

The Gesher Trust

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Incorporated in England and Wales No. 09223197

Registered Charity No. 1160465

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 August 2023

The Gesher Trust

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Trustees	A Durban M Kutner L Portnoi S Sultman H Zetter	
Governors	A Durban S Sultman R Brown M Cohen S Daniels A Davis P Hodgkinson K Jowett J Ornstein J Rome P Simonsson S Ziff R Venchard S Ben-Hur D Summers G Sherling P Soyemi L Ferreira B Hartstone J Mindell	<i>resigned on 11 August 2023</i> <i>resigned on 11 August 2023</i> <i>resigned on 11 August 2023</i> <i>appointed on 8 March 2023</i> <i>appointed on 8 March 2023</i> <i>appointed on 8 March 2023</i> <i>appointed on 19 July 2023</i> <i>appointed on 19 July 2023</i> <i>appointed on 19 July 2023</i>
Co-Head Teachers	T Yartu N Webb-Hardy	
Company registered number:	09223197	
Charity registered number:	1160465	
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and independent auditors' reports of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. This annual report serves the purposes of a Trustees' report, a Directors' report and a Strategic Report under company law.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and in accordance with the requirements for a Directors' report prepared for a small company under the Companies Act 2006.

As demonstrated in this report, we are very pleased to state that The Gesher Trust is still considered a 'going concern' and that we have met all regulatory and statutory compliance commitments.

Objectives and Activities

The primary objects of the Gesher Trust ("the Charity") are to advance, for the public benefit, the education of children with special educational needs in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school or schools providing education for children with special educational needs following the principles of the Jewish faith.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Our longer-term aims include achieving our total capacity of 120 children on roll; maintaining the quality of education we provide to the children we serve; building a prayer room and a fully equipped life skills room; overhauling the external play and learning spaces; continuing to adapt and upgrade the school building; and building relationships with the community and employer partners.

On the 15th February 2023 the Trust purchased the freehold of the school site which will allow us the flexibility to adapt it to our needs.

Achievements and performance

This year we introduced Year 9 for the first time. By 31 August 2023, we had 35 pupils in Primary and 17 students in Secondary. During the year, pupils forged ahead with their 'Project Based Learning' ("PBL") which has enhanced the delivery of the National Curriculum whilst reflecting the range of needs of our pupils. The implementation of PBL across the school has provided opportunities to foster pupils' intrinsic motivation through a range of hands-on authentic experiences which have engaged the pupils and tapped into their areas of strengths. With feedback from the pupils, reflecting positive response including 85.2% (94.7% in 2021/22) pupils liked PBL. 40.7% students enjoyed more trips, 22.2% enjoyed the hands-on activities and 11.1% said they enjoyed PBL as it was more creative. Secondary data reflects the greatest progress in subject areas delivered through PBL.

Dining and lunch times are used to facilitate communication, social and life skills. More than 70% (70% in 2021/22) of the pupils are eating either a full meal or trying new foods daily, which is a real triumph for our pupils who were picky eaters. The following clubs are offered during lunchtimes to further support social skills: Creative Club, Football Club, Girls Club, Outdoor Explorers, Board Games and Pokeman Club. New clubs include Spanish Club, Basketball Club and Lego Club, which were introduced following a pupil survey at the end of last year.

This year saw the launch of Gesher's very own podcast, The Chatterboxes, recorded weekly inside the Wolfson Makerspace, and which will be taken over by some students in our Y9 cohort this year.

Kvutzah/Crew Time (which is part of the SMSC curriculum and specifically tackle various social issues such as mutual respect, volunteering, conflict resolution and the importance of being part of both the Gesher community and the wider community in Britain and beyond) was introduced last year for both staff and pupils. Morning Kutzvah sessions continue to be a meaningful way for staff to lead and share a range of topics. Multiple reviews have taken place to ensure staff feel the sessions are meaningful. Feedback reflected that the team found the sessions helpful, especially those around neurodiversity, but sometimes it is a lot of information to process so early in the morning. Further adjustments will be made for next year, so staff have time for Kutzvah/CREW as a whole school team but also have time with the class team.

Our Head of Kodesh has established a wider school network, with various organisations continuing to work with the school more regularly, including UJIA, All Aboard and Jewish Child's Day. We are excited that our relationship with JCD will continue following our successful Summer Fete, as this will become an annual partnership event moving ahead. We have recruited for a Community Liaison Role between the United Synagogue and Gesher and look forward to developing this role.

