

THE VINJERU SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1135234

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Trust

Registered 2010-03-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUPILS AT THE VINJERU SCHOOL, KAPIRI MPOSHI, ZAMBIA IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES SEE FIT.

Activities: Trustees' Meetings were held during the year, A number of fund raising activities have been held, Most recently a number of grant applications have been submitted. The major challenge facing us is still fund-raising to continue the building work at the School in Zambia.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ZAMBIA
- Zambia
- Essex
- Hertfordshire
- Leicestershire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £119,071 | £118,904 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £65,843 | £63,929 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £95,312 | £87,254 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £76,151 | £110,811 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £88,830 | £82,395 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------|-------|------------|
| ROSS POWER | Chair | 2013-10-29 |
| Bertie Power | | 2013-10-29 |
| Gillian Hodder | | 2014-11-01 |
| Hannah Haris | | 2023-02-18 |
| Joel Haris | | 2023-02-18 |
| MARTIN HODDER | | |

THE VINJERU SCHOOL TRUST

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Accounts

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their annual report and the independently examined accounts for the twelve months ending 31 December 2024.

Name and principal address

The name of the charity is The Vinjeru School Trust and the principal address is 17 Sayer Way, Knebworth, Herts SG3 6BN.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the period were:

Ross Power – Chairman

Roberta Power – Secretary

Martin Hodder

Gillian Hodder

Joel Haris – Treasurer

Hannah Haris

Objectives

The objectives of the Trust are:

- To raise funds for the building and establishment of a school based on Christian principles in the town of Kapiri Mposhi, Zambia.
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- To raise funds to operate an effective bursary scheme to enable a quarter of the students to have a reduced fee or a free place.

The School is accessible to all, regardless of race, religion or gender. The school endeavours to provide quality, holistic education which will be of benefit to the students and to the wider community in the area around Kapiri Mposhi and, since the opening of the boarding facilities, the whole of Zambia.

Review of Activities

Trustees Visit to School Site for 10th Anniversary Year

During the year, five of the trustees had the privilege of visiting the School in Summer 2024 as part of the celebrations for the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the first building. The trustees were able to inspect the new boys' dormitory block, which was completed in 2024, and were impressed with the condition of the site. The buildings were in good condition and the grounds were well-cared for.

As part of the visit, training was provided by trustees and a further member of the visiting group to both the Primary and Secondary Teaching staff at the school to help improve the quality of teaching for children.

Building

The boys' dormitory block, for which building commenced in the previous year (2023), was completed at the beginning of 2024. This building was inspected by the trustees as part of their visit.

Title deeds for the new piece of land bordering the existing land were received in 2024, meaning work could begin on the new Primary Block. The Primary Block construction commenced in Autumn 2024 and is anticipated to be completed in Autumn 2025. This will be a large building, adding nine new classrooms and allow a major expansion of the Primary offering of the school.

Due to a drought and poor rain season in 2023/24, Zambia has been experiencing power outages as the Energy Ministry in Zambia looks to manage supply and demand. As such, the school has been experiencing power outages, which can affect key infrastructure. During the year, donations were made for solar-powered pumps to cover the power outages.

School Life and Examinations

The trustees' visit in Summer 2024 offered the opportunity to see the school in operation. The trustees were encouraged to observe the good interaction between staff and pupils, as well as the good attitude and respect shown to each other.

The results from the senior school students were once again strong, with another 100% pass rate achieved in 2024. The school aims to continue achieving strong pass rates in 2025.

Funding

The Trust has continued to support the school with some operational costs due to the growth phase of the school. Financial processes and recent results indicate the school will be self-sufficient in terms of operation in the near future.

The Trust has held fundraising events, which included a tea and cake afternoon and a quiz to engage supporters in 2024. The Trust has continued to receive large and small donations which has enabled the school to continue operating and has added funds for building projects. The main project for which fundraising took place during the year was the building of a new Primary School Block.

Many sponsors have continued to support students at the school through the Vinjeru School Trust Bursary Scheme. The scheme currently supports students who would otherwise not be able to attend secondary education.

