

CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

England & Wales · Charity number 276654

Details

Other names CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL BURSARY FUND

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1978-10-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CHARITY IS THE PROMOTION OF THE EDUCATION (INCLUDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION) BY THE PROVISION OF:(A) BURSARIES AND OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FEES AND OR OTHER COSTS INCURRED THROUGH ATTENDANCE AT THE SCHOOL TO ENABLE PUPILS AND PROSPECTIVE PUPILS TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL; AND (B) SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES OR OTHER SUITABLE REWARDS OR MARKS OF DISTINCTION TO PUPILS AND FORMER PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL AND PUPILS OF OTHER SCHOOLS WITH WHOM THE SCHOOL HAS COOPERATED UNDER CLAUSE 4(14) OF THE GOVERNING DOCUMENT.

Activities: THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS TRUST IS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE FEES PAYABLE TO THE SCHOOL BY PUPILS WHO WOULD BE UNABLE TO CONTINUE EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL WITHOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OR WHO WOULD BE UNABLE TO COMMENCE EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL DESPITE BEING ACCEPTED.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- City Of London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£167,425	£131,312	-	-
2024-03-31	£139,744	£153,918	-	-
2023-03-31	£153,973	£72,274	-	-
2022-03-31	£202,881	£241,560	-	-
2021-03-31	£162,824	£251,101	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION		2011-11-04

Linked charities

- CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES FUND (276654-1)

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Accounts

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 March 2025

Charity registration number 276654

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ORIGINS OF THE CHARITY

The City of London School Bursary Fund charity, and the various individual governing documents of City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, were registered on 22 September 1978. The governing documents were replaced on 4 November 2011 by the governing scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Charity Commission granted a further scheme on the 22 December 2020, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund, and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, to create a single fund with consolidated objectives, known as the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund.

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The governing document for the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (charity registration: 276654), is the amending Scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England on 22 December 2020. This Scheme replaced the governing scheme approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 4 November 2011.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London (also referred to as 'the City Corporation' or 'the City of London Corporation'), a body corporate and politic, is the Trustee of the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund. The City Corporation is Trustee acting by the Court of Common Council of the City of London in its general corporate capacity and that executive body has delegated responsibility in respect of the administration and management of this charity to the Board of Governors of the City of London School. In making appointments to committees, the Court of Common Council will take into consideration any particular expertise and knowledge of the elected Members, and where relevant, external appointees. External appointments are made after due advertisement and rigorous selection to fill gaps in skills. Members of the Court of Common Council are unpaid for support provided to the charity, and are elected by the electorate of the City of London

The key Committee which has responsibility for directly managing matters related to the charity is the Board of Governors of the City of London School, which is ultimately responsible to the Court of Common Council of the City of London.

The Trustee believes that good governance is fundamental to the success of the charity. A comprehensive review has been carried out to ensure that the charity is effective in fulfilling its objectives, with governance changes made and operational recommendations in progress. Reference is being made to the good practices recommended within the Charity Governance Code throughout this review to ensure regulatory compliance and the ongoing maintenance of an efficient and effective portfolio of charities that maximise impact for beneficiaries.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The City of London School was established by Act of Parliament in 1834 although it can trace its history back to the 15th century. It aspires to be a School that fully prepares respectful, optimistic and inquisitive pupils for the rapidly changing demands of the twenty-first century. The School aims to provide an education in the broadest sense, combining academic excellence with exceptional pastoral care, framed by an outward-looking and forward-thinking approach. It also strives to make that education available to as many talented pupils as possible. Boys are admitted at 10+, 11+, 13+ and 16 and normally remain until 18 years of age.

The objective of the charity is the promotion of education (including physical education) by the provision of:

- (a) bursaries and other forms of financial assistance for fees and/or other costs incurred through attendance at the School to enable pupils to further their education at the School; and
- (b) scholarships, prizes or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction to pupils and former pupils of the School and pupils of other schools with whom the school has cooperated under clause 4(14) of the governing document.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity's investments are held in units of the City of London Charities Pool (registered charity 1021138). The investment policy is to provide a real increase in annual income in the long term whilst preserving the value of the capital base. The annual report and financial statements of the Charities Pool (which include an analysis of investment performance against objectives set) are available from the Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer, at the email address stated on page 19.

POLICY ON GRANT MAKING

The charity has established their grant making policy to achieve their objects, as laid out above, for the public benefit. Applications are assessed via a robust process to ensure the proposed activities for funding will be supported by adequate and appropriate resources and will be used only for activities that match the charity's criteria. The assessment, management and oversight of the charity's grant making is provided by the City of London School, which is part of the City of London Corporation. Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been approved by the Trustee and notified to the Beneficiaries.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The purposes of the charity are as stated above.

Consequently, the Trustee considers that the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund operates to benefit the general public and satisfy the public benefit test.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The administrative details of the charity are stated on page 19.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The target for 2024/25 was to continue to contribute towards fees of pupils at the City of London School where financial hardship would cause the pupil to be unable to enter or continue at the School. In line with this, 6 bursaries were awarded during the year amounting to £123,920 (2023/24: £147,250).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The objective for future periods is to continue to contribute towards the tuition fees payable to the City of London School for pupils who, but for financial assistance, would not be able to continue at or enter the School. The Corporation / school are considering a potential merger of this charity with the City of London Charitable Trust (1020824

The Trustee does not consider there to be any material uncertainty around going concern and further detail regarding this is set out on page 12.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview of Financial Performance

Income

In 2024/25, the charity's total income for the year was £167,425, an overall increase of £27,681 against the previous year (2023/24: £139,743).

The key contributor to income was from investments, made up of investment income of £152,339 (2023/24: £125,333) from funds held in the Charities Pool. Income is also comprised of £15,086 (2023/24: £14,410) from interest on cash balances, an increase from the prior year due to favourable interest rates.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £131,312 (2023/24: £153,918), of which £123,920 was bursary awards, with £7,392 of support costs (2023/24: £147,250 was bursary awards, with £6,668 of support costs).

Investments performance

Over the course of 2024/25 the Charities Pool investment strategy delivered an absolute return (gross of fees) of +11.44% which was above the FTSE All Share Index benchmark return of +10.46% (2023/24: the investment strategy gained +14.18% versus +8.43% from the benchmark). Over the longer term three and five year horizon, the Charities Pool continues to outperform the FTSE All Share Index as shown in the table below. The Charities Pool invests in the Artemis Income (Exclusions) Fund, which is an unconstrained, multi-cap strategy that aims to generate a rising income stream combined with long-term capital growth. The Fund invests in UK equities, and can also hold international equities and bonds. Shares in companies that derive more than 20% of their revenues from tobacco, gambling, weapons and fossil fuels are excluded.

Investments performance

	2024/25		2023/24	
	3 year	5 year	3 year	5 year
Fund	9.16%	13.56%	9.03%	7.62%
FTSE All Share	7.22%	12.04%	8.05%	5.44%
Fund outperformance	+1.94%	+1.52%	+0.26%	+0.61%

Funds held

The charity's total funds held increased by £336,760 to £4,745,114 as at 31 March 2025 (2023/24: total funds held reduced by £356,743 to £4,408,354).

Within the total funds held, £4,150,201 (2023/24: £3,859,160) represent permanent and expendable endowment funds. The permanent endowment is held to generate income that is accounted for within unrestricted income funds for the primary objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted income was made up of Investment income of £152,339 (2023/24: £125,333) and interest of £15,086 (2023/24: £14,411), with unrestricted expenditure

of £131,312 (2023/24: £153,918). The unrestricted general funds held were £123,920 (2023/24: £242,862). Any undistributed income is held for use in future years in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Details of the funds held, including their purpose, are set out within note 10 to the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to maintain the restricted and endowment funds of the charity in investments in the Charities Pool administered by the City of London Corporation and use the investment income together with other funds, in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The Trustee also has the discretion to distribute the expendable endowment, in addition to the unrestricted fund, as bursaries, prizes and other forms of financial assistance should they deem this is appropriate. The Trustee believes that an amount of at least £7,000 should be held at present to meet future working capital needs, representing 12 months of administration and independent examination fees. Current free reserves held are £242,862, being unrestricted general funds; this is above the minimum level required and is being factored into plans for future periods including those noted on page 4.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The charity is committed to a programme of risk management as an element of their strategies to preserve the charity's assets. In order to embed sound practice the senior leadership team ensures that risk management policies are applied, that there is an on-going review of activity and that appropriate advice and support is provided. A key risk register has been prepared for the charity, which identifies the potential impact of key risks and the measures which are in place to mitigate such risks.

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustee to prepare the financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustee must not approve the financial statements unless the Trustee is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

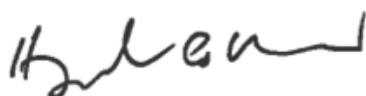
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;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

The Trustee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is 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.

In so far as the Trustee is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Adopted and signed for on behalf of the Trustee.



Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy
Chairman of Finance Committee of
The City of London Corporation



Andrien Meyers, Deputy
Deputy Chairman of Finance
Committee of The City of London
Corporation

Guildhall, London

7th January 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

I report to the Trustee on my examination of the accounts of CLS Bursary and Awards Fund for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's Trustee as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustee of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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15 January 2026

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

				2024/25	2023/24
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Investments	2	167,425	-	167,425	139,744
Total income		167,425	-	167,425	139,744
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3, 4	131,312	-	131,312	153,918
Total expenditure		131,312	-	131,312	153,918
Net gain on investments	7	9,522	291,041	300,563	370,598
Fair Value Movements		84	-	84	320
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		45,719	291,041	336,760	356,744
Reconciliation of total funds:					
Brought forward	9,10	242,863	4,165,491	4,408,354	4,051,610
Carried forward	9,10	288,582	4,456,532	4,745,114	4,408,354

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Fixed assets:			
Investments	7	4,445,919	4,145,356
Total fixed assets		4,445,919	4,145,356
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		342,527	315,988
Total current assets		342,527	315,988
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(43,332)	(52,990)
Net current assets		299,195	262,998
Total net assets		4,745,114	4,408,354
The funds of the charity:			
Expendable Endowment funds		4,150,201	3,859,160
Permanent Endowment Funds		306,331	306,331
Unrestricted funds		288,582	242,863
Total funds	9,10	4,745,114	4,408,354

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustee.

