



The 1853 Society
(Royal Russell Parents' Association)

Registered Charity No: 1167263

Trustees' report and accounts

for the year ended 31 August 2025

Charity address: Royal Russell School
Coombe Lane
Croydon
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Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 August 2025

Trustees

The Charity is wholly run voluntarily and managed by a committee who are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to hold office until the next AGM. Those elected at the 2024 AGM were:

Officers

Victoria Lang	Chair
Lucy Argo	Vice-chair
Dina Mallett	Vice-chair
Jenna Mosimann	Secretary
Catherine Green	Treasurer

Ordinary Committee Members

Nicola Church
Amelia Davidson
Catherine Gardiner
Jessica Lui
Julie Patterson
Philippa Photiou
Sarah Rihal
Vicki Taylor

The committee was assisted by non-voting co-opted members, teacher representatives from both the Senior and Junior schools as well as by class representatives across the school community.

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Structure, governance and management

The Charity is an association governed by a constitution dated 07 January 2016. All parents and/or guardians of present pupils are members of the Association and are entitled to vote in elections for the Committee.

The objectives of the Charity are to advance the educational needs of the pupils at Royal Russell School and develop effective relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the school. This is done by organising community activities which also raise funds to financially assist in the provision of equipment and facilities at the school. This means that all pupils at the school benefit from additional resources and experiences. All facilities/resources funded by The 1853 Society are available to pupils either universally or on an age basis in the case of specific Junior or Senior School funding or on the basis of interest in the case of funding for clubs.

Achievements and performance

Through the various fundraising activities undertaken during the year, The 1853 Society have been able to purchase, or contribute towards, the following (among others):

- a new school gym
- a cricket ball machine
- support for Science weeks and Career-focused events
- a telescope for astronomy club

In addition, ongoing events have further strengthened the community around Royal Russell.

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Declaration

The trustees declare that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit in preparing this report.

Signed on behalf of the committee by

Victoria Lang
Chair



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of The 1853 Society on the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025, charity number 1167263, set out on pages 5 to 8.

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").

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other 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.

Signature:

Date: 03/11/2025

Name: Karen Ottey

Professional body: ACA

Address: 94 Weir Road

London

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Note	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts			
Fundraising	1	23,235	42,767
Subscriptions		24,235	34,178
Total receipts		47,470	76,945
Payments			
Fundraising expenses	1	15,594	27,606
Administrative costs		318	751
Monies given to school	2	47,750	78,294
Monies given to external charities		100	-
Total payments		63,762	106,651
Net receipts/(payments)		(16,292)	(29,706)
Cash funds at start of year		112,066	141,772
Cash funds at end of year		95,774	112,066

The accounts on pages 5 to 9 were approved by the Trustees at the AGM on 4 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by

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Victoria Lang
Chair



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Statement of assets and liabilities

As at 31 August 2025

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Cash funds		
Cash at bank	95,774	112,066
Other monetary assets		
Fundraising receipts due	1,425	-
Subscriptions due	11,740	-
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	13,165	-
Liabilities		
Payables	522	-
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Net assets	108,417	112,066
Operating reserve	12,000	12,000
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Available funds at end of year	96,417	100,066



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Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 - Fundraising Receipts and Payments

	Note	2025			2024		
		Receipts £	Payments £	Net £	Receipts £	Payments £	Net £
Event							
Christmas Fair	1	16,626	13,167	3,459	16,152	7,688	8,464
Uniform		6,496	346	6,150	5,836	-	5,836
Quiz night		790	568	222	431	123	308
Rfest		748	712	36	188	269	(81)
Wine & Cheese		-	603	(603)	-	951	(951)
Easter Egg Hunt		-	583	(583)	-	471	(471)
Russellian Ball		-	-	-	20,102	17,737	2,365
Cinema		-	-	-	33	367	(334)
Future event expenditure		-	50	(50)	-	-	-
Previous years expenditure		-	87	(87)	25	-	25
Total		24,660	16,116	8,544	42,767	27,606	15,161
Less amounts received/paid post year-end		(1,425)	(522)	(903)	-	-	-
Total receipts/payments		23,235	15,594	7,641	42,767	27,606	15,161

Notes

1 The overall costs for this year's Christmas Fair were higher than in previous years due to two main factors:

- £2,000 relates to branded stock (umbrellas, bags and key-ring) that were unsold after the event. Some of this stock was subsequently sold during the uniform sales, and the remainder is planned to be sold at this year's fair.
- In line with our aim to make the fair a fun family event, we hired live reindeers for the event, which added an additional cost of £1,900.



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Note 2 - Monies given to the school

	2025	2024
	£	£
Gym	28,968	-
Greenhouse Project	-	28,295
School Tuck Shop / Mobile Van	-	14,280
Mountain Bikes	-	9,223
Juor Playground	1,379	7,688
Cricket ball machine	6,120	-
Individual house bids	1,008	3,713
Junior School Video Sympho	-	2,200
Dance mirror	2,167	-
Y6 Hoodies	-	2,127
Medical Mavericks	1,595	1,914
Music Folders	-	1,869
Laser Tag	-	1,829
Careers mock assessments	1,667	-
School Library Sofas	-	1,366
Junior School Planters	1,217	-
Sky Rocket (Science week)	1,200	-
Netball dresses	1,000	-
Uganda trip donation	1,000	-
Gowns	-	940
Royal Russell Bids Ambassador	-	760
Portable Keyboard	-	682
Mountain Bike Training	-	652
Astronomy club telescope	429	-
Merit Cups	-	395
Graduation Photography	-	328
Gift Bags	-	34
Total	47,750	78,294