Governance

The Trustees have continued to work with individuals in Zambia to establish a Zambian trust to oversee the operational governance of the school. The intention is that the UK trust will be solely responsible for raising money and providing grants for the building work of the school in Zambia and for the running of the bursary scheme. As part of their visit in Summer 2024, a joint meeting of the UK and Zambian trustees took place to discuss the challenges faced by the school, as well as future building plans.

During the year, there were no changes in the trustees of the charity.

Future Work

The Trust is in the process of supporting the Primary Building Project, which is scheduled for completion in Autumn 2025.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 28/10/2025.....

Ross Power

Chairman, The Vinjeru School Trust – Charity No: 1135234

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE VINJERU SCHOOL TRUST
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I report on the accounts of the charity trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on the attached accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Basis of independent examiners' statement

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

Independent examiners' statement

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

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 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
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28th October 2025

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

Receipts and Payment Account for the 12 months ended 31 December 2024

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds | Year to: 31/12/2023 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| As at 31/12/2024 | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| General fund donations | 21,594 | | 21,594 | 13,905 |
| Building fund donations | | 59,822 | 59,822 | 9,512 |
| Uniform Fund | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Simbeye fund donations | | 14,522 | 14,522 | 11,450 |
| Bursaries fund donations | | 14,810 | 14,810 | 15,759 |
| Wedge Education Grant | | 8,000 | 8,000 | 4,000 |
| Teaching fund donations | | 0 | 0 | 8,840 |
| Basketball Fund donations | | 0 | 0 | 1,140 |
| Book Fund donations | | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Interest income | 323 | | 323 | 237 |
| | 21,917 | 97,154 | 119,071 | 65,843 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Grants paid - School operations | 912 | 0 | 912 | 9,550 |
| Grants paid - Bursary | | 15,354 | 15,354 | 17,685 |
| Grants paid - Building works | | 63,600 | 63,600 | 16,000 |
| Uniforms | | 4,500 | 4,500 | 0 |
| Simbeye support | | 22,370 | 22,370 | 13,914 |
| Wedge Education Grant | | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Basketball Court costs | | 0 | 0 | 1,140 |
| Books | | 0 | 0 | 1,000 |
| Teaching Fund Grants paid | | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 |
| Bank and finance charges | 351 | | 351 | 274 |
| Professional fees | 360 | | 360 | 360 |
| Fund-raising Costs | 2,457 | | 2,457 | 6 |
| | 4,080 | 114,824 | 118,904 | 63,929 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 17,837 | -17,670 | 167 | 1,914 |
| Transfers between funds | -21,670 | 21,670 | 0 | 0 |
| Total funds brought forward | 20,733 | 262 | 20,995 | 19,081 |
| Total funds carried forward | 16,900 | 4,262 | 21,162 | 20,995 |

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31/12/2024

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash funds | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| HSBC | 16,900 | 4,262 | 21,162 |
| | <u>16,900</u> | <u>4,262</u> | <u>21,162</u> |
| Joel Haris | | | |
| Trustee/Treasurer | | | |

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Review of Activities

Trustees Visit to School Site

With the government lifting restrictions in place due to the outbreak of the pandemic in the prior years, two of the trustees (the Chairman and Secretary) had the privilege of visiting the School in May 2023, and were impressed with the condition of the site. The buildings were in good condition and the grounds were well cared for, with fencing and walls providing effective protection from intruders.

Building

Building was completed for the new DT block, which was started in the previous year and is well on the way to being completed. It is planned for the dividers to be heavy curtains, which will be fitted to help split up the space but to also allow for flexibility in the use of the space for larger assemblies and will also serve to deaden the noise between the sections.

The boys' dormitory block, for which building commenced in the previous year, has been built up to roof level as at the end of the year. Further funds were committed to the project in December 2023 to complete the building, with completion anticipated before the commencement of the new school year.

A new piece of land has been acquired next door to the existing land, which will house new Primary School buildings and a sports field. The land was kindly donated to the school, for which the trustees are truly grateful. It is anticipated that building work towards the new Primary School building will commence in autumn 2024.

A new Basketball / Netball court was built during the year on part of the land acquired. The court is used daily by students and has also hosted four fixtures against other schools during the year. It is anticipated that future work will look to add additional courts on the same piece of land, which would allow the school to host tournaments.