Our volunteer program has been successful this year, with 11 volunteers coming in regularly to support in several areas across the school. Feedback has been positive from staff, with areas for development including further training and a more concise timetable to meet the school's needs. The school has also seen a rise in young volunteers currently studying and wishing to get further experience within a range of SEND skills. We are continuing to develop partnerships with the local Jewish Secondary schools to engage students and share pathways for SEN career opportunities, and we continue to foster relationships with SEED, Tribe and other organisations bringing communities together.

Several external organisations have reached out to visit the school to learn from the work we are doing. Some travelled as far as Israel, Hong Kong and Gibraltar to observe our team and hear about the Gesher story.

The launch of Issue 3 of our in-house publication, 'The Bridge' (an educational journal for reflection, learning and continuous development for schools and staff), generated phenomenal interest in the school and the special school sector.

Our average attendance rate for the year was 92.7% (2021: 93.4%) against an aspirational target of 96%.

In the academic year 2023/24, we are planning further improvements to both the internal and external parts of the school to enhance the delivery of the curriculum.

In summary, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and our Governors, I'd like to express our greatest thanks and respect to all our staff who continue to do everything they can to give our children the best possible chance to fulfil their potential and improve their life chances.

Fundraising

Fundraising during 2022/23 was again focused towards updating some of the critical infrastructure at the school. This included the Wolfson Makerspace area, which is a versatile learning environment comprising four distinct zones: a cutting-edge manufacturing space, a dedicated reflection zone, a collaborative area for teamwork, and an immersive media zone. Each zone is thoughtfully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and tools, specifically designed to enhance and engage the learning experience. Most of these donations were supported by private benefactors and trusts and foundations. Our new fundraising activities are targeted to get us over the finishing line to complete the remainder of the building and to meet the operational costs of the school until our target number of pupils are with us.

Financial review

The financial performance of the Charity in 2022/23 resulted in surplus of income over expenditure of £123,397.

The Charity's operational activities have been funded by a combination of donations from benefactors and charitable institutions and from local authorities paying fees pursuant to Education, Health and Care Plans ("EHCP") as well as parents paying fees privately where EHCPs are not available or have not yet been granted.

At 31 Aug '23, the Charity had a bank balance of £798,791 (2022: £1,373,674 and 2021: £1,935,985).

During the year, the Charity purchased the freehold of the school site for £4million which was funded by donations and a £2,000,000 loan secured by a first mortgage over the school site and a debenture over the Charity from CAF Bank, repayable over 25 years, together with a second charge of £250,000 repayable over 3 years. As at 31 Aug '23, the balances were £2,000,000 and £220,000 respectively.

Gesher Assessment Centre Limited

During the year, the Charity formed a wholly owned subsidiary, Gesher Assessment Centre Limited ("GAC") which is a new assessment and diagnosis centre offering children and young people who may have ADHD, Autism, and specific learning difficulties, a bespoke multi-disciplinary assessment, diagnosis, and report service. GAC has been funded predominantly by a grant from the Charity, but it is intended that it will operate independently of the Charity, and in the fullness of time distribute surplus profits back to the Charity.

Reserves Policy

The Board continues to give consideration to maintaining a policy of keeping a proportion of surplus cash as free reserves. During the course of the year, the Trustees have opted to allow the value of free reserves to fall below 3 months' expenditure as a result of committing funds to the capital expenditure on the purchase of the freehold of the school site and a continuing programme of building works adapting the building to the needs of the school. We will continually review our reserves policy in the event that funds are needed for the running of the school or for capital expenditure.

As at 31 August 2023, our total fund balance was £2,548,068 (2022: £2,424,672 and 2021: £2,321,335). £254,861 (2022: £149,358 and 2021: £55,337) of this total are restricted funds and not available for general purposes, as set out in Note 16. A further £2,131,997 (2022: £1,838,924 and 2021: £1,575,012) is held as designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes, as set out in note 16, leaving free reserves of £161,208 (2022: £436,390 and 2021: £690,986).