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Caroline Al-Beyerty

Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer

7th January 2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 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) (second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity aims to only spend the income that is generated from donations and investments, so maintaining its capital base.

In making this assessment, the Trustee has considered the current high inflationary pressures on the value of investment assets held, future income levels, expenditure requirements and the liquidity of the charity over the 12-month period from the date of the signed accounts. It has not identified any indication that the charity will not be able to meet liabilities, including planned commitments, as they fall due.

The policy of aiming to only approving commitments from available income provides the flexibility to ensure the long-term viability of the charity. For this reason, the Trustee continues to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

(c) Key management judgements and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of decisions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. Management do not consider there to be any material judgements or estimates included in the financial statements.

(d) Statement of Cash Flows

As per section 14.1 of the Charities SORP the Charity is not required to produce a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small entity.

(e) Income

All income is included in the Statements of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income; it is more likely than not that economic benefit associated with the transaction will come to the charity and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Income consists of donations, investment income and interest.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the principal category of 'expenditure on charitable activities'. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity does not employ any staff.

Officers of the City Corporation provide administrative assistance to the charity when required. From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, has taken a decision to seek full reimbursement for the administration incurred from each of its charities.

(g) Taxation

The charity meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes, as set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from UK taxation in respect of income or capital gains under part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(h) Investments

Investments are made in the City of London Charities Pool (charity number 1021138) which is an investment mechanism operating in a similar way to a unit trust. This enables the City of London Corporation to "pool" small charitable investments together and consequently obtain better returns than would be the case if investments were made individually.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments are valued at bid-price. Gains and losses for the year on investments held as fixed assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(i) Funds structure

Income, expenditure and gains/losses are allocated to particular funds according to their purpose:

Permanent endowment fund – this fund consists of funds which are held in perpetuity for the benefit of the charity as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Income generated from the investments which represent these funds can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity, hence is allocated to the expendable endowment fund. Gains/losses on the underlying assets remain as part of the endowment.

Expendable endowment fund – this fund consists of funds that are expendable as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Funds can also be invested to generate income which can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity.

Unrestricted general funds - these funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

(j) Insurance

The charity, elected Members and staff supporting the charity's administration are covered by the City Corporation's insurance liability policies, and otherwise under the indemnity the City Corporation provides to Members and staff, funded from City's Estate.

2. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2024/25 £	Unrestricted funds 2023/24 £
Investment income	152,339	125,333
Interest	15,086	14,411
Total	167,425	139,744

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds		Total	Total
	Direct costs £	Support costs £	2024/25 £	2023/24 £
Bursaries awarded	123,920	7,392	131,312	153,918
Total	123,920	7,392	131,312	153,918

Charitable activities consist of 6 bursaries (2023/24: 8).

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Charitable activities £	Governance costs £	Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
Management & administration fees	4,194	-	4,194	4,726
Auditor's fees	-	3,198	3,198	1,943
Sub-total	4,194	3,198	7,392	6,669
Reallocation of governance costs	3,198	(3,198)	-	-
Total support costs	7,392	-	7,392	6,669

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, seeks reimbursement for the fee incurred for the examination of each of its charities, which was previously funded by City's Estate. In 2024/25 a £3,198 independent examiner's fee was recharged (2023/24: £1,943).

No other services were provided to the charity by its examiners during the year.

6. TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES

The members of the City of London Corporation acting on behalf of the Trustee did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during 2024/25 (2023/24: nil).

7. INVESTMENTS

The investments are held in the City of London Corporation Charities Pool, a charity registered in the UK with the Charity Commission (charity number 1021138). The Charities Pool is a UK registered unit trust.

The value of investments held by the charity are as follows:

	Total 2024/25 £	Total 2023/24 £
Market value 1 April	4,145,356	3,774,758
Gain/Loss for the year	300,563	370,598
Market value 31 March	4,445,919	4,145,356
Total cost 31 March	2,245,793	2,245,793
Total units held in Charities Pool	416,870	416,870

The geographical spread of listed investments held as at 31 March was as follows:

	Held in the UK £	Held outside the UK £	Total at 31 March 2025 £	Held in the UK £	Held outside the UK £	Total at 31 March 2024 £
Equities	3,973,946	281,687	4,255,633	7,228,372	941,072	8,169,444
Pooled Units	136,490	-	136,490	320,455	-	320,455
Cash held by Fund Manager	53,796	-	53,796	101,377	-	101,377
Total	4,164,232	281,687	4,445,919	7,650,204	941,072	8,591,276

8. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total at 31 March 2025 £	Total at 31 March 2024 £
Bursaries awarded	43,332	52,990
Total	43,332	52,990

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

At 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment		Total at 31 March 2025 £	Total at 31 March 2024 £
		Permanent Funds £	Expendable Funds £		
Fixed assets - investments	2,033,869	306,331	2,105,719	4,445,919	4,145,356
Current assets	(1,745,287)	-	2,087,814	342,527	315,988
Current liabilities	-	-	(43,332)	(43,332)	(52,990)
Total	288,582	306,331	4,150,201	4,745,114	4,408,354

At 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Endowment		Total at 31 March 2024 £	Total 31 March 2023 £
		Permanent Funds £	Expendable Funds £		
Fixed assets - investments	129,620	306,331	3,709,405	4,145,356	3,774,758
Current assets	113,243	-	202,745	315,988	298,728
Current liabilities	-	-	(52,990)	(52,990)	(21,876)
Total	242,863	306,331	3,859,160	4,408,354	4,051,610

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

At 31 March 2025

	Total at 31 March 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain £	Fair value	Total at 31 March 2025 £
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,859,160	-	-	291,041	-	4,150,201
Permanent	306,331	-	-	-	-	306,331
						-
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	132,969	-	-	9,522	-	142,491
General funds	109,894	167,425	(131,312)	-	84	146,091
Total funds	4,408,354	167,425	(131,312)	300,563	84	4,745,114

At 31 March 2024

	Total 31 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain £	Fair value	Total at 31 March 2024 £
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,500,303	-	-	358,857	-	3,859,160
Permanent	306,331	-	-	-	-	306,331
						-
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	121,228	-	-	11,741	-	132,969
General funds	123,748	139,744	(153,918)	-	320	109,894
						-
Total funds	4,051,610	139,744	(153,918)	370,598	320	4,408,354

Purpose of endowment funds

The permanent endowment fund is held in perpetuity as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity.

The expendable endowment fund is invested as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity, including support in the form of bursaries and other forms of financial assistance in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Purpose of unrestricted income funds

A designated fund is held by the charity, being the bequest from the estate of Rodney FitzGerald. The purpose of this designation is to provide support in the form of bursaries to students with sporting ability.

The unrestricted general funds held within the charity can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Corporation is the sole Trustee of the charity, as described on page 2.

The charity is required to disclose information on related party transactions with bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity. Members are required to disclose their interests, and these can be viewed online at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Members and senior staff are requested to disclose all related party transactions, including instances where their close family has made such transactions.

Figures in brackets represent the amounts due at the balance sheet date. Other figures represent the value of the transactions during the year.

Related party	Connected party	2024/25		2023/24		Detail of transaction
		£	(nil)	£	(nil)	
Charities Pool	The Trustee of the charity	152,339	(nil)	125,333	(nil)	Distribution from the Charities Pool
City of London Corporation	The Trustee of the Charity	(7,392)	(nil)	(6,646)	(nil)	Support Costs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME & NUMBER:

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (276654).

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CHARITIES & THE CITY CORPORATION:

Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ

TRUSTEE:

The Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Chief Executive

Ian Thomas CBE - the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation

Treasurer

Caroline Al-Beyerty - The Chamberlain & Chief Financial Officer of the City of London Corporation

Solicitor

Michael Cogher - The Comptroller and City Solicitor of the City of London Corporation

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

Crowe UK LLP, 55 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JW

BANKERS:

Lloyds Bank Plc., P.O. Box 1000, BX1 1LT

INVESTMENT ADVISORS:

Artemis Investment Management Limited, Cassini House, 57 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1LD

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CHBOffice-BusinessSupport@cityoflondon.gov.uk

CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 276654

Accounts

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 March 2024

Charity registration number 276654

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ORIGINS OF THE CHARITY

The City of London School Bursary Fund charity, and the various individual governing documents of City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, were registered on 22 September 1978. The governing documents were replaced on 4 November 2011 by the governing scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Charity Commission granted a further scheme on the 22 December 2020, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund, and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, to create a single fund with consolidated objectives, known as the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund.

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The governing document for the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (charity registration: 276654), is the amending Scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England on 22 December 2020. This Scheme replaced the governing scheme approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 4 November 2011.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London (also referred to as 'the City Corporation' or 'the City of London Corporation'), a body corporate and politic, is the Trustee of the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund. The City Corporation is Trustee acting by the Court of Common Council of the City of London in its general corporate capacity and that executive body has delegated responsibility in respect of the administration and management of this charity to the Board of Governors of the City of London School. In making appointments to committees, the Court of Common Council will take into consideration any particular expertise and knowledge of the elected Members, and where relevant, external appointees. External appointments are made after due advertisement and rigorous selection to fill gaps in skills. Members of the Court of Common Council are unpaid for support provided to the charity, and are elected by the electorate of the City of London

The key Committee which has responsibility for directly managing matters related to the charity is the Board of Governors of the City of London School, which is ultimately responsible to the Court of Common Council of the City of London.

