

**Registration No: 1196968**

**THE BOLTON SCHOOL BURSARY FOUNDATION**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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**TRUSTEES REPORT**

**The Bolton School Bursary Foundation (BSBF)**

**CHARITABLE REGISTRATION NUMBER**      1196968

**CHARITY TRUSTEES:**

The Trustees of BSBF are as follows:

Mr W J Craven \* \*\*      (Chair)  
Mr S Banerjee \*  
Mr M Griffiths \*\*  
Mr A R Palmer \*  
Mr I Riley \* \*\*  
Mr N Wightman \*\*

**CHARITY SECRETARY:**      Mrs C L Fox

**Notes**

- \* Bolton School appointed trustees
- \*\* Members of the Investment committee

# **THE BOLTON SCHOOL BURSARY FOUNDATION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 TRUSTEES, OFFICERS AND ADVISORS**

#### **ADVISORS:**

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# **THE BOLTON SCHOOL BURSARY FOUNDATION**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023, under the Charities Act 2011, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Governing Document and the Charities SORP 2015.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The Bolton School Bursary Foundation (BSBF) (charity registration number 1196968) was established as a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with the Charities Commission on 7 December 2021.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

BSBF's objects are 'The advancement of education for the public benefit of those who need financial assistance in particular but not exclusively by the provision to Bolton School of bursary support for the benefit of pupils who would be unable to continue in education at the School or who would be unable to commence education at the School despite being accepted, without financial assistance.'

BSBF has the power to do anything which is intended to further its objects or is conducive or incidental to doing so. The income and property of BSBF must be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects.

There must be at least five and no more than seven trustees., Bolton School may appoint up to five trustees and there must be at least two trustees, independent of Bolton School, appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees.

#### **GRANT MAKING POLICY**

As the focus of the Charity's objects is to support Bolton School (registered charity number: 1110703) (the School), the Trustees intend to provide an annual grant to the School to enable the School to provide bursaries to pupils in support of their education.

The amount of each grant awarded and the amount of grant expenditure by the Charity from year to year is entirely at the discretion of the Trustees. Nevertheless, the Trustees' intention is that the amount of the annual grant awarded will be such as to maintain the real value of the Charity's net assets over the economic cycle, taking into account any new donations and grants received from the School. The Trustees have determined that the annual grant to Bolton School for bursary provision should currently be four per cent of the average value of the Charity's assets at the end of the three preceding financial years.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees determine the strategic direction and general policy of BSBF and co-ordinate their responsibilities through regular meetings. The day-to-day management of BSBF is delegated to the Charity Secretary and the fundraising activities of BSBF are undertaken by Bolton School on behalf of BSBF under a free of charge services agreement. BSBF has no employees.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICY AND OBJECTIVES**

The Investment Policy and Objectives may be achieved by investment in equities (both quoted and private), fixed income (including government, corporate and unquoted debt), cash and other assets to include commodities, infrastructure, and property. Investment may also be made in derivatives, both quoted and unquoted.

The goal is to maintain the real value of the portfolio, taking into account any new donations and grants from the School, while enabling regular grants to be made to Bolton School to fund bursaries by achieving an annualised total return of four percentage points over the prevailing rate of inflation over the economic cycle.

The investment portfolio has a moderate to high risk profile and is viewed with a long-term time horizon.

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BSBF utilises the services of CCLA, Cazenove Capital, HarbourVest Partners, Hollyport Capital LLP and Partners Capital LLP who, between them, manage the portfolio on a discretionary basis. The Investment committee meets with investment managers regularly to review investment performance, risk, asset allocation and objectives. Performance is reported against suitable benchmarks over a variety of periods.

#### **OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT, ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objects and Aims**

The Objects of the Charity are 'The advancement of education for the public benefit of those who need financial assistance in particular but not exclusively by the provision to Bolton School of bursary support for the benefit of pupils who would be unable to continue in education at the School or who would be unable to commence education at the School despite being accepted, without financial assistance.'

Bolton School's charitable objects are restricted specifically to 'advance education by carrying on in Great Britain a school or schools in which infants, children and students may obtain education and instruction in academic, sporting, musical, cultural, scientific, technical, religious, vocational, social and commercial subjects, activities and crafts of every description and making the benefit of the same available where possible for the public at large'.

Bolton School educates some 2,500 pupils from 0 to 18 years old, and aims to continue to operate around this capacity for the foreseeable future. The School resolves to give equal emphasis to a very high standard of academic achievement and to the full range of cultural, sporting and social activities which ensure a fully rounded education. An open access policy is in place to encourage bright pupils who are awarded a bursary to attend, even if their parents are not able to afford the fees.