Risks attached to achievements of objectives

The Board of Trustees have continued to undertake a formal risk management process and carried out an assessment of business risks from which they have implemented risk management strategies and compiled a risk register which is monitored and tracked by the Board of Governors. The Board of Trustees have not identified any other material factors likely to affect the financial performance of the school going forward.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Trust was incorporated on the 8 September 2014. The Charity's registration number as a charity is 1160465 and its company registration number is 09223197.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of the financial statements were:

1. Ali Durban
2. Michael Kutner
3. Sarah Sultman
4. Joe Tager (resigned on 30 October 2023)
5. Howard Zetter
6. Lee Portnoi

Trustees are nominated and elected at meetings of the Board of Trustees. Newly elected Trustees are given information on the background of the Charity along with a description of their responsibilities as a Trustee. Four of the current six Trustees were previously Gesher School Governors and thus undertook Governor Induction Training. The remaining two Trustees are experienced and conversant in the role of a Trustee and Company Director and have not undertaken any formal training for this role.

The Board of Governors appointed by the Trustees to manage Gesher School ("the school") on their behalf during the 2022/23 year were:

1. Ali Durban (Governor)
2. Andrew Davis (resigned on 11 August 2023)
3. Bradley Hartstone (appointed as Parent Governor on 19 July 2023)
4. David Summers (appointed as Associate Governor on 8 March 2023)
5. Graham Sherling (appointed as Associate Governor on 8 March 2023)
6. Jane Rome (appointed as Governor on 1 Nov 2022)
7. Jonathan Mindell (appointed as Governor on 19 July 2023)
8. Jonathan Ornstein (Governor)
9. Kirsten Jowett (Governor)
10. Leandri Ferreira (appointed as Associate Governor on 19 July 2023)
11. Mark Cohen (Parent Governor)
12. Nikeisha Webb-Hardy (Co-Headteacher)
13. Patricia Soyemi (appointed as Governor on 8 March 2023)
14. Paul Hodgkinson (Governor)
15. Per Simonsson (Governor)
16. Rama Venchard (Chair of Governors)
17. Ron Brown (Governor)
18. Sam Ziff (resigned on 11 August 2023)
19. Sarah Sultman (resigned on 11 August 2023)
20. Simi Ben-Hur (resigned on 11 August 2023)
21. Steven Daniels (Governor)
22. Tamaryn Yartu (Co-Headteacher)

Day to day decisions in respect of the running were made by the Headteachers and those were monitored by the Board of Governors who devolved a number of its functions to the following committees:

1. People
2. Learning
3. Infrastructure
4. Pay

The Board met at least once a term and the committees met on an ad hoc basis but also at least once a term and fed information into the Board who ratified all decisions of the committees. These in turn were monitored by the Trustees.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Board of Trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the 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 Trustees are required to:

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- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- state whether a Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applies and has been followed, subject to any material departures which are explained in the financial statements
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. Trustees also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the Trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

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Date: 25/4/2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Gesher Trust ('the company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the 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 there is 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 trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' 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 company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' 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 in preparing the trustees' annual report and from preparing a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statement.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charitable company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charitable company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks 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 to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charitable company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charitable company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council
- We obtained an understanding of how the charitable company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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 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 any party other than the charitable company and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP.

James Saunders (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

Date 30 April 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (including the income and expenditure statement) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted / Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable Activities					
School fees	3	1,865,146	22,352	1,887,498	1,622,934
Other educational income	4	23,970	-	23,970	10,925
Investments					
Investment Income	5	10,829	-	10,829	879
Voluntary sources					
Grants and donations	6	546,071	2,275,025	2,821,096	1,187,817
Total income and endowments		2,446,016	2,297,377	4,743,393	2,822,555
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Costs of raising funds					
Fundraising and development	7	45,501	2,608	48,109	18,415
Other trading costs		-	-	-	-
Interest and other costs		78,433	-	78,433	-
Charitable activities					
Education	7	4,229,713	270,605	4,500,318	2,700,803
Total expenditure	7	4,353,647	273,213	4,626,860	2,719,218
Net operating income/(expenditure)		(1,907,631)	2,024,164	116,533	103,337
Net income/(expenditure)		(1,907,631)	2,024,164	116,533	103,337
Transfer between funds		1,918,661	(1,918,661)	-	-
Net movement in funds		11,030	105,503	116,533	103,337
Fund balances brought forward		2,275,314	149,358	2,424,672	2,321,335
Fund balances carried forward	16	2,286,344	254,861	2,541,205	2,424,672

