

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
for
Birkbeck and William Ellis Schools Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The company's principal activity was and remains that of raising charitable income for the maintenance, development and general welfare of William Ellis School. As William Ellis School is a state-funded comprehensive school, all the company's activities are designed to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The company was incorporated on 22 August 2002 as a company limited by guarantee.

The company operates as a non-profit making organisation and is a registered charity, number 1102334. The trustees meet regularly to manage the affairs of the charity.

The investment policy of the company is to adopt a risk averse approach. The trustees have examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

Within the 2024/25 financial year the Trust provided £85,534 in direct funding to William Ellis School. The vast majority of this funding was to support the school with capital costs and trustees were pleased to be able to fund the creation of a new IT suite within the school, as well as replacing seating across the science department classrooms. Additionally, the Trust provided its required 10% contribution to unlock the full agreed funding from the School Condition Allocation which was used on a number of projects within the school. The Trust also provided award funding for a student who had performed the highest within the Sciences via the Syd Aldridge Award. Syd is a former pupil and well known scientist in Canada who remains a great friend to the Trust.

Significant activities during the year

In January 2025 the Trust appointed its first ever Director who started work on March 10th 2025. The Director of the Trust is a varied role working across fundraising, program development and community engagement as well as raising awareness of the work of the Trust and the school it primarily supports. Over the course of the next financial year the Director will be working to develop the Trust strategy for the next three years, developing innovative programs with the school that the Trust can fund and support as well as beginning to bring together different parts of the school community with a particular focus on the school alumni community. The role should allow the Trust to significantly increase the work it does with and on behalf of the school and all trustees are looking forward to seeing what we can achieve as an organisation over the next year.

Public benefit

All charity trustees have a duty to have regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. The trustees consider that they consider this guidance when making such decisions.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Directors

All directors of the company are also trustees of the charity, there being no other trustees. All of the trustees named served throughout the year except where shown. The board has the power to appoint additional trustees as it considers fit to do so. Trustee recruitment is subject to election by the board and the policy has normally been to seek to recruit individuals who have already been closely identified with William Ellis School, such as governors, former students or parents, and are thus considered to have both knowledge of the School and an appreciation of its needs and purposes as well as other, more general and personal qualities.

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of results for the year

The accounts for the year show net income of £52,272 (2024 incoming resources : £49,308). Most of the incoming resources in 2023 relate to a substantial donation of £100,000 made during the year.

The deficit for the year was £64,890 £ (2024 (£43,459) surplus.

Total funds carried forward were £1,818,560 (2024 £1,883,450).

The principal activity as stated above has been served during the year by granting assistance to William Ellis School at a time of financial stringency.

In the opinion of the trustees the assets of the charity are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations. Although there is no formal reserves policy in place, the trustees pursue a policy of due prudence and during the year undertook a review of investment policy in order to best protect the charity's capital reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Trustees are appointed by a majority of votes and in the case of an equality of votes the chairman has a second or casting vote. The charity is run by the Administration Manager on a day to day basis. New trustees receive adequate training and support from the existing trustees.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04517407 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1102334

Registered office

William Ellis School
Highgate Road
Highgate
London
NW5 1RN

Trustees

Ms F C Millar (Chair of Trustees)
P H Rowbrey-Evans Information technology manager (deceased 28.1.25)
O C Harmon Director
S Skipwith Consultant
D A Smith Charity CEO
T B L Sowula Higher Education Consultant
J A Mohamed Community Engagement Manager
S R White Education Consultant (appointed 14.10.24)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms F C Millar - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Birkbeck and William Ellis Schools Trust**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Birkbeck and William Ellis Schools Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



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16 September 2025

Birkbeck and William Ellis Schools Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		1	-	1	-
Investment income	2	<u>52,272</u>	-	<u>52,272</u>	<u>49,308</u>
Total		<u>52,273</u>	-	<u>52,273</u>	<u>49,308</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
School costs		85,534	-	85,534	85,355
Other		<u>16,270</u>	-	<u>16,270</u>	<u>4,994</u>
Total		<u>101,804</u>	-	<u>101,804</u>	<u>90,349</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(15,359)</u>	-	<u>(15,359)</u>	<u>84,500</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(64,890)	-	(64,890)	43,459
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,883,450	-	1,883,450	1,839,991
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>1,818,560</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,818,560</u></u>	<u><u>1,883,450</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Birkbeck and William Ellis Schools Trust

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	31.3.25 Total funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments					
Investments	5	1,407,471	-	1,407,471	1,172,830
Investment property		-	-	-	-
		<u>1,407,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,407,471</u>	<u>1,172,830</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank		413,349	-	413,349	712,880
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(2,260)	-	(2,260)	(2,260)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>411,089</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>411,089</u>	<u>710,620</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,818,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,818,560</u>	<u>1,883,450</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,818,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,818,560</u>	<u>1,883,450</u>
FUNDS	7				
Unrestricted funds				<u>1,818,560</u>	<u>1,883,450</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,818,560</u>	<u>1,883,450</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet - continued