School Life and Examinations

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Funding

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The Trust held fundraising events as well as a tea and cake afternoon and a quiz to engage supporters in 2023. The Trust applied for funding from the Pat Wedge Fund during the year, which was utilised to support students at the school.

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During the year, there were no changes in the trustees of the charity.

Future Work

The Trust is looking to expand the capacity of the Primary School in 2024 with a large building with multiple classrooms planned.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 14th November 2024

Ross Power**Chairman, The Vinjeru School Trust – Charity No: 1135234**

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14th November 2024

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Receipts and Payment Account for the 12 months ended 31 December 2023

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds | Year to: 31/12/2022 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| As at 31/12/2023 | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| General fund donations | 13,905 | | 13,905 | 22,510 |
| Building fund donations | | 9,512 | 9,512 | 4,313 |
| Uniform Fund | | 0 | 0 | 1,925 |
| Simbeye fund donations | | 11,450 | 11,450 | 13,486 |
| Bursaries fund donations | | 15,759 | 15,759 | 16,821 |
| Wedge Building Grant | | 0 | 0 | 18,745 |
| Wedge Education Grant | | 4,000 | 4,000 | 6,500 |
| Teaching fund donations | | 8,840 | 8,840 | 11,000 |
| Basketball Fund donations | | 1,140 | 1,140 | 0 |
| Book Fund donations | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Interest income | 237 | | 237 | 12 |
| | 14,142 | 51,701 | 65,843 | 95,312 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Grants paid - School operations | 674 | 8,876 | 9,550 | 24,638 |
| Grants paid - Bursary | | 17,685 | 17,685 | 18,990 |
| Grants paid - Building works | | 16,000 | 16,000 | 0 |
| Uniforms | | 0 | 0 | 1,288 |
| Simbeye support | | 13,914 | 13,914 | 16,686 |
| Wedge Building Grant | | 0 | 0 | 18,500 |
| Wedge Education Grant | | 4,000 | 4,000 | 6,500 |
| Basketball Court costs | | 1,140 | 1,140 | 0 |
| Books | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 0 |
| Bank and finance charges | 274 | | 274 | 292 |
| Professional fees | 360 | | 360 | 360 |
| Fund-raising Costs | 6 | | 6 | 0 |
| | 1,314 | 62,615 | 63,929 | 87,254 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 12,828 | -10,914 | 1,914 | 8,058 |
| Transfers between funds | -5,664 | 5,664 | 0 | 0 |
| Total funds brought forward | 13,585 | 5,496 | 19,081 | 11,023 |
| Total funds carried forward | 20,750 | 245 | 20,995 | 19,081 |

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

| Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at | | 31/12/2023 | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds | |
| Cash funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| HSBC | 20,750 | 245 | 20,995 | |
| | 20,750 | 245 | 20,995 | |
| Joel Haris | | | | |
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Building

Building was completed for the male accommodation block which was opened to students at the start of the academic year in 2022. Initial work on a new DT block was started in the previous year and is well on the way to being completed. It was planned for dividers to be heavy curtains, which will be fitted to help split up the space but to also allow for flexibility in the use of the space for larger assemblies.

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Resources

The Trust was able to secure computers for the school, which were sent across in late 2022. The computers were fitted when they arrived at the school and are now being used by the students.

Funding

The Trust has continued to support the school with some operational costs due to the growth phase of the school and the effects of the pandemic. Financial processes and recent results indicate the school will be self-sufficient in terms of operation in the near future.

The Trust held fundraising events as well as a tea and cake afternoon to engage supporters in 2022. The Trust applied for funding from the Pat Wedge Fund during the year, which was utilised to support students at the school and the building projects being undertaken during the year. This funding contributed to the building of the new DT block.

The Trust has continued to receive large and small donations which has enabled the school to continue operating and has added funds for building projects.

Many sponsors have continued to support students at the school through the Vinjeru School Trust Bursary Scheme. The scheme currently supports students who would otherwise not be able to attend secondary education.

Micro Farming

The Zambian economy often experiences high inflation which can lead to challenges operating businesses. The Trust provided the school with grants which were used in the prior year to establish a chicken coop and a piggery. This has subsequently allowed the school the ability to feed boarding and day students despite the challenging economic factors.

Governance

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responsible for raising money and providing grants to the school in Zambia for building and running their bursary scheme.