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	<u>4,351,997</u>	<u>1,188,924</u>
		4,351,997	1,188,924
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	<u>463,794</u>	<u>608,840</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>798,791</u>	<u>1,373,674</u>
		1,262,585	1,982,514
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(853,377)</u>	<u>(746,766)</u>
		409,208	1,235,748
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		409,208	1,235,748
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,761,205	2,424,672
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	<u>(2,220,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
		2,541,205	2,424,672
NET ASSETS		2,541,205	2,424,672
FUNDS			
Called up Share Capital	16	-	-
Restricted funds	16	<u>254,861</u>	<u>149,358</u>
Unrestricted funds – general	16	<u>154,347</u>	<u>436,390</u>
Unrestricted funds - designated	16	<u>2,131,997</u>	<u>1,838,924</u>
		2,541,205	2,424,672

25/4/2024

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

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Chairman of the Board of Trustees

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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CASHFLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 August 2023

CASH FLOW STATEMENT	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	22	542,428	(262,805)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Bank interest received		10,829	879
Interest paid		(78,433)	-
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		1,003,299	-
Payments to acquire fixed assets		(4,273,009)	(300,385)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		<u>(3,337,314)</u>	<u>(299,506)</u>
Financing:			
Loans received		2,250,000	-
Loans repaid		(30,000)	-
Net cash outflow from financing activities		<u>2,220,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash		(574,886)	(562,311)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>1,373,674</u>	<u>1,935,985</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u>798,788</u>	<u>1,373,674</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 August 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Gesher Trust is a company limited by guarantee with registered number 09223197, incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. Its registered office is Gesher School, Cannon Lane, Pinner, HA5 1JF.

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charitable Company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

1.2 GOING CONCERN

The Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Gesher Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and have no material uncertainties. For this reason, Trustees feel that the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statement is appropriate. As such the School can expect to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

On this basis the Trustees have concluded that the School is a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the School not being able to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

1.3 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee.

1.4 FEES RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

Fees receivable are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided.

1.5 DONATIONS AND FUND ACCOUNTING

Donations received for the general purposes of the school are included as unrestricted funds. Donations restricted by the wishes of the donor or the terms of an appeal are taken to restricted funds. Donations required to be retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes are accounted for as endowments – permanent or expendable according to the nature of the restriction.

1.6 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is allocated to expense headings, which aggregate all costs relating to the category either on a direct cost basis, or apportioned according to time spent. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

All costs associated with the provision of education are allocated to Charitable Expenditure. Only the costs directly associated with, or incurred solely in, Raising Funds are allocated to this category. For example, the costs of kitchen and domestic staff who are employed on a short term basis during the school holidays are allocated to the Cost of Raising Funds whereas the costs of the permanent staff are allocated to Charitable Expenditure because they would have to be paid in any event. Likewise, only premises costs that are incurred because of, or to support, the letting activities are allocated to the Costs of Raising Funds.

Governance costs comprise the costs of running the Trust, including strategic planning for its future development, external audit, and all other costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.7 TEACHING COSTS

Supplies of games equipment, books, stationery and sundry materials are written off when the expenditure is incurred.

1.8 FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All fixed assets are used in direct furtherance of the school's objectives. Fixed assets are included in these financial statements at their original cost less depreciation and accumulated impairment losses provided to date.

Assets that cost less than £2,500 are not capitalised and are written off in the year of purchase.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset, by equal annual instalments, over their expected useful lives which are considered to be:

Freehold property	-	100 years
Leasehold property	-	5 years
Plant and machinery	-	20 years
Fixtures and fittings	-	4 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years
IT equipment	-	3 years

The cost of freehold property represents the cost of the land and buildings and the net cost of additions since that date. The trustees are of the opinion that the current value of the school's land and building is equivalent to the figure shown in the financial statements.

1.9 PENSIONS

The school pays contributions into a Group Personal Pension Scheme for Teaching and Support staff. The Schemes are defined contribution pension schemes. The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the School in an independently administered fund. The Pension Scheme charge represents contributions payable by the school in accordance with the rules of the Scheme.

1.10 LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities evenly over the period of the lease.

1.11 INVESTMENTS

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

1.12 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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

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1.13 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company 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 instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

With the exceptions of prepayments and deferred income all other debtor and creditor balances are considered to be basic financial instruments under FRS 102. See notes 12 and 13 for the debtor and creditor notes.