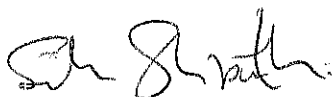
31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



F C Millar - Trustee



S Skipwith - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Investments

Investments are valued at the year end based upon the bid price at the close of business on that day or fair value if the market value is unavailable. It is the charity's policy to keep valuations up to date such that when investments are sold there is no realised gain or loss arising. As a result, the Statement of Financial Activities does not distinguish between the valuation adjustments relating to sales and those relating to continued holdings as they are together treated as changes in the value of the investment portfolio throughout the year.

Investment income is accounted for as and when received.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other fixed asset invest - FII	44,053	39,117
Deposit account interest	8,219	10,191
	<u>52,272</u>	<u>49,308</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No trustee's remuneration was paid in 2024 or 2023.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee's expenses were paid in 2024 or 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Investment income	49,308	-	49,308
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
School costs	85,355	-	85,355
Other	4,994	-	4,994
Total	90,349	-	90,349
Net gains on investments	84,500	-	84,500
NET INCOME	43,459	-	43,459
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,839,991	-	1,839,991
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,883,450	-	1,883,450

5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 April 2024	1,172,830
Additions	250,000
Revaluations	(15,359)
At 31 March 2025	1,407,471
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	1,407,471
At 31 March 2024	1,172,830

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Fixed asset investments consist listed securities and Investment funds.

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.25	31.3.24
	£	£
Other creditors	200	200
Accrued expenses	2,060	2,060
	<u>2,260</u>	<u>2,260</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	1,821,085	(64,890)	1,756,195
Trustees Fund	60,000	-	60,000
Prize Fund	2,365	-	2,365
	<u>1,883,450</u>	<u>(64,890)</u>	<u>1,818,560</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,883,450</u>	<u>(64,890)</u>	<u>1,818,560</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Gains and losses	Movement in funds
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	52,273	(101,804)	(15,359)	(64,890)
	<u>52,273</u>	<u>(101,804)</u>	<u>(15,359)</u>	<u>(64,890)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>52,273</u>	<u>(101,804)</u>	<u>(15,359)</u>	<u>(64,890)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	1,777,626	43,459	1,821,085
Trustees Fund	60,000	-	60,000
Prize Fund	2,365	-	2,365
	<u>1,839,991</u>	<u>43,459</u>	<u>1,883,450</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,839,991</u>	<u>43,459</u>	<u>1,883,450</u>

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7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	49,308	(90,349)	84,500	43,459
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>49,308</u>	<u>(90,349)</u>	<u>84,500</u>	<u>43,459</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	1,777,626	(21,431)	1,756,195
Trustees Fund	60,000	-	60,000
Prize Fund	2,365	-	2,365
	<u>1,839,991</u>	<u>(21,431)</u>	<u>1,818,560</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,839,991</u>	<u>(21,431)</u>	<u>1,818,560</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	101,581	(192,153)	69,141	(21,431)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>101,581</u>	<u>(192,153)</u>	<u>69,141</u>	<u>(21,431)</u>

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

9. FUNDS

The General Fund and Trustees Fund are comprised of appropriations made and appeal monies received and applied against capital projects undertaken.

The Prize Fund was established to provide prizes for exceptional students, to be awarded at the discretion of the headmaster.

The Sydney Baxter Memorial Fund is comprised of donations made and to be applied against bursaries given at the trustees' discretion. This fund is now considered obsolete and was transferred to the general fund during the year.

10. LIMITED LIABILITY

The charity is a company limited by guarantee. The memorandum and articles of the company restrict the liability of the members upon winding up to £1. In the case of winding up none of the accumulated funds are distributable to members but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution having similar objects.

11. CURRENCY OF PRESENTATION

The accounts are presented in pounds sterling.

Birkbeck and William Ellis Schools Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	31.3.25 £	31.3.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts & donations	1	-
Investment income		
Other fixed asset invest - FII	44,053	39,117
Deposit account interest	8,219	10,191
	<u>52,272</u>	<u>49,308</u>
Total incoming resources	52,273	49,308
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
School maintenance and development	81,229	85,355
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	4,305	-
Finance		
Bank charges	15	11
Recruitment fees	1,647	-
	<u>1,662</u>	<u>11</u>
Governance costs		
Cost of independent examiner	2,723	2,130
Legal fees	11,885	2,853
	<u>14,608</u>	<u>4,983</u>
Total resources expended	101,804	90,349
Net expenditure	<u>(49,531)</u>	<u>(41,041)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

