

The Vinjeru School Trust - Charity No: 1135234

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their annual report and the independently examined accounts for the twelve months ending 31 December 2022.

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 – Secretary

Martin Hodder

Gillian Hodder

Jonathan Field

Malcolm Pickard

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.
- To provide education and bring hope to the underprivileged children in Kapiri Mposhi who would otherwise not be able to afford education.
- 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

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 at the end of June 2022, 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 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.

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.

School Life and Examinations

The trustees' visit in June 2022 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 this year. The school aims to continue achieving strong pass rates in the next year.

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

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.

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

Chairman The Vinjeru School Trust – Charity No: 1135234

**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 2022, 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.

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20th October 2023

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Receipts and Payment Account for the 12 months ended 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Funds	Total funds	Year to: 31/12/2021
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	
HSBC	13,586	5,496	19,082	
	13,586	5,496	19,082	
Joel Haris				
Trustee/Treasurer				