The Trustee believes that good governance is fundamental to the success of the charity. A comprehensive review has been carried out to ensure that the charity is effective in fulfilling its objectives, with governance changes made and operational recommendations in progress. Reference is being made to the good practices recommended within the Charity Governance Code throughout this review to ensure regulatory compliance and the ongoing maintenance of an efficient and effective portfolio of charities that maximise impact for beneficiaries.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The City of London School was established by Act of Parliament in 1834 although it can trace its history back to the 15th century. It aspires to be a School that fully prepares respectful, optimistic and inquisitive pupils for the rapidly changing demands of the twenty-first century. The School aims to provide an education in the broadest sense, combining academic excellence with exceptional pastoral care, framed by an outward-looking and forward-thinking approach. It also strives to make that education available to as many talented pupils as possible. Boys are admitted at 10+, 11+, 13+ and 16 and normally remain until 18 years of age.

The objective of the charity is the promotion of education (including physical education) by the provision of:

- (a) bursaries and other forms of financial assistance for fees and/or other costs incurred through attendance at the School to enable pupils to further their education at the School; and
- (b) scholarships, prizes or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction to pupils and former pupils of the School and pupils of other schools with whom the school has cooperated under clause 4(14) of the governing document.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity's investments are held in units of the City of London Charities Pool (registered charity 1021138). The investment policy is to provide a real increase in annual income in the long term whilst preserving the value of the capital base. The annual report and financial statements of the Charities Pool (which include an analysis of investment performance against objectives set) are available from the Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer, at the email address stated on page 18.

POLICY ON GRANT MAKING

The charity has established their grant making policy to achieve their objects, as laid out above, for the public benefit. Applications are assessed via a robust process to ensure the proposed activities for funding will be supported by adequate and appropriate resources and will be used only for activities that match the charity's criteria. The assessment, management and oversight of the charity's grant making is provided by the City of London School, which is part of the City of London Corporation. Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been approved by the Trustee and notified to the Beneficiaries.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The purposes of the charity are as stated above.

Consequently, the Trustee considers that the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund operates to benefit the general public and satisfy the public benefit test.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The administrative details of the charity are stated on page 18.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The target for 2023/24 was to continue to contribute towards fees of pupils at the City of London School where financial hardship would cause the pupil to be unable to enter or continue at the School. In line with this, 8 bursaries (2022/23: 4 bursaries) were awarded during the year amounting to £147,250 (2022/23: £65,628).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The objective for future periods is to continue to contribute towards the tuition fees payable to the City of London School for pupils who, but for financial assistance, would not be able to continue at or enter the School.

The Trustee does not consider there to be any material uncertainty around going concern and further detail regarding this is set out on page 11.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview of Financial Performance

Income

In 2023/24, the charity's total income for the year was £139,743, an overall reduction of £14,230 against the previous year (2022/23: £153,973).

The key contributor to income was from investments, made up of investment income of £125,333 (2022/23: £149,282) from funds held in the Charities Pool.. Performance is expected to recover in the medium term. Income is also comprised of £14,410 (2022/23: £4,691) from interest on cash balances, an increase from the prior year due to favourable interest rates.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £153,918 (2022/23: £72,274), of which £147,250 was bursary awards, with £6,668 of support costs (2022/23: £65,628 was bursary awards, with £6,646 of support costs).

Investments performance

Over the course of 2023/24 the Charities Pool investment strategy delivered an absolute return (gross of fees) of +14.18% which was above the FTSE All Share Index benchmark return of +8.43% (2022/23: the investment strategy gained +2.22% versus +2.92% from the benchmark). Over the longer term three and five year horizon, the Charities Pool continues to outperform the FTSE All Share Index as shown in the table below. The Charities Pool invests in the Artemis Income (Exclusions) Fund, which is an unconstrained, multi-cap strategy that aims to generate a rising income stream combined with long-term capital growth. The Fund invests in UK equities, and can also hold international equities and bonds. Shares in companies that derive more than 20% of their revenues from tobacco, gambling, weapons and fossil fuels are excluded.

	2023/24		2022/23	
	3 year	5 year	3 year	5 year
Fund	9.03%	7.62%	14.06%	5.64%
FTSE All Share	8.05%	5.44%	13.81%	5.04%
Fund outperformance	+0.98%	+2.18%	+0.25%	+0.60%

Funds held

The charity's total funds held increased by £356,743 to £4,408,353 as at 31 March 2024 (2022/23: total funds held reduced by £5,584 to £4,051,610).

Within the total funds held, £4,165,491 (2022/23: £3,806,634) represent permanent and expendable endowment funds. The permanent endowment is held to generate income that is accounted for within unrestricted income funds for the primary objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted income was made up of Investment income of £125,333 (2022/23: £149,282) and interest of £14,410 (2022/23: £4,691), with unrestricted expenditure of £153,918 (2022/23: £72,274). The unrestricted general funds held were £242,862

(2022/23: £244,976). Any undistributed income is held for use in future years in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Details of the funds held, including their purpose, are set out within note 10 to the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to maintain the restricted and endowment funds of the charity in investments in the Charities Pool administered by the City of London Corporation and use the investment income together with other funds, in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The Trustee also has the discretion to distribute the expendable endowment, in addition to the unrestricted fund, as bursaries, prizes and other forms of financial assistance should they deem this is appropriate. The Trustee believes that an amount of at least £7,000 should be held at present to meet future working capital needs, representing 12 months of administration and independent examination fees. Current free reserves held are £242,862, being unrestricted general funds; this is above the minimum level required and is being factored into plans for future periods including those noted on page 5.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The charity is committed to a programme of risk management as an element of their strategies to preserve the charity's assets. In order to embed sound practice the senior leadership team ensures that risk management policies are applied, that there is an on-going review of activity and that appropriate advice and support is provided. A key risk register has been prepared for the charity, which identifies the potential impact of key risks and the measures which are in place to mitigate such risks.

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustee to prepare the financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustee must not approve the financial statements unless the Trustee is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

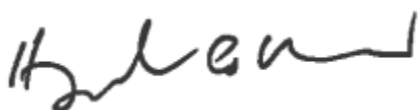
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;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

The Trustee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is 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.

In so far as the Trustee is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Adopted and signed for on behalf of the Trustee.



Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy
Chairman of Finance Committee of
The City of London Corporation



Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Deputy Chairman of Finance
Committee of The City of London
Corporation

Guildhall, London

30th September 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

I report to the Trustee on my examination of the accounts of CLS Bursary and Awards Fund for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 17.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's Trustee as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustee of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Vincent Marke, FCA

Crowe U.K LLP,
55 Ludgate Hill,
London,
EC4M 7JW

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

				2023/24	2022/23
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Investments	2	139,744	-	139,744	153,973
Total income		139,744	-	139,744	153,973
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3, 4	153,918	-	153,918	72,274
Total expenditure		153,918	-	153,918	72,274
Net gain on investments	7	11,741	358,857	370,598	(87,125)
Fair Value Movements		320	-	320	(158)
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(2,114)	358,857	356,744	(5,584)
Reconciliation of total funds:					
Brought forward	9,10	244,976	3,806,634	4,051,610	4,057,194
Carried forward	9,10	242,862	4,165,491	4,408,354	4,051,610

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed assets:			
Investments	7	4,145,356	3,774,758
Total fixed assets		4,145,356	3,774,758
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		315,988	298,728
Debtors		-	-
Total current assets		315,988	298,728
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(52,990)	(21,876)
Net current assets		262,998	276,852
Total net assets		4,408,354	4,051,610
The funds of the charity:			
Expendable Endowment funds		3,859,160	3,500,303
Permanent Endowment Funds		306,331	306,331
Unrestricted funds		242,863	244,976
Total funds	9,10	4,408,354	4,051,610

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustee.



Caroline Al-Beyerty

Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer

30th September 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 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) (second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity aims to only spend the income that is generated from donations and investments, so maintaining its capital base.

In making this assessment, the Trustee has considered the current high inflationary pressures on the value of investment assets held, future income levels, expenditure requirements and the liquidity of the charity over the 12-month period from the date of the signed accounts. It has not identified any indication that the charity will not be able to meet liabilities, including planned commitments, as they fall due.

The policy of aiming to only approving commitments from available income provides the flexibility to ensure the long-term viability of the charity. For this reason, the Trustee continues to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

(c) Key management judgements and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of decisions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. Management do not consider there to be any material judgements or estimates included in the financial statements.

(d) Statement of Cash Flows

As per section 14.1 of the Charities SORP the Charity is not required to produce a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small entity.

(e) Income

All income is included in the Statements of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income; it is more likely than not that economic benefit associated with the transaction will come to the charity and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Income consists of donations, investment income and interest.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the principal category of 'expenditure on charitable activities'. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity does not employ any staff.

Officers of the City Corporation provide administrative assistance to the charity when required. From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, has taken a decision to seek full reimbursement for the administration incurred from each of its charities.

(g) Taxation

The charity meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes, as set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from UK taxation in respect of income or capital gains under part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(h) Investments

Investments are made in the City of London Charities Pool (charity number 1021138) which is an investment mechanism operating in a similar way to a unit trust. This enables the City of London Corporation to "pool" small charitable investments together and consequently obtain better returns than would be the case if investments were made individually.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments are valued at bid-price. Gains and losses for the year on investments held as fixed assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(i) Funds structure

Income, expenditure and gains/losses are allocated to particular funds according to their purpose:

Permanent endowment fund – this fund consists of funds which are held in perpetuity for the benefit of the charity as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Income generated from the investments which represent these funds can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity, hence is allocated to the expendable endowment fund. Gains/losses on the underlying assets remain as part of the endowment.

Expendable endowment fund – this fund consists of funds that are expendable as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Funds can also be invested to generate income which can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity.