BSBF aims to provide bursary funds to Bolton School by way of making a bursary grant to it each year, sufficient to fund a growing number of bursaries at the School.

##### **Objectives and Public Benefit**

The Charity's objectives reflect the educational aims of providing bursary support to Bolton School.

The Trustees believe it is important that access to the education offered by Bolton School is not restricted to those who can afford its fees. They view the bursary awards made by Bolton School as important in helping to ensure children from families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees can access the education offered.

##### **Activities**

BSBF raises and invests funds with which to provide bursary support to Bolton School and makes an annual bursary grant to Bolton School.

#### **STRATEGIC REPORT**

##### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE IN THE YEAR**

During the year BSBF's total incoming resources were £19.1 million (2022: £18.6 million).

This comprised a transfer of bursary funds from Bolton School of £16.6 million (2022: £18.6 million), bursary donations fundraised of £1.9 million (2022: £ nil) and dividends and interest income received of £0.6 million (2022: £0.0001 million).

Total resources expended were £1.4million (2022: £0.005 million), including the bursary grant paid to Bolton School of £1.3 million (2022: £ nil).

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**Fundraising Performance**

The Charity works with Bolton School's development team for the purpose of fundraising, is registered with the Fundraising Regulator and abides by their Fundraising Code of Practice.

There have been no failures to comply with the scheme or standards and no complaints received by the charity about its fundraising activities. The charity has taken all reasonable precautions to protect vulnerable people and other members of the public from unreasonably intrusive or persistent fundraising.

Bursary fundraising efforts have flourished this year, with £1.9 million being raised to provide bursary support to Bolton School by way of an annual grant. We are extremely grateful to all who have shown their generosity by donating.

**Transfer of funds to BSBF from Bolton School**

The Trustees of Bolton School last year resolved to transfer substantially all of its bursary funds to BSBF, alongside their respective purposes, namely:

- a. the funds held directly by the School as restricted funds;
- b. the funds held in separate charitable trusts of which the School is the sole corporate trustee;
- c. the funds comprising permanent endowment and therefore sitting outside the corporate property of the School and held by the School as sole corporate trustee.

The Trustees of BSBF agreed that BSBF should receive these funds and at the end of this financial year, all of the funds due to be transferred to BSBF under this agreement had been received by BSBF.

**Investment Performance**

Over the medium to long term economic cycle (defined as exceeding 10 years), the Charity's investment policy targets an annualised rate of return of four percentage points above the prevailing rate of inflation.

At 31 August 2023, BSBF's managed investments were valued at £36.3 million (2022: £19.2 million).

The net loss on investment assets during the year was -£0.2 million (2022: gain of £0.6 million), representing an overall negative investment performance which was materially below BSBF's medium to long term target annualised return, reflecting both the impact of the high rate of inflation during the year on the returns target and a challenging year for public equity market returns, following large increases in interest rates.

**Operating Performance**

The overall net movement in funds during the year was £17.5 million (2022: £19.2 million) and total fund balances at the end of the year were £36.6 million (2022: £19.2 million).

**Reserves Level and Policy**

The Trustees have examined the needs, risks and challenges faced by BSBF in both the short and medium terms along with the relevant financial plans and forecasts and have formulated a strategy to meet those needs. This strategy is reviewed by the Trustees on a regular basis and monitored in line with strategic plans. Free reserves are £Nil (2022: £Nil). All of the investments transferred from Bolton School are restricted and can only be applied to fund bursaries at Bolton School. All of the donations received are also restricted to fund bursaries at Bolton School.

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The Trustees expect the present level of activities to be sustained for the current year and the financial position of each of the funds to grow in the future. They anticipate no difficulty in meeting BSBF's financial obligations.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

During the year the Trustees have examined the principal areas of BSBF's operations and considered the major risks in each of these. In their opinion BSBF has established systems which, under normal circumstances, should allow these risks to be managed to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

The Trustees continue to keep BSBF's activities under review, particularly with regard to any major risks that may arise from time to time, and to monitor the effectiveness of the system of internal controls and other viable means by which those risks identified by the Trustees can best be managed.

The key controls used by BSBF include:

- Formal agendas for the Investment committee and trustee meetings;
- Detailed terms of reference;
- Comprehensive strategic planning;
- Organisational structure and lines of reporting;
- Formal written policies and
- Clear authorisation and approval levels.