We are sad to report that Treasurer Malcolm Pickard sadly passed away in August 2022. As a result, Martin Hodder took on the role for the remainder of the year until the appointment of Joel Haris as Treasurer in February 2023.

Roberta Power was also appointed as Secretary for the Trust in May 2022.

Future Work

The Trust is looking to return to building classrooms from 2023, as well as expand the sporting facilities of the school with a new basketball/netball court.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 20th October 2023

Ross Power

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|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| As at 31/12/2022 | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| General fund donations | 22,510 | | 22,510 | 30,184 |
| Building fund donations | | 4,313 | 4,313 | 2,126 |
| Uniform Fund | | 1,925 | 1,925 | 8,700 |
| Simbeye fund donations | | 13,486 | 13,486 | 15,835 |
| Bursaries fund donations | | 16,821 | 16,821 | 19,304 |
| Wedge Building Grant | | 18,745 | 18,745 | 0 |
| Wedge Education Grant | | 6,500 | 6,500 | 0 |
| Teaching fund donations | | 11,000 | 11,000 | 0 |
| Interest income | 12 | | 12 | 3 |
| | 22,523 | 72,790 | 95,312 | 76,151 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Grants paid - School operations | 12,638 | 12,000 | 24,638 | 23,111 |
| Grants paid - Bursary | | 18,990 | 18,990 | 19,365 |
| Grants paid - Building works | | 0 | 0 | 33,750 |
| Uniforms | | 1,288 | 1,288 | 16,415 |
| Simbeye support | | 16,686 | 16,686 | 17,871 |
| Wedge Building Grant | | 18,500 | 18,500 | 0 |
| Wedge Education Grant | | 6,500 | 6,500 | 0 |
| Bank and finance charges | 292 | | 292 | 251 |
| Professional fees | 360 | | 360 | 0 |
| Fund-raising Costs | 0 | | 0 | 48 |
| | 13,290 | 73,964 | 87,254 | 110,811 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 9,232 | -1,174 | 8,058 | -34,660 |
| Transfers between funds | -1,697 | 1,697 | 0 | 0 |
| Total funds brought forward | 6,050 | 4,974 | 11,023 | 45,684 |
| Total funds carried forward | 13,586 | 5,496 | 19,082 | 11,023 |
| Statement of Assets and Liabilities | 31/12/2022 | | | |
| | | | | |
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds | |
| Cash funds | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
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Review of Activities

2020 -2021 continued to present significant challenges for the Trust as the Vinjeru School had to deal with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in Zambia.

Pandemic

The ongoing pandemic in Zambia has led the government again to close schools in times of significant outbreak. This has had detrimental effects on the education of the children but the teachers and students have looked for creative means to continue education.

Examinations

League Tables for examinations shows that Vinjeru Trust School is positioned as 84th (out of 3,000) in the country, 10th in the province and 4th in district. Vinjeru is outperformed only by highly selective schools,

however, Vinjeru accepts students with lower scores and ability than selective schools.

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Building

Female students moved from their temporary accommodation into the new boarding facility at the start of 2021. Building has started for the male accommodation block and it is anticipated that it will be ready for students at the start of the academic year in 2022.

Initial work on a new DT block was started but this work will be concluded in 2022 when additional funding is received.

Micro Farming

The Zambian economy often experiences high inflation which can lead to challenges operating businesses. The Trust provided the school with grants to establish a chicken coop and a piggery so the school can feed boarding and day students without challenging economic factors.

Resources

The Trust arranged for materials (including tables, chairs, uniforms and science equipment) to be sourced and transported to Zambia in a container to facilitate the operation of the school. This method of sourcing resources is becoming increasingly expensive so local sources will be sought in the future.

Funding

The Trust has continued to support the school with some operational costs due to the growth phase of the school and the affects of the pandemic. Financial processes and recent results indicate the school will be self sufficient in terms of operation in the near future.

The Trust held a Zoom quiz fundraising event as well as a tea and cake afternoon to engage supporters in 2021. The Trust applied for funding from the Holy Trinity Meole Brace Trust. This funding will contribute to the building of the new DT block and be allocated to student bursaries.

The Trust has continued to receive large and small donations which has enabled the school to continue operating and has added funds to be building projects.