Unrestricted general funds - these funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

(j) Insurance

The charity, elected Members and staff supporting the charity's administration are covered by the City Corporation's insurance liability policies, and otherwise under the indemnity the City Corporation provides to Members and staff, funded from City's Estate.

2. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2023/24 £	Unrestricted funds 2022/23 £
Investment income	125,333	149,282
Interest	14,411	4,691
Total	139,744	153,973

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds		Total	Total
	Direct costs	Support costs	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£	£	£
Bursaries awarded	147,250	6,668	153,918	72,274
Total	147,250	6,668	153,918	72,274

Charitable activities consist of 8 bursaries (2022/23: 4).

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Charitable activities	Governance costs	Total	Total
	£	£	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£	£	£
Management & administration fees	4,726	-	4,726	4,646
Auditor's fees	-	1,943	1,943	2,000
Sub-total	4,726	1,943	6,668	6,646
Reallocation of governance costs	1,943	(1,943)	-	-
Total support costs	6,668	-	6,668	6,646

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, seeks reimbursement for the fee incurred for the examination of each of its charities, which was previously funded by City's Estate. In 2023/24 a £1,943 independent examiner's fee was recharged (2022/23: £2,000).

No other services were provided to the charity by its examiners during the year.

6. TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES

The members of the City of London Corporation acting on behalf of the Trustee did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during 2023/24 (2022/23: nil).

7. INVESTMENTS

The investments are held in the City of London Corporation Charities Pool, a charity registered in the UK with the Charity Commission (charity number 1021138). The Charities Pool is a UK registered unit trust.

The value of investments held by the charity are as follows:

	Total 2023/24 £	Total 2022/23 £
Market value 1 April	3,774,758	3,861,883
Gain/Loss for the year	370,598	(87,125)
Market value 31 March	4,145,356	3,774,758
Total cost 31 March	2,245,793	2,245,793
Total units held in Charities Pool	416,870	416,870

The geographical spread of listed investments held as at 31 March was as follows:

	Held in the UK £	Held outside the UK £	Total at 31 March 2024 £	Held in the UK £	Held outside the UK £	Total at 31 March 2023 £
Equities	3,487,745	454,074	3,941,819	3,063,011	513,497	3,576,508
Pooled Units	154,622	-	154,622	123,684	-	123,684
Cash held by Fund Manager	48,915	-	48,915	74,566	-	74,566
Total	3,691,281	454,074	4,145,356	3,261,261	513,497	3,774,758

8. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total at 31 March 2024 £	Total at 31 March 2023 £
Bursaries awarded	52,990	21,876
Total	52,990	21,876

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

At 31 March 2024

	Endowment			Total at 31 March 2024	Total at 31 March 2023
	Unrestricted	Permanent	Expendable		
	funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - investments	129,620	306,331	3,709,405	4,145,356	3,774,758
Current assets	113,243	-	202,745	315,988	298,728
Current liabilities	-	-	(52,990)	(52,990)	(21,876)
Total	242,863	306,331	3,859,160	4,408,354	4,051,610

At 31 March 2023

	Endowment			Total at 31 March 2023	Total 31 March 2022
	Unrestricted	Permanent	Expendable		
	funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - investments	118,032	306,331	3,350,395	3,774,758	3,861,883
Current assets	126,944	-	171,784	298,728	254,096
Current liabilities	-	-	(21,876)	(21,876)	(58,785)
Total	244,976	306,331	3,500,303	4,051,610	4,057,194

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

At 31 March 2024

	Total at 31 March 2023	Income	Expenditure	Gain	Fair value	Total at 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£		£
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,500,303	-	-	358,857	-	3,859,160
Permanent	306,331	-	-	-	-	306,331
						-
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	121,228	-	-	11,741	-	132,969
General funds	123,748	139,744	(153,918)	-	320	109,894
Total funds	4,051,610	139,744	(153,918)	370,598	320	4,408,354

At 31 March 2023

	Total 31 March 2022	Income	Expenditure	Gain	Fair value	Total at 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£		£
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,577,634	-	-	(77,331)	-	3,500,303
Permanent	313,401	-	-	(7,070)	-	306,331
						-
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	123,952	-	-	(2,724)	-	121,228
General funds	42,207	153,973	(72,274)	-	(158)	123,748
Total funds	4,057,194	153,973	(72,274)	(87,125)	(158)	4,051,610

Purpose of endowment funds

The permanent endowment fund is held in perpetuity as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity.

The expendable endowment fund is invested as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity, including support in the form of bursaries and other forms of financial assistance in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Purpose of unrestricted income funds

A designated fund is held by the charity, being the bequest from the estate of Rodney FitzGerald. The purpose of this designation is to provide support in the form of bursaries to students with sporting ability.

The unrestricted general funds held within the charity can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Corporation is the sole Trustee of the charity, as described on page 2.

The charity is required to disclose information on related party transactions with bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity. Members are required to disclose their interests, and these can be viewed online at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Members and senior staff are requested to disclose all related party transactions, including instances where their close family has made such transactions.

Figures in brackets represent the amounts due at the balance sheet date. Other figures represent the value of the transactions during the year.

Related party	Connected party	2023/24		2022/23		Detail of transaction
		£	(nil)	£	(nil)	
Charities Pool	The Trustee of the charity	125,333	(nil)	149,282	(nil)	Distribution from the Charities Pool
City of London Corporation	The Trustee of the Charity	(6,668)	(nil)	(6,646)	(nil)	Support Costs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME & NUMBER:

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (276654).

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CHARITIES & THE CITY CORPORATION:

Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ

TRUSTEE:

The Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Chief Executive

Ian Thomas CBE - the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation

Treasurer

Caroline Al-Beyerty - The Chamberlain & Chief Financial Officer of the City of London Corporation

Solicitor

Michael Cogher - The Comptroller and City Solicitor of the City of London Corporation

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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BANKERS:

Lloyds Bank Plc., P.O. Box 1000, BX1 1LT

INVESTMENT ADVISORS:

Artemis Investment Management Limited, Cassini House, 57 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1LD

Contact for The Chamberlain & Chief Financial Officer, to request copies of governance documents:

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CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 276654

Accounts

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 March 2023

Charity registration number 276654

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ORIGINS OF THE CHARITY

The City of London School Bursary Fund charity, and the various individual governing documents of City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, were registered on 22 September 1978. The governing documents were replaced on 4 November 2011 by the governing scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Charity Commission granted a further scheme on the 22 December 2020, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund, and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, to create a single fund with consolidated objectives, known as the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund.

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The governing document for the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (charity registration: 276654), is the amending Scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England on 22 December 2020. This Scheme replaced the governing scheme approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 4 November 2011.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London (also referred to as 'the City Corporation' or 'the City of London Corporation'), a body corporate and politic, is the Trustee of the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund. The City Corporation is Trustee acting by the Court of Common Council of the City of London in its general corporate capacity and that executive body has delegated responsibility in respect of the administration and management of this charity to the Board of Governors of the City of London School. In making appointments to committees, the Court of Common Council will take into consideration any particular expertise and knowledge of the elected Members, and where relevant, external appointees. External appointments are made after due advertisement and rigorous selection to fill gaps in skills. Members of the Court of Common Council are unpaid for support provided to the charity, and are elected by the electorate of the City of London

The key Committee which has responsibility for directly managing matters related to the charity is the Board of Governors of the City of London School, which is ultimately responsible to the Court of Common Council of the City of London. Committee are held at the Trustee's discretion in public (except where it is considered not to be in the charity's best interests to do so), supporting a decision-making process which is clear, transparent and publicly accountable.

The Trustee believes that good governance is fundamental to the success of the charity. A comprehensive review has been carried out to ensure that the charity is effective in fulfilling its objectives, with governance changes made and operational recommendations in progress. Reference is being made to the good practices recommended within the Charity Governance Code throughout this review to ensure regulatory compliance and the ongoing maintenance of an efficient and effective portfolio of charities that maximise impact for beneficiaries.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The City of London School was established by Act of Parliament in 1834 although it can trace its history back to the 15th century. The School aims to provide a first-class education in the widest sense to pupils from a diverse range of cultural, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. The School's goal is to enable each boy to leave the School well equipped to go on to University and a fulfilling career. The School offers a broad, balanced curriculum aimed at promoting the intellectual, practical, and creative development of pupils.

Boys are admitted at 10+, 11+, 13+ and 16 and normally remain until 18 years of age after having taken Advanced-Level and Pre-U examinations.

The objective of the charity is the promotion of education (including physical education) by the provision of:

- (a) bursaries and other forms of financial assistance for fees and/or other costs incurred through attendance at the School to enable pupils to further their education at the School; and
- (b) scholarships, prizes or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction to pupils and former pupils of the School and pupils of other schools with whom the school has cooperated under clause 4(14) of the governing document.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity's investments are held in units of the City of London Charities Pool (registered charity 1021138). The investment policy is to provide a real increase in annual income in the long term whilst preserving the value of the capital base. The annual report and financial statements of the Charities Pool (which include an analysis of investment performance against objectives set) are available from the Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer, at the email address stated on page 19.

POLICY ON GRANT MAKING

The charity has established their grant making policy to achieve their objects, as laid out above, for the public benefit. Applications are assessed via a robust process to ensure the proposed activities for funding will be supported by adequate and appropriate resources and will be used only for activities that match the charity's criteria. The assessment, management and oversight of the charity's grant making is provided by the City of London School, which is part of the City of London Corporation. Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been approved by the Trustee and notified to the Beneficiaries.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The purposes of the charity are as stated above.