1.14 TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is exempt from taxation as afforded by Section 505 ICTA 1988.

1.15 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

2 KEY ESTIMATES & JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In the opinion of the Trustees, the estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are outlined below.

Critical judgements

Useful economic lives

The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 11 for the carrying amount of the property, plant and equipment and note 1.8 for the useful economic lives for each class of asset.

Valuation of property

The trustees have based the valuation of the property on the purchase price plus allowable transaction costs.

3 FEE INCOME

The School's activities are carried out within the UK.

The school's fee income comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross fees	1,865,146	1,601,409
TA contributions	22,352	21,525
	<u>1,887,498</u>	<u>1,622,934</u>

Included within the above is an amount of £22,352 (2022: £21,525) which relates to restricted income.

4 OTHER EDUCATIONAL INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Extras and disbursements	9,656	8,556
Other income	14,314	2,369
	<u>23,970</u>	<u>10,925</u>

5 INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023 £	2022 £
Interest received	10,829	879
	<u>10,829</u>	<u>879</u>

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6 DONATIONS AND GRANTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and gifts	2,764,618	1,138,445
Guarding reclaims	56,478	49,372
	2,821,096	1,187,817

Included within the above is an amount of £2,297,377 (2022: £362,950) which relates to restricted income.

7 EXPENDITURE

(a) Costs of Raising Funds

	Staff costs (note 8) £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2023 £
Trading costs	-	-	-	-
Marketing costs	19,611	48,109	-	67,720
Financing costs	-	-	-	-
Investment Management Fees	-	-	-	-
Total Costs of Raising Funds	19,611	48,109	-	67,720

Charitable expenditure

	Staff costs (note 8) £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2023 £
Teaching	1,668,668	66,536	-	1,735,204
Premises and Estates	88,072	1,998,312	39,366	2,125,750
Administration	267,178	267,069	67,268	601,515
Finance Costs	-	78,433	-	78,433
Governance	-	18,238	-	18,238
Total Charitable Expenditure	2,023,918	2,428,588	106,634	4,559,140

Total Expended

	2,043,529	2,476,697	106,634	4,626,860
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Included within Staff Costs and Other Charitable Expenditure is an amount of £270,605 (2022: £243,481) relating to restricted expenditure.

Costs of Raising Funds

	Staff costs (note 8) £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2022 £
Marketing costs	-	18,415	-	18,415
Total Costs of Raising Funds	-	18,415	-	18,415

Charitable expenditure

	Staff costs (note 8) £	Other £	Depreciation £	Total 2022 £
Teaching	1,415,697	96,089	-	1,511,786
Premises and Estates	80,441	427,850	213,363	721,654
Administration	231,246	147,775	73,110	452,131
Governance	-	15,232	-	15,232
Total Charitable Expenditure	1,727,384	686,946	286,473	2,700,803

Total Expended

	1,727,384	705,361	286,473	2,719,218
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(b) Other Governance Costs include:

	2023 £	2022 £
Auditors' remuneration		
- Audit Fees	17,980	15,232

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	2023 £	2022 £
(c) Administration Costs		
Salaries	185,822	169,532
National Insurance	19,270	15,943
Pension Costs	6,355	5,366
Staff Training	26,402	22,772
Other Staff Related Costs	29,329	17,633
Subscriptions	10,218	13,510
Staff travel	3,515	849
Operating Leases	3,958	4,402
IT support	30,325	12,744
Postage and stationery	7,873	5,544
Telephones	3,057	17,532
Marketing and advertising	35,042	14,002
Depreciation	67,268	73,110
Recruitment Costs	10,335	-
Legal and Professional Fees	47,153	53,681
Other Administration Costs	38,386	23,391
Grant to subsidiary	75,000	-
Bank charges and interest	2,207	2,120
Loan Interest	78,433	-
	679,948	452,131
8 STAFF COSTS		
	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	1,541,484	1,252,697
Social security costs	157,707	125,220
Other pension costs	102,489	80,160
Other staff costs	82,720	89,843
Supply teachers	151,653	154,989
Therapists	7,476	24,475
	2,043,529	1,727,384
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
	2023 No.	2022 No.
	47	49
The number of employees whose emoluments amounted to over £60,000 in the year was as follows:		
	2023 No.	2022 No.
£60,000 - £70,000	1	3
£70,001 - £80,000	1	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
	3	5
Pension contributions for the year amounted to £17,608 (2022: £25,212) for these employees.		
9 TRUSTEES AND GOVERNORS REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS		
There were no Trustees' or Governors' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.		
No expenses (2022: £nil) for trustees and governors were paid by the charity during the year.		
Key management personnel includes the headteachers. The total pay and benefits received by key management personnel were £185,810 (2022: £155,350).		
10 NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		
	2023 £	2022 £
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	106,634	286,473
Operating lease rentals – other	3,958	4,402

