

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

## AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Dorset Centre for Performing Arts**

**Student Support Charity**

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**Charity Number:** 1208232

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### **For the Period**

**13/05/2024 – 31/08/2025**

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### **Registered Office**

Studio One (DCPA) Ltd  
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## Trustees

The trustees who served during the period were:

- Sonia Cade - Chair
- Julie Yates - Treasurer
- Hannah Soulsby-Phillips
- Mandy Sargeant
- Melanie Sibley

**Structure, Governance and Management** The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 13 May 2024. It is governed by its constitution and managed by the trustees, who meet regularly to oversee the charity's activities, financial performance, and strategic direction.

**Aims and Objectives** The objects of the charity are: To advance education in the performing arts for sixth-form students at Dorset Centre for Performing Arts by providing grants, bursaries, or other financial support. This includes assistance with clothing, equipment, travel, and participation in extra-curricular activities, as well as preparation for future careers. The charity aims to:

- Support students who may face financial barriers
- Enable full participation in performing arts education
- Provide access to trips, performances, and enrichment activities
- Improve student development and career opportunities

## Activities and Strategies

The charity achieves its objectives through:

- Fundraising at performances and college events
- Voluntary donations from parents and families
- Online fundraising platforms such as JustGiving
- Community and corporate support

All funds raised are directed towards supporting students and enhancing their educational experience.

## Achievements and Performance

During this reporting period, the charity has:

- Provided financial support towards student trips and performances
- Enabled greater participation for students regardless of financial background
- Strengthened community engagement through events and fundraising activities
- Received a £500 donation from Tesco, used to provide a picnic bench for students, improving facilities and student wellbeing

The trustees are pleased with the progress made in establishing the charity and delivering early impact.

## Financial Review

**Total Income:** £3,986.88

Sources of income included:

- Regular monthly donations from parents
- JustGiving contributions
- Fundraising events
- Corporate donation (Tesco – £500)

**Total Expenditure:** £2,946.44

Expenditure included:

- Solicitors' fees (£2,400.00 to Ellis Jones for charity setup)
- DBS checks for trustees
- Bank charges

The initial expenditure reflects one-off setup costs.

**Surplus:** £1,040.44

This surplus will be carried forward to support future student activities and funding needs.

## Use of Funds

-Funds have been used to:

- Support student participation in trips and performances
- Provide contributions towards costumes, equipment, and educational materials
- Enhance student facilities, including outdoor seating

All expenditure is aligned with the charity's objectives and approved by the trustees.

**Public Benefit Statement** The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

The charity provides public benefit by:

- Supporting children and young people in education and training
- Reducing financial barriers to participation
- Enabling access to performing arts opportunities and career pathways

**Future Plans** The trustees plan to:

- Increase fundraising activities
- Build partnerships with local businesses and sponsors
- Expand financial support available to students
- Continue improving student opportunities and facilities

**Trustee Responsibilities** The trustees are responsible for:

- Preparing the annual report and financial statements
- Maintaining proper accounting records
- Safeguarding the charity's assets
- Preventing fraud and irregularities

## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees on:

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trustee**

# The Dorset Foundation College Student Support Charity

## Treasurer’s Financial Statement

Reporting Period: 13 May 2024 – 31 August 2025

### 1. Executive Summary

This statement provides an overview of the financial activities for The Dorset Foundation College Student Support Charity during the specified period. The charity has maintained a healthy surplus, driven by successful community fundraising events and generous one-off donations.

### 2. Income Analysis

Total income for the period reached **£3,986.88**. Revenue streams were diversified across four primary areas:

Category	Source Breakdown	Amount
Major Donations	BTDA (£1,000) and Groundwork UK/Tesco (£500)	£1,500.00
Fundraising Events	Raffles, Xmas Show, Spring Showcase, and Footloose	£1,221.15
Parent Contributions	Regular student support donations	£651.00
Digital Giving	Just Giving and Easy Fundraising platforms	£614.73
Total Income		£3,986.88

### 3. Expenditure Analysis

Total expenditure for the period was **£2,946.44**. The majority of costs were associated with necessary professional services to ensure compliance and governance.

Category	Key Items	Amount
Professional Fees	Legal Fees (Ellis Jones) and DBS Trustee checks	£2,428.80
Equipment & Assets	Bench and delivery charges (Robert Dyas)	£503.94
Banking & Admin	Monthly bank charges and transaction fees	£13.70
Total Expenditure		<b>£2,946.44</b>

### 4. Closing Position

- **Total Income:** £3,986.88
- **Total Expenditure:** £2,946.44
- **Net Surplus:** £1,040.44

The charity concludes this reporting period with a surplus of **£1,040.44**. This provides a stable foundation for student support initiatives in the upcoming academic year.

*Prepared by: [Your Name/Treasurer Name]*

*Date: [Current Date]*