Consequently, the Trustee considers that the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund operates to benefit the general public and satisfy the public benefit test.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The administrative details of the charity are stated on page 19.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The target for 2022/23 was to continue to contribute towards fees of pupils at the City of London School where financial hardship would cause the pupil to be unable to enter

or continue at the School. In line with this, 4 bursaries (2021/22: 13 bursaries) were awarded during the year amounting to £65,628 (2021/22: £233,010). A number of bursary pupils left the school during 22/23 so further applications are to be considered for bursary funding for future periods.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The objective for future periods is to continue to contribute towards the tuition fees payable to the City of London School for pupils who, but for financial assistance, would not be able to continue at or enter the School.

The Trustee does not consider there to be any material uncertainty around going concern and further detail regarding this is set out on page 12.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview of Financial Performance

Income

In 2022/23, the charity's total income for the year was £153,973, an overall reduction of £48,908 against the previous year (2021/22: £202,881).

The key contributor to income was from investments, made up of investment income of £149,282 (2021/22: £201,143) from funds held in the Charities Pool which have fallen in value since the previous year, reflecting the impact of the ESG exclusions adopted by the Pool. Performance is expected to recover in the medium term. Income is also comprised of £4,691 (2021/22: £1,738) from interest on cash balances.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £72,274 (2021/22: £241,560), of which £65,628 was bursary awards, with £6,646 of support costs (2021/22: £233,010 was bursary awards, with £8,550 of support costs).

Investments performance

Over the course of 2022/23 the Charities Pool investment strategy delivered an absolute return (gross of fees) of +2.22% which was below the FTSE All Share Index benchmark return of +2.92% (2021/22: the investment strategy gained +11.1% versus +13.0% from the benchmark). However, over the longer-term three and five year horizon, performance of the Charities Pool investments, as displayed in the table below, was above benchmark.

With effect from 22 July 2022, the Charities Pool transferred its investments from the Artemis Income Fund to the Artemis Income (Exclusions) Fund, which is an unconstrained, multi-cap strategy that aims to generate a rising income stream combined with long-term capital growth. The Fund invests in UK equities and can also hold international equities and bonds. Shares in companies that derive more than 20% of their revenues from tobacco, gambling, weapons and fossil fuels are excluded. The transfer has resulted in a decrease in value of the Pool but performance is expected to recover in the medium term.

	2022/23		2021/22	
	3 year	5 year	3 year	5 year
Fund	14.06%	5.64%	7.35%	6.16%
FTSE All Share	13.81%	5.04%	5.31%	4.69%
Fund outperformance	+0.25%	+0.60%	+2.04%	+1.47%

Funds held

The charity's total funds held reduced by £5,584 to £4,051,610 as at 31 March 2023 (2021/22: total funds held increased by £134,774 to £4,057,194).

Within the total funds held, £3,806,634 (2021/22: £3,891,035) represent permanent and expendable endowment funds. The permanent endowment is held to generate

income that is accounted for within unrestricted income funds for the primary objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted income was made up of Investment income of £149,282 (2021/22: £201,143) and interest of £4,691 (2021/22: £1,738), with unrestricted expenditure of £72,274 (2021/22: £241,560). The unrestricted general funds held were £244,976 (2021/22: £166,159). Any undistributed income is held for use in future years in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Details of the funds held, including their purpose, are set out within note 10 to the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to maintain the restricted and endowment funds of the charity in investments in the Charities Pool administered by the City of London Corporation and use the investment income together with other funds, in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The Trustee also has the discretion to distribute the expendable endowment, in addition to the unrestricted fund, as bursaries, prizes and other forms of financial assistance should they deem this is appropriate. The Trustee believes that an amount of at least £7,000 should be held at present to meet future working capital needs, representing 12 months of administration and independent examination fees. Current free reserves held are £244,976, being unrestricted general funds; this is above the minimum level required and is being factored into plans for future periods including those noted on page 4.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The charity is committed to a programme of risk management as an element of their strategies to preserve the charity's assets. In order to embed sound practice the senior leadership team ensures that risk management policies are applied, that there is an on-going review of activity and that appropriate advice and support is provided. A key risk register has been prepared for the charity, which has been reviewed by the Trustee. This identifies the potential impact of key risks and the measures which are in place to mitigate such risks.

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustee to prepare the financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustee must not approve the financial statements unless the Trustee is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 the charity will continue in business.

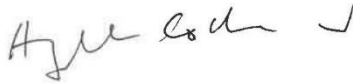
The Trustee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is 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.

In so far as the Trustee is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Financial statements are published on the Trustee's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Trustee's website is the responsibility of the Trustee. The Trustee's responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

Adopted and signed for on behalf of the Trustee.



Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy
Chairman of Finance Committee of
The City of London Corporation



Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Deputy Chairman of Finance
Committee of The City of London
Corporation

Guildhall, London

24th January 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

I report to the Trustee on my examination of the accounts of CLS Bursary and Awards Fund for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 18.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's Trustee as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustee of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

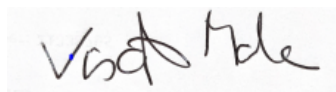
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Vincent Marke, FCA

Crowe U.K LLP,
55 Ludgate Hill,
London, EC4M 7JW
31 January 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £	2021/22 Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:					
Investments	2	153,973	-	153,973	202,881
Total income		153,973	-	153,973	202,881
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3, 4	72,274	-	72,274	241,560
Total expenditure		72,274	-	72,274	241,560
Net gain on investments	7	(2,724)	(84,401)	(87,125)	175,918
Fair Value Movements		(158)	-	(158)	(2,465)
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		78,817	(84,401)	(5,584)	134,774
Reconciliation of total funds:					
Brought forward	9,10	166,159	3,891,035	4,057,194	3,922,420
Carried forward	9,10	244,976	3,806,634	4,051,610	4,057,194

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed assets:			
Investments	7	3,774,758	3,861,883
Total fixed assets		3,774,758	3,861,883
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		298,728	254,096
Debtors		-	-
Total current assets		298,728	254,096
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(21,876)	(58,785)
Net current assets		276,852	195,311
Total net assets		4,051,610	4,057,194
The funds of the charity:			
Expendable Endowment funds		3,500,303	3,577,634
Permanent Endowment Funds		306,331	313,401
Unrestricted funds		244,976	166,159
Total funds	9,10	4,051,610	4,057,194

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustee.



Caroline Al-Beyerty

Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer

24th January 2024

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 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) (second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity only spends the income that is generated from donations and investments, so maintaining its capital base.

In making this assessment, the Trustee has considered the potential ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current high inflationary pressures on the value of investment assets held, future income levels, expenditure requirements and the liquidity of the charity over the 12-month period from the date of the signed accounts. It has not identified any indication that the charity will not be able to meet liabilities, including planned commitments, as they fall due.

The policy of only approving commitments from available income provides the flexibility to ensure the long-term viability of the charity. For this reason, the Trustee continues to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

(c) Key management judgements and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of decisions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. Management do not consider there to be any material judgements or estimates included in the financial statements.

(d) Statement of Cash Flows

As per section 14.1 of the Charities SORP the Charity is not required to produce a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small entity.

(e) Income

All income is included in the Statements of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income; it is more likely than not that economic benefit associated with the transaction will come to the charity and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Income consists of donations, investment income and interest.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the principal category of 'expenditure on charitable activities'. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity does not employ any staff, however the costs of bursaries administration, incurred by the City of London Corporation, are charged to the charity.

Officers of the City Corporation provide additional administrative assistance to the charity when required. From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, has taken a decision to seek full reimbursement for the administration incurred from each of its charities.

(g) Taxation

The charity meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes, as set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from UK taxation in respect of income or capital gains under part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(h) Investments

Investments are made in the City of London Charities Pool (charity number 1021138) which is an investment mechanism operating in a similar way to a unit trust. This enables the City of London Corporation to "pool" small charitable investments together and consequently obtain better returns than would be the case if investments were made individually.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments are valued at bid-price. Gains and losses for the year on investments held as fixed assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(i) Funds structure

Income, expenditure and gains/losses are allocated to particular funds according to their purpose:

Permanent endowment fund – this fund consists of funds which are held in perpetuity for the benefit of the charity as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Income generated from the investments which represent these funds can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity, hence is allocated to the expendable endowment fund. Gains/losses on the underlying assets remain as part of the endowment.

Expendable endowment fund – this fund consists of funds that are expendable as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Funds can also be invested to generate income which can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity.

Unrestricted general funds - these funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

(j) Insurance

The charity, elected Members and staff supporting the charity's administration are covered by the City Corporation's insurance liability policies, and otherwise under the indemnity the City Corporation provides to Members and staff, funded from City's Cash.

2. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2022/23 £	Unrestricted funds 2021/22 £
Investment income	149,282	201,143
Interest	4,691	1,738
Total	153,973	202,881

3. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds		Total	Total
	Direct costs	Support costs	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Bursaries awarded	65,628	6,646	72,274	241,560
Total	65,628	6,646	72,274	241,560

Charitable activities consist of 4 bursaries (2021/22: 13).

4. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Charitable activities	Governance costs	Total	Total
	£	£	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Management & administration fees	4,646	-	4,646	6,800
Independent Examiners' fees	-	2,000	2,000	1,750
Sub-total	4,646	2,000	6,646	8,550
Reallocation of governance costs	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Total support costs	6,646	-	6,646	8,550

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, seeks reimbursement for the fee incurred for the examination of each of its charities, which was previously funded by City's Cash. In 2022/23 a £2,000 independent examiner's fee was recharged (2021/22: £1,750).

No other services were provided to the charity by its examiners during the year.

6. TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES

The members of the City of London Corporation acting on behalf of the Trustee did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during 2022/23 (2021/22: nil).

7. INVESTMENTS

The investments are held in the City of London Corporation Charities Pool, a charity registered in the UK with the Charity Commission (charity number 1021138). The Charities Pool is a UK registered unit trust.