BSBF strives to ensure that it understands the source of funds for significant donations. Reasonable and appropriate processes are followed to know who the charity's donors are, particularly where significant sums are being donated or the circumstances of the donation give rise to notable risk. These include the assessment of any risks to the charity that may arise from accepting a donation or certain types of donations, ensuring that it is appropriate for the charity to accept money from the particular donor, seeking reasonable assurance that the donation is not from any illegal or inappropriate source and ensuring that any conditions that may be attached are appropriate and can be accepted. Processes are in place to provide adequate assurances about the identity of donors, particularly substantial donors, taking steps to verify this where reasonable and necessary to do so.

#### **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

BSBF's performance is heavily reliant upon global stock market performance alongside the support of generous benefactors. A catastrophic decline in investment performance, or in the support of benefactors, for reputational or other reasons, would present a significant threat to BSBF's ability to continue to make grants at the current and intended level to Bolton School.

#### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards).

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 BSBF and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of BSBF for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select the most suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

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- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that BSBF will continue in business.

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

Insofar as each of the Trustees at the date of approval of this report, is aware there is no relevant audit information (information needed by BSBF's auditor in connection with preparing the audit report) of which BSBF's auditor is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that they should have taken as a member of BSBF in order to make themselves aware of the relevant audit information and to establish that BSBF's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Trustees of BSBF including the Strategic Report contained herein, and signed on its behalf by:



**Mr W J Craven**  
**Chair**

Date: 7 December 2023



**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**THE BOLTON SCHOOL BURSARY FOUNDATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Bolton School Bursary Foundation (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 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 Charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**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 Charity 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a year 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 trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to 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.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of the trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6 the trustees 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 they 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 Charity'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 Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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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:

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements from irregularities, whether due to fraud or error, and discussed these between our audit team members. We then designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks within which the group and charitable company operates, focusing on those laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The laws and regulations we considered in this context were the Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation together with the Charities SORP (FRS 102). We assessed the required compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

We identified the greatest risk of material impact on the financial statements from irregularities, including fraud, to be within the timing of recognition of other income and the override of controls by management. Our audit procedures to respond to these risks included enquiries of management, and the Finance Committee about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, sample testing on the posting of journals, reviewing accounting estimates for biases, reviewing regulatory correspondence with the Charity Commission, sample testing of other income entries and cut-off procedures of other income.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**CROWE U.K. LLP**

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

# THE BOLTON SCHOOL BURSARY FOUNDATION

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

		Restricted funds £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	1,901,284	1,901,284	-
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>				
Transfer of funds from Bolton School	5	16,601,328	16,601,328	18,607,675
Investment income	2	14,753	14,753	117
Dividend income	2	572,117	572,117	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>19,089,482</b>	<b>19,089,482</b>	<b>18,607,792</b>
<b>Charitable activities:</b>				
Educational bursary grants to Bolton School	4	(1,328,000)	(1,328,000)	-
<b>Cost of generating funds:</b>				
Investment managers' fees	4	(37,650)	(37,650)	-
Governance costs	4	(5,906)	(5,906)	(4,800)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(1,371,556)</b>	<b>(1,371,556)</b>	<b>(4,800)</b>
Net income and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments		17,717,927	17,717,927	18,602,992
Realised gains/(losses) on investments		169,032	169,032	-
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments		(411,405)	(411,405)	550,335
Net movement in funds		17,475,553	17,475,553	19,153,327
<b>Reconciliation of Funds</b>				
Total funds brought forward		19,153,327	19,153,327	-
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>36,628,880</b>	<b>36,628,880</b>	<b>19,153,327</b>

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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## Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	5	36,322,429	19,158,127
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	7	225,773	-
Cash at bank and in hand		86,318	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		312,091	-
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,640)	(4,800)
		(5,640)	(4,800)
<b>Net current assets</b>		306,451	(4,800)
<b>Net Assets</b>		36,628,880	19,153,327
<b>The funds of the Charity</b>			
Restricted funds	9	36,628,880	19,153,327
<b>Total Charity funds</b>		36,628,880	19,153,327

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 7 December 2023



**Mr W J Craven**  
Chair

The notes on pages 14 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

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## **Notes on and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023**

**1)**

**a) Accounting Policies**

These accounts cover the year to 31 August 2023.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

BSBF constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**b) Going Concern**

The Trustees believe that BSBF has adequate resources to continue in operation for at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and for the foreseeable future. The accounts are therefore prepared on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about BSBF's ability to continue as a going concern.

**c) Donations and Legacies**

Donations and legacies are recognised as income to the capital fund when received or earlier if, before receipt, there is sufficient evidence to provide the necessary certainty that the donation or legacy will be received and the value of the incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Transfers from Bolton School are recognised in the year during which they are received.

