

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.
- 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 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
Charity number 1135234**

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

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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28th October 2025

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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

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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			