The value of investments held by the charity are as follows:

	Total 2022/23 £	Total 2021/22 £
Market value 1 April	3,861,883	3,685,965
Gain/Loss for the year	(87,125)	175,918
Market value 31 March	3,774,758	3,861,883
Total cost 31 March	2,245,793	2,245,793
Total units held in Charities Pool	416,870	416,870

The geographical spread of listed investments held as at 31 March was as follows:

	Held in the UK £	Held outside the £	Total at 31 March £	Held in the UK £	Held outside the £	Total at 31 March 2022 £
Equities	3,063,011	513,497	3,576,508	3,139,711	440,255	3,579,966
Pooled Units	123,684	-	123,684	227,851	-	227,851
Cash held by Fund Manager	74,566	-	74,566	54,066	-	54,066
Total	3,261,261	513,497	3,774,758	3,421,628	440,255	3,861,883

8. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 31 March 2023 £	Total 31 March 2022 £
Bursaries awarded	21,876	58,785
Total	21,876	58,785

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

At 31 March 2023	Endowment			Total 31 March 2023 £	Total 31 March 2022 £
	Unrestricted	Permanent	Expendable		
	funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£		
Fixed assets - investments	118,032	306,331	3,350,395	3,774,758	3,861,883
Current assets	126,944	-	171,784	298,728	254,096
Current liabilities	-	-	(21,876)	(21,876)	(58,785)
Total	244,976	306,331	3,500,303	4,051,610	4,057,194

At 31 March 2022	Endowment			Total 31 March 2022 £	Total 31 March 2021 £
	Unrestricted	Permanent	Expendable		
	funds	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£		
Fixed assets - investments	120,755	313,401	3,427,727	3,861,883	3,685,965
Current assets	45,404	-	208,692	254,096	324,335
Current liabilities	-	-	(58,785)	(58,785)	(87,880)
Total	166,159	313,401	3,577,634	4,057,194	3,922,420

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

At 31 March 2023	Total 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain £	Fair value	Total
						31 March 2023 £
						-
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,577,634	-	-	(77,331)	-	3,500,303
Permanent	313,401	-	-	(7,070)	-	306,331
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	123,952	-	-	(2,724)	-	121,228
General funds	42,207	153,973	(72,274)	-	(158)	123,748
Total funds	4,057,194	153,973	(72,274)	(87,125)	(158)	4,051,610

At 31 March 2022	Total 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain £	Fair value	Total
						1 April 2022 £
						-
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,453,432	-	(31,867)	156,069	-	3,577,634
Permanent	299,125	-	-	14,276	-	313,401
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	118,379	-	-	5,573	-	123,952
General funds	51,484	202,881	(209,693)	-	(2,465)	42,207
Total funds	3,922,420	202,881	(241,560)	175,918	(2,465)	4,057,194

Purpose of endowment funds

The permanent endowment fund is held in perpetuity as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity.

The expendable endowment fund is invested as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity, including support in the form of bursaries and other forms of financial assistance in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Purpose of unrestricted income funds

A designated fund is held by the charity, being the bequest from the estate of Rodney FitzGerald. The purpose of this designation is to provide support in the form of bursaries to students with sporting ability.

The unrestricted general funds held within the charity can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Corporation is the sole Trustee of the charity, as described on page 2.

The charity is required to disclose information on related party transactions with bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity. Members are required to disclose their interests, and these can be viewed online at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Members and senior staff are requested to disclose all related party transactions, including instances where their close family has made such transactions.

Figures in brackets represent the amounts due at the balance sheet date. Other figures represent the value of the transactions during the year.

Related party	Connected party	2022/23 £	2021/22 £	Detail of transaction
Charities Pool	The Trustee of the charity	149,282 (nil)	201,143 (nil)	Distribution from the Charities Pool
City of London Corporation	The Trustee of the Charity	(6,646) (nil)	(8,550) (nil)	Support Costs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME & NUMBER:

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (276654).

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CHARITIES & THE CITY CORPORATION:

Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ

TRUSTEE:

The Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Chief Executive

John Barradell OBE - the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation (retired 31 December 2022)

Ian Thomas CBE - the Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation (appointed 6 February 2023)

Treasurer

Caroline Al-Beyerty - The Chamberlain & Chief Financial Officer of the City of London Corporation

Solicitor

Michael Cogher - The Comptroller and City Solicitor of the City of London Corporation

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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BANKERS:

Lloyds Bank Plc., P.O. Box 1000, BX1 1LT

INVESTMENT ADVISORS:

Artemis Investment Management Limited, Cassini House, 57 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1LD

Contact for The Chamberlain & Chief Financial Officer, to request copies of governance documents:

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CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 276654

Accounts

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 March 2022

Charity registration number 276654

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ORIGINS OF THE CHARITY

The City of London School Bursary Fund charity, and the various individual governing documents of City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, were registered on 22 September 1978. The governing documents were replaced on 4 November 2011 by the governing scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Charity Commission granted a further scheme on the 22 December 2020, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund, and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, to create a single fund with consolidated objectives, known as the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund.

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The governing document for the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (charity registration: 276654), is the amending Scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England on 22 December 2020. This Scheme replaced the governing scheme approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 4 November 2011.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London (also referred to as 'the City Corporation' or 'the City of London Corporation'), a body corporate and politic, is the Trustee of the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund. The City Corporation is Trustee acting by the Court of Common Council of the City of London in its general corporate capacity and that executive body has delegated responsibility in respect of the administration and management of this charity to the Board of Governors of the City of London School. In making appointments to committees, the Court of Common Council will take into consideration any particular expertise and knowledge of the elected Members, and where relevant, external appointees. External appointments are made after due advertisement and rigorous selection to fill gaps in skills. Members of the Court of Common Council are unpaid and are elected by the electorate of the City of London

The key Committee which has responsibility for directly managing matters related to the charity is the Board of Governors of the City of London School, which is ultimately responsible to the Court of Common Council of the City of London. Committee meetings are held in public, enabling the decision-making process to be clear, transparent and publicly accountable. Details of the membership of Committees of the City Corporation are available at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

The Trustee believes that good governance is fundamental to the success of the charity. A comprehensive review of governance is ongoing to ensure that the charity is effective in fulfilling its objectives. Reference is being made to the good practices recommended within the Charity Governance Code throughout this review. Focus is being placed on ensuring regulatory compliance and the ongoing maintenance of an efficient and effective portfolio of charities that maximise impact for beneficiaries.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The City of London School was established by Act of Parliament in 1834 although it can trace its history back to the 15th century. The School aims to provide a first-class education in the widest sense to pupils from a diverse range of cultural, ethnic, religious and economic backgrounds. The School's goal is to enable each boy to leave the School well equipped to go on to University and a fulfilling career. The School offers a broad, balanced curriculum aimed at promoting the intellectual, practical, and creative development of pupils.

Boys are admitted at 10+, 11+, 13+ and 16 and normally remain until 18 years of age after having taken Advanced-Level and Pre-U examinations.

The objective of the charity is the promotion of education (including physical training) by the provision of:

- (a) bursaries and other forms of financial assistance for fees and/or other costs incurred through attendance at the School to enable pupils to further their education at the School; and
- (b) scholarships, prizes or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction to pupils and former pupils of the School and pupils of other schools with whom the school has cooperated under clause 4(14) of the governing document.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity's investments are held in units of the City of London Charities Pool (registered charity 1021138). The investment policy is to provide a real increase in annual income in the long term whilst preserving the value of the capital base. The annual report and financial statements of the Charities Pool (which include an analysis of investment performance against objectives set) are available from the Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer, at the email address stated on page 21.

POLICY ON GRANT MAKING

The charity has established their grant making policy to achieve their objects, as laid out above, for the public benefit. Applications are assessed via a robust process to ensure the proposed activities for funding will be supported by adequate and appropriate resources and will be used only for activities that match the charity's criteria. The assessment, management and oversight of the charity's grant making is provided by the City of London School, which is part of the City of London Corporation. Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been approved by the Trustee and notified to the Beneficiaries.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The purposes of the charity are as stated above.

Consequently, the Trustee considers that the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund operates to benefit the general public and satisfy the public benefit test.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The administrative details of the charity are stated on page 21.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The target for 2021/22 was to continue to contribute towards fees of pupils at the City of London School where financial hardship would cause the pupil to be unable to enter or continue at the School. In line with this, 13 bursaries (2020/21: 21 bursaries) were awarded during the year amounting to £233,010 (2020/21: £244,011)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The objective for 2021/22 is to continue to contribute towards the tuition fees payable to the City of London School for pupils who, but for financial assistance, would not be able to continue at or enter the School.

The Trustee does not consider there to be any material uncertainty around going concern and further detail regarding this is set out on page 13.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview of Financial Performance

Income

In 2021/22, the charity's total income for the year was £202,881, an overall increase of £40,057 against the previous year (2020/21: £162,824).

The key contributor to income was from investments, made up of investment income of £201,143 (2020/21: £157,477) from investments held in the Charities Pool, and £1,738 (2020/21: £2,496) in interest on cash balances.

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £241,560 (2020/21: £251,101), of which £233,010 was bursary awards, with £8,550 of support costs (2020/21: £251,101 of expenditure, of which £244,011 was made up of bursary awards, and £7,090 support costs).

Investments performance

Over the course of 2021/22 the Charities Pool investment strategy delivered an absolute return (gross of fees) of 11.1% which was below the FTSE All Share Index benchmark return of 13.0%, although this followed a period of outperformance in the prior year (the investment strategy gained 30.7% in 2020/21 versus 26.7% from the benchmark). The Charities Pool invests in an actively managed, high conviction strategy where performance is expected to be volatile over the short term. Over the longer term three and five year horizon, the Charities Pool continues to outperform the FTSE All Share Index as shown below.