Many sponsors have continued to support students at the school through the Vinjeru School Trust Bursary Scheme. The scheme currently supports 60 students who would otherwise not be able to attend secondary education.

Website

The trustees have spent considerable time updating the Trust's website to reflect the larger scale of the school. This allows supporters in the UK to find more up to

date information and gives parents of potential students in Zambia faster access to information and contact details.

Supporting the School Leadership Team

The Trustees have not been able to visit the school this year due to travel restrictions but have maintained frequent contact with the Senior Leadership Team through remote meetings and telephone conversations. The trustees look forward to returning to the school in 2022.

Volunteers

The Trust has been working with a number of individuals who will become long term volunteers at the school from 2022.

Governance

The Trustees have continued to work with individuals in Zambia to establish a Zambian trust to oversee the operational governance of the school. The intention is that the UK trust will be solely responsible for raising money and providing grants to the school in Zambia for building and running their bursary scheme.

Future Work

The Trust is looking to finalise the new DT block and then return to building classrooms from 2022.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 30th January 2022

Ross Power

Chairman

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

Receipts and Payments Account
For the 12 months ended 31 December 2021

| As at: | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds | Year to: 31/12/2020 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 31/12/2021 | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| General fund donations | 30184 | | 30184 | 50475 |
| Building fund donations | | 2126 | 2126 | 4611 |
| Uniform Fund | | 8700 | 8700 | |
| Simbeye fund donations | | 15835 | 15835 | 15285 |
| Bursaries fund donations | | 19304 | 19304 | 18431 |
| Interest income | 3 | | 3 | 28 |
| | 30186 | 45965 | 76151 | 88830 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Grants paid - School operations | 15206 | 7905 | 23111 | 31182 |
| Grants paid - Bursary | | 19365 | 19365 | |
| Grants paid - Building works | | 33750 | 33750 | 36652 |
| Uniforms | | 16415 | 16415 | |
| Simbeye support | | 17871 | 17871 | 14445 |
| Bank and finance charges | 251 | | 251 | 0 |
| Professional fees | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Fund-raising Costs | 48 | | 48 | 0 |
| General administration expenses | | | | 116 |
| | 15505 | 95306 | 110811 | 82395 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 14681 | -49341 | -34660 | 6435 |
| Transfers between funds | -46306 | 46306 | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 37674 | 8010 | 45684 | 39249 |
| Total funds carried forward | 6050 | 4974 | 11023 | 45684 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities **31/12/2021**

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted Funds | Total funds |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash funds | 0 | | 0 |
| HSBC | 6050 | 4974 | 11023 |
| | 6050 | 4974 | 11023 |

Malcolm Pickard
Trustee /Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE VINJERU SCHOOL TRUST
Charity number 1135234**

I report on the accounts of the charity trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out on the attached accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply, and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act, to follow the procedures specified in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners' statement

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

Independent examiners' statement

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

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

Ms M C Richardson FCCA

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26th April 2022

THE VINJERU SCHOOL TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1135234

Accounts

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their annual report and the independently examined accounts for the twelve months ending 31 December 2020.

Name and principal address

The name of the charity is The Vinjeru School Trust and the principal address is 17 Sayer Way, Knebworth, Herts SG3 6BN.

Trustees

The trustees who served during the period were:

Ross Power – Chair

Roberta Power – Vice Chair

Martin Hodder – Treasurer

Jonathan Field – Secretary

Gillian Hodder

David Power

Adrian Bright

Andrew Young

Malcolm Pickard

Objectives

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Review of Activities

2019 –2020 presented significant challenges for the Trust as the Vinjeru School had to deal with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pandemic

The pandemic in Zambia led the government to order that all schools be closed for a significant period of time. This affected the education of many children and reduced the income of the school from those families who pay fees.

Examinations

Despite the pandemic, the national examinations were held for grades 9 and 12. The teachers worked incredibly hard to support the students who had been working from home even when they were not able to attend school.

The students from Vinjeru again achieved a pass rate of 100% which puts Vinjeru Trust School in the top strata of schools in the region and the country.

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Boarding

This year, we welcomed boarders to the school for the first time. The female only boarders were initially housed in rented accommodation and then moved to temporary accommodation on the school site. The boarding facility ensures that students from a wider geographical area can attend the school and benefit from high quality teaching. This model also ensures more stable income generation which supports the operation and sustainability of the school.