Donations for purposes restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken to Restricted Funds.

**d) Investment Income**

Dividends are credited to the statement of financial activities when they are receivable.

**e) Interest Received**

Interest is credited to the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis.

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## **Notes on and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023**

### **f) Allocation of costs**

Whenever possible expenditure is allocated to an activity cost category. Where items of expenditure contribute directly to more than one activity cost, they are apportioned on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Support costs are also, wherever possible, attributed to a single activity but where apportionment is required this is done on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Governance costs comprise the costs of running BSBF, including strategic planning for its future development, external audit, any legal advice for the Trustees, and all the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as the costs of Trustee meetings and of preparing statutory accounts and satisfying public accountability.

### **g) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

### **h) Taxation**

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to chargeable purposes.

### **i) Fixed Asset Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year. BSBF does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. The main form of financial risk faced by the Charity is that of market volatility due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to risk and changes in sentiment.

### **j) Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.



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## Notes on and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

### 2) Dividend Income and Investment Income

	2023 £	2022 £
Dividend income	572,117	-
Bank interest received	<u>14,753</u>	<u>117</u>
	<u>586,870</u>	<u>117</u>

### 3) Donations and legacies

	2023 £	2022 £
Bursary fund donations raised	<u>1,901,284</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>1,901,284</u>	<u>-</u>

### 4) ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Grant funding £	Support costs £	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Charitable Activities – Education</b>				
Educational bursary grant to Bolton School	<u>1,328,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,328,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total charitable expenditure	<u>1,328,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,328,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>				
Investment managers' fees	-	37,650	37,650	-
<i>Governance Costs:</i>				
Remuneration paid to the auditors for audit services	-	5,640	5,640	4,800
Bank charges	<u>-</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>-</u>
Total costs of generating funds	<u>-</u>	<u>43,556</u>	<u>43,556</u>	<u>4,800</u>
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<u>1,328,000</u>	<u>43,556</u>	<u>1,371,556</u>	<u>4,800</u>

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5) Fixed Assets Investments	2023 £	2022 £
As at 1 September 2022	19,158,127	-
Unrealised gain/(loss) on revaluation	(411,405)	550,335
Additions	19,900,017	18,607,675
Disposals	(2,324,310)	-
Market value at 31 August 2023	<u>36,322,429</u>	<u>19,158,127</u>

### Investments comprise:

Listed investments – equities	26,331,221	13,664,256
Cash held in investment portfolio	87,295	116,564
COIF accumulation units	3,861,729	5,377,307
Private Equity	6,042,184	-
	<u>36,322,429</u>	<u>19,158,127</u>

During this financial year, Bolton School completed the process of transferring the majority of its bursary related investments to BSBF. £16.6 million was received from Bolton School this year and £18.6 million was received last year, resulting in total Bolton School bursary funds transferred to BSBF at 31 August 2023 of £35.2 million.

During the year BSBF has utilised the services of CCLA, Cazenove Capital, Harbourvest Partners, Hollyport Capital LLP and Partners Capital LLP. These firms manage the investment portfolio on a discretionary basis.

## 6) Trustees

No Trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the year.

## 7) Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts owed by Bolton School	191,220	-
Prepayments and accrued income	34,553	-
	<u>225,773</u>	<u>-</u>

# **BOLTON SCHOOL BURSARY FOUNDATION**

## **Notes on and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023**

<b>8) Creditors</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Accruals	5,640	4,800
	<u>5,640</u>	<u>4,800</u>

<b>9) Funds</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Restricted funds:		
Bolton School Bursary Fund (formerly School Open Door Bursary Fund)	14,561,206	9,576,663
Bolton School Lever Scholarship Bursary Fund	14,812,336	9,576,664
BSBF Bursary Fund	582,065	-
Bolton School George Lancashire Bursary Fund	1,261,392	-
Bolton School Leigh Bramwell Bursary Fund	5,411,881	-
	<u>36,628,880</u>	<u>19,153,327</u>

All of the above funds are restricted for the provision of bursary funding to Bolton School.

### **10) Related Party Transactions**

During the year under review the following transactions took place between BSBF and Bolton School (Registered charity number 1110703), a connected charity through its objectives and the five trustees it appoints to BSBF.

BSBF awarded £1.3 million (2022: £Nil) by way of a bursary grant during the year to Bolton School.

A transfer of invested Bolton School bursary funds with a value of £16.6 million (2022: £18.6 million) was received from Bolton School.

At the year-end BSBF was owed £0.2 million (2022: £Nil) by Bolton School.