	2021/22		2020/21	
	3 year	5 year	3 year	5 year
Fund	7.35%	6.16%	5.04%	7.19%
FTSE All Share	5.31%	4.69%	3.19%	6.29%
Fund outperformance	2.04%	1.47%	1.85%	0.90%

Funds held

The charity's total funds held increased by £134,774 (3.4%) to £4,057,194 as at 31 March 2022 (2020/21: total funds held increased by £660,334 (20.2%) to £3,922,420).

Within the total funds held, £3,920,437 (2020/21: £3,752,557) represent permanent and expendable endowment funds. The permanent endowment is held to generate income that is accounted for within unrestricted income funds for the primary objectives of the charity.

Unrestricted income was made up of Investment income of £201,143 (2020/21: £157,477) and interest of £1,738 (2020/21: £2,496), with unrestricted expenditure of £241,560 (2020/21: £251,101). The remaining balance of the fund was £136,757 as at 31 March 2022 (2020/21: £169,863).

Included within unrestricted income funds is a designated fund, which consists of unrestricted income funds which the Trustee has chosen to set aside for specific

purposes although such designations are not legally binding and the Trustee can decide to remove these designations at any time. Designated funds as at 31 March amounted to £123,952 (2020/21: £118,379). The remaining unrestricted general funds held were £12,805 (2020/21: £51,484).

The other funds of the charity are represented by expendable and permanent endowment funds which are held to generate income for the primary objective of the charity. The balance of endowment funds held was £3,920,437 as at 31 March 2022 (2020/21: £3,752,557). Any undistributed income is held for use in future years in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Details of the funds held, including their purpose, are set out within note 12 to the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to maintain the restricted and endowment funds of the charity in investments in the Charities Pool administered by the City of London Corporation and use the investment income together with other funds, in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The Trustee also has the discretion to distribute the expendable endowment, in addition to the unrestricted fund, as bursaries, prizes and other forms of financial assistance should they deem this is appropriate. The Trustee revised its policy in 2020/21 and believes that an amount of at least £8,550 should be held at present to meet future working capital needs, representing 12 months of administration and external account examination fees. Current free reserves held are £42k, being unrestricted general funds; this is above the minimum level required and is being factored into plans for future periods including those noted on page 5.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The charity is committed to a programme of risk management as an element of their strategies to preserve the charity's assets. In order to embed sound practice the senior leadership team ensures that risk management policies are applied, that there is an on-going review of activity and that appropriate advice and support is provided. A key risk register has been prepared for the charity, which has been reviewed by the Trustee. This identifies the potential impact of key risks and the measures which are in place to mitigate such risks.

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustee to prepare the financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustee must not approve the financial statements unless the Trustee is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 the charity will continue in business.

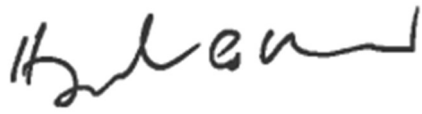
The Trustee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is 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.

In so far as the Trustee is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Financial statements are published on the Trustee's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Trustee's website is the responsibility of the Trustee. The Trustee's responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

Adopted and signed for on behalf of the Trustee.



Henry Nicholas Almroth Colthurst, Deputy
Chairman of Finance Committee of
The City of London Corporation



Randall Keith Anderson, Deputy
Deputy Chairman of Finance
Committee of The City of London
Corporation

Guildhall, London

26 April 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

I report to the Trustee on my examination of the accounts of CLS Bursary and Awards Fund for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 11 to 20.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustee, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustee those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's Trustee as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustee of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Tina Allison, FCCA

Crowe U.K LLP,
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London, EC4M 7JW

27 APRIL 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021/22 Total Funds £	2020/21 Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:					
Investments	2	202,881	-	202,881	159,973
Other	3	-	-	-	2,851
Total income		202,881	-	202,881	162,824
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	4, 5	209,693	31,867	241,560	251,101
Total expenditure		209,693	31,867	241,560	251,101
Net gain on investments	8	5,573	170,345	175,918	748,313
Fair Value Movements		(2,465)	-	(2,465)	298
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		(3,704)	138,478	134,774	660,334
Reconciliation of total funds:					
Brought forward	10,11	169,863	3,752,557	3,922,420	3,262,086
Carried forward	10,11	166,159	3,891,035	4,057,194	3,922,420

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed assets:			
Investments	8	3,861,883	3,685,965
Total fixed assets		3,861,883	3,685,965
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		254,096	324,037
Debtors		-	298
Total current assets		254,096	324,335
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(58,785)	(87,880)
Net current assets		195,311	236,455
Total net assets		4,057,194	3,922,420
The funds of the charity:			
Expendable Endowment funds		3,577,634	3,453,432
Permanent Endowment Funds		313,401	299,125
Unrestricted funds		166,159	169,863
Total funds	10,11	4,057,194	3,922,420

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustee.



Caroline Al-Beyerty

Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer

26 April 2023

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 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) (second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity only spends the income that is generated from donations and investments, so maintaining its capital base.

In making this assessment, the Trustee has considered the potential ongoing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the current high inflationary pressures on the value of investment assets held, future income levels, expenditure requirements and the liquidity of the charity over the 12-month period from the date of the signed accounts. It has not identified any indication that the charity will not be able to meet liabilities, including planned commitments, as they fall due.

The policy of only approving commitments from available income provides the flexibility to ensure the long-term viability of the charity. For this reason, the Trustee continues to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

(c) Key management judgements and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of decisions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. Management do not consider there to be any material revisions requiring disclosure.

(d) Statement of Cash Flows

As per section 14.1 of the Charities SORP the Charity is not required to produce a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small entity.

(e) Income

All income is included in the Statements of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income; it is more likely than not that economic benefit associated with the transaction will come to the charity and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Income consists of donations, investment income and interest.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under the principal category of 'expenditure on charitable activities'. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity does not employ any staff, however the costs of bursaries administration, incurred by the City of London Corporation, are charged to the charity.

Officers of the City Corporation provide additional administrative assistance to the charity when required. From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, has taken a decision to seek full reimbursement for the administration incurred from each of its charities.

(g) Taxation

The charity meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes, as set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from UK taxation in respect of income or capital gains under part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(h) Investments

Investments are made in the City of London Charities Pool (charity number 1021138) which is an investment mechanism operating in a similar way to a unit trust. This enables the City of London Corporation to "pool" small charitable investments together and consequently obtain better returns than would be the case if investments were made individually.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Investments are valued at bid-price. Gains and losses for the year on investments held as fixed assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(i) Funds structure

Income, expenditure and gains/losses are allocated to particular funds according to their purpose:

Permanent endowment fund – this fund consists of funds which are held in perpetuity for the benefit of the charity as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Income generated from the investments which represent these funds can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity, hence is allocated to the expendable endowment fund. Gains/losses on the underlying assets remain as part of the endowment.

Expendable endowment fund – this fund consists of funds that are expendable as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Funds can also be invested to generate income which can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity.

Restricted funds – these include income that is subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors, with related expenditure deducted when incurred.

Unrestricted designated funds – these are funds set aside by the Trustee out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted general funds - these funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

(j) Insurance

The charity, elected Members and staff supporting the charity's administration are covered by the City Corporation's insurance liability policies, and otherwise under the indemnity the City Corporation provides to Members and staff, funded from City's Cash.

2. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2021/22 £	Unrestricted funds 2020/21 £
Investment income	201,143	157,477
Interest	1,738	2,496
Total	202,881	159,973

3. OTHER INCOME

	Endowment funds 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
Transfer of funds from closed charities:		
Sir Robert Peel Statue	-	2,851
Total	-	2,851

4. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds		Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Direct costs £	Total 2021/22 £		
Bursaries awarded	201,143	8,550	31,867	241,560	251,101	
Total	201,143	8,550	31,867	241,560	251,101	

Charitable activities consist of 13 bursaries (2020/21: 21).

5. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Charitable activities £	Governance costs £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
Management & administration fees	6,800	-	6,800	7,090
Auditor's fees	-	1,750	1,750	-
Subtotal	6,800	1,750	8,550	7,090
Reallocation of governance costs	1,750	(1,750)	-	-
Total Support Costs	8,550	-	8,550	7,090

6. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REMUNERATION

From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, seeks reimbursement for the fee incurred for the examination of each of its charities, which was previously funded by City's Cash. In 2021/22 a £1,750 independent examiner's fee was recharged (2020/21: £nil).

No other services were provided to the charity by its examiners during the year.

7. TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES

The members of the City of London Corporation acting on behalf of the Trustee did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during 2021/22 (2020/21: nil).

8. INVESTMENTS

The investments are held in the City of London Corporation Charities Pool, a charity registered in the UK with the Charity Commission (charity number 1021138). The Charities Pool is a UK registered unit trust.