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11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Leasehold Property Improvements £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Plant & Equipment £	IT Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost:							
At 1 September 2022	-	1,214,070	98,353	-	135,858	72,208	1,520,489
Additions	4,104,369	17,706	23,525	46,317	81,092	-	4,273,009
Disposals	-	(1,231,776)	-	-	-	-	(1,231,776)
Transfer	-	-	(45,740)	45,740	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	<u>4,104,369</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,138</u>	<u>92,057</u>	<u>216,950</u>	<u>72,208</u>	<u>4,561,722</u>
Depreciation:							
At 1 September 2022	-	228,474	14,978	-	45,282	42,831	331,565
Charge for year	18,490	-	17,150	3,726	57,991	9,277	106,634
Disposals	-	(228,474)	-	-	-	-	(228,474)
Transfer	-	-	(2,936)	2,936	-	-	-
At 31 August 2023	<u>18,490</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,192</u>	<u>6,662</u>	<u>103,273</u>	<u>52,108</u>	<u>209,725</u>
Net book value:							
At 31 August 2023	<u>4,085,879</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,946</u>	<u>85,395</u>	<u>113,677</u>	<u>20,100</u>	<u>4,351,997</u>
At 1 September 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>985,596</u>	<u>83,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>90,576</u>	<u>29,377</u>	<u>1,188,924</u>

A fixed and floating charge over the freehold property is held by CAF Bank in respect of the mortgage on the property. A fixed charge is held by one of the governors in respect of a bridging loan provided for the purchase of the freehold property.

12 DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees and extras	368,120	581,387
Other debtors	5,915	13,953
Prepayments and accrued income	35,093	13,500
Amount due from group undertaking	54,666	-
	<u>463,794</u>	<u>608,840</u>

13 CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	9,898	73,174
Taxation and social security costs	57,944	47,694
Fees in advance	738,852	597,306
Other creditors	3,202	10,380
Accruals	43,481	18,212
	<u>853,377</u>	<u>746,766</u>
Deferred income:	2023 £	2022 £
Brought forwards	597,306	512,231
Released in year	(597,306)	(512,231)
Received in year	738,852	597,306
	<u>738,852</u>	<u>597,306</u>

Deferred income relates to schools fees received in advance for the following term.

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14 CREDITORS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Bank loan	2,000,000	-
Other loan	220,000	-
	2,220,000	-
	2023 £	2022 £
Movement on loans		
In one year or less	-	-
Between one and two years	220,000	-
Between two and five years	108,859	-
After five years	1,891,141	-
	2,220,000	-

During the year the Trust obtained a mortgage loan of £2,000,000 from CAF Bank PLC. Interest is payable on this loan at the greater of 2.7% and the Bank of England base rate plus 2.7%. The loan is repayable by February 2048. It is secured by a charge over the property.

During the year the Trust obtained a loan of £250,000 from one of the governors of the school. Interest is payable on this loan at the Bank of England base rate plus 4.7% from February 2025. The loan is repayable by February 2026. It is secured by a second charge over the property.

15 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Measured at amortised cost	374,035	595,340
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	71,044	131,248

16 STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer Between Funds £	Gains/ (losses) £	At 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds:						
General reserve	436,390	2,446,016	(2,709,225)	(18,834)	-	154,347
Designated fund:						
Fixed asset fund	1,188,924	-	(1,644,422)	2,587,495	-	2,131,997
New school project	650,000	-	-	(650,000)	-	-
Total designated	1,838,924	-	(1,644,422)	1,937,495	-	2,131,997
Restricted funds:						
Capital contribution	41,940	-	-	(41,940)	-	-
Learning materials & resources	15,335	7,760	(22,194)	-	-	901
Security grant	-	56,478	(56,478)	-	-	-
Teaching assistant claim	-	22,352	(22,352)	-	-	-
Big Build	82,963	-	-	(82,963)	-	-
School building fund	-	1,764,000	(87,943)	(1,676,057)	-	-
Makerspace	-	154,000	(36,299)	(117,701)	-	-
DWP Access to Work	-	5,915	(5,915)	-	-	-
Building capital works	-	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Other small funds	9,120	36,872	(42,032)	-	-	3,960
Total restricted	149,358	2,297,377	(273,213)	(1,918,661)	-	254,861
Total endowment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	2,424,672	4,743,393	(4,626,860)	-	-	2,541,205

