 2020	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Development Appeal	224	-	(45)	-	179
31 August 2019	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Development Appeal	280	-	(56)	-	224

Development Appeal: The balance represents the depreciating value of the Chelsea House furniture and equipment, which may now be used for other development purposes.

18c Unrestricted funds

31 August 2020	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
General reserve	2,686,825	5,428,053	(5,565,694)	(3,633)	2,545,551
31 August 2019	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
General reserve	2,315,149	5,870,573	(5,499,189)	292	2,686,825

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19 Contracts and commitments

There is a capital commitment for £16,030 at 31 August 2020 (2019: £440,097). This is to build a 17 bedroom extension to the Augusta girl's boarding house. The work is being done by Best Construction Limited.

20 Operating lease

The lease, covering the school buildings and the grounds, granted by Mostyn Estates expires in 2060.

Total Future minimum lease payments:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Under 1 year	93,829	104,172
1 – 5 years	302,757	315,601
After 5 years	<u>1,213,500</u>	<u>1,264,375</u>
	<u>1,610,086</u>	<u>1,684,148</u>

The leases relate to land and buildings, minibuses and equipment.

21 Related party transactions

Charlotte Hart (Governor) is an Associate at Hill Dickinson LLP. Hill Dickinson LLP provided legal services of £10,445 (2019: £8,174) during the year. This provision is in accordance with the College's governing document. There was a balance of £288 (2019: £6,300) outstanding at the end of the year.

P Gaskell (Governor) is a member of the Titus Trust who, during the previous year, conducted a summer camp at the College at a hire charge of £43,600; the charge is linked to the College's fees. There was no balance outstanding at the year end. The summer camp was cancelled in the current year due to Covid.

Lord Mostyn (Governor) is a director of Mostyn Estates Limited from whom the School leases its property under a lease which expires in 2060. The charge for the year was £35,700 (2019: £35,700). Mostyn Estates also charges the School buildings insurance which was £21,268 for the year (2019: £20,524). There is no balance outstanding at the year end.

Brent Jackson's (Governor) brother Stuart Jackson has undertaken a review of the College's IT-infrastructure using his company Multimedia Controls Limited. The total fee was £960. Of which half was paid in year ending 31 August 2019 £480 and half in year ending 31 August 2018. Nil in current year.

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22 Pension costs

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £494,830 (2019: £319,426) and at the year-end £55,873 (2019 - £41,668) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied. A consultation was launched by the government on 16 July 2020 and closed to responses on 11 October 2020.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2020 and the government is preparing to complete the cost control element of the 2016 valuations, which is expected to be completed in 2021.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until the consultation and the cost cap mechanism review are completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

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Group personal pension scheme

The College also participates in two defined contribution group personal pension schemes for employees who are not eligible for membership of the TPS. The costs for the year represent the College's contributions to those schemes of £42,206 (2019: £42,674) with a balance unpaid at the year-end of £6737 (2019: £7,374).

23 Cash generated from operations

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net (deficit)/ income for the year	(145,685)	363,329
Eliminations of non-operating cash flows:		
Investment income	(3,130)	(2,806)
Finance costs	7,881	6,724
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	159,953	169,442
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(2,946)	(2,155)
Proceeds from the disposal of fixed assets	4,029	3,500
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	<u>20,102</u>	<u>538,034</u>
 (Increase)/Decrease in stocks	 (2,982)	 2,811
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	141,529	(8,634)
Increase in creditors (excluding fees in advance scheme)	16,169	20,866
 Cash generated from operations	 <u><u>174,818</u></u>	 <u><u>553,077</u></u>