Building

The new accommodation facility with 48 beds, a new ablution block and a staff quarters were completed in 2020. Female students are due to move in to the accommodation building at the start of the 2021 academic year.

Resources

The Trust continued to arrange for materials to be sourced, purchased and transported to Zambia to facilitate the operation of the school.

Funding

The Trust has continued to support the operational costs of the school as the school is currently in a growth phase. Due to the pandemic, the income to the school from tuition fees significantly reduced leading the Trust to provide additional resources to pay the teachers' salaries while the school was closed (the Zambian government did not offer a furlough scheme).

The Trust held a number of Zoom Quiz fundraising events and requested additional financial aid from supporters. The Trust was overwhelmed with large and small donations and was able to provide funding to pay for the school operation without compromising building objectives.

The Trust continued to be supported by many sponsors who have continued to provide funds for tuition fees for students through our bursary scheme. Over 49 students benefited from the Vinjeru School Trust Bursary Scheme, without which, these students would not be able to access secondary education.

Supporting the School Leadership Team

The Trustees have been in even more frequent contact with the school through the last year to ensure that the Senior Leadership Team in Zambia have the appropriate resources and support.

The Trust had facilitated a number of volunteers travelling to Zambia to support the work of the school in 2019/2020. Unfortunately these individuals had to leave Zambia due to the pandemic in March 2020.

Governance

The Trustees continue to look forward to a time when the school is financially independent in its operations and governance. The Trust encouraged the establishment of a Zambian based Trust to oversee the operation of the school and its assets. It is intended that eventually, the Vinjeru School Trust (UK) will primarily focus on fundraising for building projects.

Future Work

The Trust is looking forward to building a new boarding block for boys and additional classrooms in 2021. These facilities will allow more students to benefit from excellent teaching facilities and methods at the school.

Signed on behalf of the trustees on 30th September 2021

Ross Power

Chairman

The Vinjeru School Trust – Charity No: 1135234

The Vinjeru School Trust – Charity No: 1135234

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees for the period ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which is set out on page 1.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”)

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

Independent examiner’s statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- The accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: **Y P Chin** Date: 20/08/2021

Chartered Accountant
50 Redwood Glade
Leighton Buzzard
LU7 3JT

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| The Vinjeru School Trust | | | Charity No: 1135234 | |
| Receipts and Payments Account | | | | |
| For the year to 31st December 2020 | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total funds | |
| | funds | Funds | | 31/12/2019 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | | | | |
| Receipts | | | | |
| General fund donations | 50,475 | | 50,475 | 14,505 |
| Building fund donations | | 4,611 | 4,611 | 24,520 |
| Simbeye fund donations | | 15,285 | 15,285 | 17,082 |
| Bursaries fund donations | | 18,431 | 18,431 | 15,793 |
| Interest income | 28 | | 28 | 41 |
| | 50,503 | 38,327 | 88,830 | 71,941 |
| | | | | |
| Payments | | | | |
| Grants paid - School operations | 7,576 | 23,606 | 31,182 | 30,107 |
| Grants paid - Building works | | 36,652 | 36,652 | - |
| Simbeye support | | 14,445 | 14,445 | 16,195 |
| Bank and finance charges | | | - | - |
| Professional fees | | | - | - |
| General administration expenses | 116 | | 116 | 5,376 |
| Asset purchases | | | - | - |
| | 7,692 | 74,703 | 82,395 | 51,678 |
| | | | | |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 42,811 | -36,376 | 6,435 | 20,263 |
| | | | | |
| Transfers between funds | -14,907 | 14,907 | - | - |
| Total funds brought forward | 9,770 | 29,479 | 39,249 | 18,986 |
| | | | | |
| Total funds carried forward | 37,674 | 8,010 | 45,684 | 39,249 |
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| Statement of Assets and Liabilities | | | | |
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| | Unrestricted | Restricted | Total funds | |
| | funds | Funds | | |
| Cash funds | | | | |
| HSBC | 37,674 | 8,010 | 45,684 | |
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| | 37,674 | 8,010 | 45,684 | |
| | | | | |
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| Martin Hodder | | | | |
| Trustee | | | | |