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	At 1 September 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer Between Funds	Gains/ (losses)	At 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds:						
General reserve	690,986	2,213,708	(2,198,384)	(269,920)	-	436,390
Designated fund:						
Fixed asset fund	1,175,012	-	(286,473)	300,385	-	1,188,924
New school project	400,000	-	-	250,000	-	650,000
Total designated	1,575,012	-	(286,473)	550,385	-	1,838,924
Restricted funds:						
Capital contribution	31,238	55,122	(7,312)	(37,108)	-	41,940
Learning materials & resources	24,099	18,667	(27,431)	-	-	15,335
Security grant	-	49,372	(49,372)	-	-	-
Teaching assistant claim	-	21,525	(21,525)	-	-	-
Big Build	-	455,041	(128,721)	(243,357)	-	82,963
Other small funds	-	9,120	-	-	-	9,120
Total restricted	55,337	608,847	(234,361)	(280,465)	-	149,358
Total funds	2,321,335	2,822,555	(2,719,218)	-	-	2,424,672

Designated funds

The fixed asset fund represents the net book value of tangible fixed assets less associated loans. The Trustees wanted to show the assets that are not readily available in a separate fund.

The new school fund has been utilised to cover the set up costs of the new school and to defray any operating deficit in the first few years of occupation, if required.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds relating to capital contribution represents grants and donations to finance the building and other assets of a capital nature for the school.

Learning materials and resources represents a fund for curriculum resources.

Security grants are funds reclaimed from CST for security of the school grounds.

Teaching assistant claims are funds claimed from parents to cover the costs of additional teaching assistants required by the students during the year.

Big Build are funds towards the costs of relocating to the new school.

The School building fund is made up of funds for the purchase of the school site.

The Makerspace funds are a grant for the creation of the Wolfson Makerspace area.

Building capital works are funds towards the improvements required at the school.

Transfers in the year are made up of a transfer of restricted capital expenditure less associated loans into the designated fixed asset fund and the release of the New School Project designated fund following completion of building development works and the purchase of the freehold.

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17 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,351,997	-	4,351,997
Investments	-	-	-	-
Current assets	1,007,724	-	254,861	1,262,585
Current liabilities	(853,377)	-	-	(853,377)
Long term liabilities	-	(2,220,000)	-	(2,220,000)
Total net assets	<u>154,347</u>	<u>2,131,997</u>	<u>254,861</u>	<u>2,541,205</u>
	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	1,188,924	-	1,188,924
Current assets	1,183,156	650,000	149,358	1,982,514
Current liabilities	(746,766)	-	-	(746,766)
Total net assets	<u>436,390</u>	<u>1,838,924</u>	<u>149,358</u>	<u>2,424,672</u>

18 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 August 2023, the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 Office equipment	2022 Office equipment
Due within one year	744	3,304
Due between two and five years	1,302	-
	<u>2,046</u>	<u>3,304</u>

19 RELATED PARTIES

During the year, one trustee advanced a loan to the charity of £250,000 (2022: none). This loan is repayable by January 2026 and is interest free until 2025.

20 SUBSIDIARY

The Trust has control over its subsidiary, The Gesher Assessment Centre, by virtue of its trustees holding the full share capital of the company in trust for the Gesher Trust. Each of the six trustees holds one share of the Gesher Assessment Centre. The company is registered in England & Wales number 14370772 and provides assessments to young people with SEND. Its taxable profits are distributed under the rules of the gift aid regime to the school subject to the working capital requirements of the company.

21 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2023, the company had capital commitments totalling £nil (2022: £567,000) in respect of ongoing leasehold improvements work at the school site.

22 NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT

	2023 £	2022 £
Reconciliation of operating result to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Net movement in funds	116,533	103,337
Depreciation	106,634	286,473
Bank interest received	(10,829)	(879)
Interest payable	78,433	-
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	106,611	(614,583)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	145,046	(37,153)
	<u>542,428</u>	<u>(262,805)</u>