The value of investments held by the charity are as follows:

	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
Market value 1 April	3,685,965	3,201,996
Transferred	-	1,233
Disposals	-	(265,577)
Gain for the year	175,918	748,313
Market value 31 March	3,861,883	3,685,965
Total cost 31 March	2,245,793	2,245,793
Total units held in Charities Pool	416,870	416,870

The type of listed investments held as at 31 March was as follows:

	Total 31 March 2022 £	Total 31 March 2021 £
Equities	3,579,966	3,439,005
Pooled Units	227,851	195,356
Cash held by Fund Manager	54,066	51,604
Total	3,861,883	3,685,965

9. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Total 31 March 2022	Total 31 March 2021
	£	£
Bursaries awarded	58,785	87,880
Total	58,785	87,880

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

At 31 March 2022	Endowment			Total 31 March 2022	Total 31 March 2021
	Unrestricted funds	Permanent Funds	Expendable Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - investments	120,755	313,401	3,427,727	3,861,883	3,685,965
Current assets	45,404	-	208,692	254,096	324,335
Current liabilities	-	-	(58,785)	(58,785)	(87,880)
Total	166,159	313,401	3,577,634	4,057,194	3,922,420

At 31 March 2021	Endowment			Total 31 March 2021	Total 31 March 2020
	Unrestricted funds	Permanent Funds	Expendable Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - investments	115,256	299,125	3,271,584	3,685,965	3,201,996
Current assets	54,607	-	269,728	324,335	120,175
Current liabilities	-	-	(87,880)	(87,880)	(60,085)
Total	169,863	299,125	3,453,432	3,922,420	3,262,086

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

At 31 March 2022

	Total 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain £	Fair value	Total 31 March 2022 £
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	3,453,432	-	(31,867)	156,069	-	3,577,634
Permanent	299,125	-	-	14,276	-	313,401
						-
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	118,379	-	-	5,573	-	123,952
General funds	51,484	202,881	(209,693)	-	(2,465)	42,207
Total funds	3,922,420	202,881	(241,560)	175,918	(2,465)	4,057,194

At 31 March 2021

	Total 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gain £	Fair value	Total 31 March 2021 £
Endowment funds:						
Expendable	2,896,386	2,851	(112,658)	666,534	319	3,453,432
Permanent	240,092	-	-	59,033	-	299,125
Unrestricted funds:						
Designated funds	96,325	2,169	(2,840)	22,746	(21)	118,379
General funds	29,283	157,804	(135,603)	-		51,484
Total funds	3,262,086	162,824	(251,101)	748,313	298	3,922,420

Purpose of endowment funds

The permanent endowment fund is held in perpetuity as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity.

The expendable endowment fund is invested as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity, including support in the form of bursaries and other forms of financial assistance in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Purpose of unrestricted income funds

A designated fund is held by the charity, being the bequest from the estate of Rodney FitzGerald. The purpose of this designation is to provide support in the form of bursaries to students with sporting ability.

The unrestricted general funds held within the charity can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Corporation is the sole Trustee of the charity, as described on page 2.

The charity is required to disclose information on related party transactions with bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity. Members are required to disclose their interests, and these can be viewed online at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Members and senior staff are requested to disclose all related party transactions, including instances where their close family has made such transactions.

Related party	Connected party	2021/22 £	2020/21 £	Detail of transaction
Charities Pool	The Trustee of the charity	201,143	157,477	Distribution from the Charities
City of London Corporation	The Trustee of the Charity	(8,550)	(7,090)	Support Costs

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME & NUMBER:

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (276654).

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CHARITIES & THE CITY CORPORATION:

Guildhall, London, EC2P 2EJ

TRUSTEE:

The Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London

SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Chief Executive

John Barradell OBE - The Town Clerk and Chief Executive of the City of London Corporation

Treasurer

Caroline Al-Beyerty - The Chamberlain & Chief Financial Officer of the City of London Corporation (appointed 1 May 2021)

Dr Peter Kane – The Chamberlain of the City of London Corporation (retired 30 April 2021)

Solicitor

Michael Cogher - The Comptroller and City Solicitor of the City of London Corporation

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS:

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BANKERS:

Lloyds Bank Plc., P.O. Box 72, Bailey Drive, Gillingham Business Park, Kent ME8 0LS

INVESTMENT ADVISORS:

Artemis Investment Management Limited, Cassini House, 57 St. James's Street, London, SW1A 1LD

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CHBOffice-BusinessSupport@cityoflondon.gov.uk

CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

England & Wales - Charity number 276654

Accounts

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund

**Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31 March 2021**

Charity registration number 276654

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ORIGINS OF THE CHARITY

The City of London School Bursary Fund charity, and the various individual governing documents of City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, was registered on 22 September 1978. The governing documents were replaced on 4 November 2011 by the governing scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England and Wales.

The Charity Commission granted a further scheme on the 22 December 2020, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund, and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, to create a single fund with consolidated objectives to now be known as CLS Bursary and Awards Fund.

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The governing document for the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (charity registration: 276654), is the amending Scheme approved by The Charity Commission for England on 22 December 2020. This Scheme replaced the governing scheme approved by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 4 November 2011.

The Charity Commission granted a further scheme on the 22 December 2020, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund, and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund, to create a single fund with consolidated objectives to now be known as CLS Bursary and Awards Fund.

Details and analysis of the merger of the two charities is set out within note 13 to the financial statements.

GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London (also referred to as 'the City Corporation' or 'the City of London Corporation'), a body corporate and politic, is the Trustee of the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund. The City Corporation is Trustee acting by the Court of Common Council of the City of London in its general corporate capacity and that executive body has delegated responsibility in respect of the administration and management of this charity to the Board of Governors of the City of London School. In making appointments to committees, the Court of Common Council will take into consideration any particular expertise and knowledge of the elected Members, and where relevant, external appointees. External appointments are made after due advertisement and rigorous selection to fill gaps in skills. Members of the Court of Common Council are unpaid and are elected by the electorate of the City of London

The key Committee which has responsibility for directly managing matters related to the charity is the Board of Governors of the City of London School, which is ultimately responsible to the Court of Common Council of the City of London. Committee meetings are held in public, enabling the decision-making process to be clear, transparent and publicly accountable. Details of the membership of Committees of the City Corporation are available at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

The Trustee believes that good governance is fundamental to the success of the charity. A comprehensive review of governance commenced during 2019/20 and is ongoing to ensure that the charity is effective in fulfilling its objectives. Reference is being made to the good practices recommended within the Charity Governance Code throughout this review. Focus is being placed on ensuring regulatory compliance and the ongoing maintenance of an efficient and effective portfolio of charities that maximise impact for beneficiaries.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objective of the charity is the promotion of education (including physical training) by the provision of:

- (a) bursaries and other forms of financial assistance for fees and/or other costs incurred through attendance at the School to enable pupils to further their education at the School; and
- (b) scholarships, prizes or other suitable rewards or marks of distinction to pupils and former pupils of the School and pupils of other schools with whom the school has cooperated under clause 4(14) of the governing document.

INVESTMENT POLICY

The charity's investments are held in units of the City of London Charities Pool (registered charity 1021138). The investment policy is to provide a real increase in annual income in the long term whilst preserving the value of the capital base. The annual report and financial statements of the Charities Pool (which include an analysis of investment performance against objectives set) are available from the Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer, at the email address stated on page 25.

POLICY ON GRANT MAKING

The charity has established their grant making policy to achieve their objects, as laid out above, for the public benefit. Applications are assessed via a robust process to ensure the proposed activities for funding will be supported by adequate and appropriate resources and will be used only for activities that match the charity's criteria. The assessment, management and oversight of the charity's grant making is provided by the City of London School, which is part of the City of London Corporation. Grants are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they have been approved by the Trustee and notified to the Beneficiaries.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Trustee confirms that it has referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The purposes of the charity are as stated above.

Consequently, the Trustee considers that the CLS Bursary and Awards Fund operates to benefit the general public and satisfy the public benefit test.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The administrative details of the charity are stated on page 25.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The target for 2020/21 was to continue to contribute towards fees of pupils at the City of London School where financial hardship would cause the pupil to be unable to enter or continue at the School. In line with this, 21 bursaries (2019/20: 11 bursaries) were awarded during the year amounting to £244,011 (2019/20: £163,582)

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The objective for 2021/22 is to continue to contribute towards the tuition fees payable to the City of London School for pupils who, but for financial assistance, would not be able to continue at or enter the School.

The Trustee does not consider there to be any material uncertainty around going concern and further detail regarding this is set out on page 15.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Overview of Financial Performance

Income

In 2020/21, the charity's total income for the year was £162,824, an overall decrease of £23,626 against the previous year (£186,450).

The key contributor to income was from investments, amounting to £157,477 (2019/20: £147,829).

In addition, there was other income of £2,851 due to the transfer of funds from the closure of the Sir Robert Peel Statue charity, effected on 29 September 2020.

Interest received from cash balances held amounted to £2,496 (2019/20: £1,121), and there was no voluntary income received this year (2019/20: £37,500).

Expenditure

Total expenditure for the year was £251,101 (2019/20: £183,951), of which £244,011 (2019/20: £163,582) related to charitable activities and £7,090 (2019/20: £20,369) of other expenditure.

Investments performance

Financial markets recovered strongly over the twelve months to 31 March 2021 following the decline in asset prices in early 2020 during the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under these conditions investments held in the Charities Pool performed very well, generating a gross return of +30.72% for 2020/21 (2019/20: -14.78%) which compares favourably against the FTSE All Share Index benchmark return of +26.71% (2019/20 -18.45%). As a result, the longer-term performance of the Charities Pool investments, as set out in the table below, has significantly improved compared to the position reported twelve months ago.

	2020/21		2019/20	
	3 year	5 year	3 year	5 year
Fund	5.04%	7.19%	-2.44%	1.37%
FTSE All Share	3.19%	6.29%	-4.24%	0.57%
Fund outperformance	+1.85%	+0.90%	+1.80%	+0.80%

Funds held

The charity's total funds held increased by £660,334 to £3,922,420 as at 31 March 2021 (2019/20: total funds held decreased by £738,441 to £3,262,086). This is largely due to gains of £748,313 (2019/20: losses of £740,940) on the investments held within the City of London Charities Pool based on valuations as at 31 March 2021. The valuations are linked to the UK stock market, which experienced a significant fall during February and March 2020 as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Most of the losses that occurred have now reversed although valuations have not yet fully recovered to the levels seen in October 2019.

Within the total funds held, £3,752,557 (2019/20: £3,136,478) represent permanent and expendable endowment funds. The permanent endowment is held to generate income that is accounted for within unrestricted income funds for the primary objectives of the charity.

The scheme granted by the Charity Commission on the 22 December 2020 released the restrictions relating to the bequest from the estate of Ronald Charles Sansom; the restricted funds of £146,357 (2019/20: £128,002) were transferred to the expendable endowment fund.

The designated funds consist of unrestricted income funds which the Trustee has chosen to set aside for specific purposes although such designations are not legally binding and the Trustee can decide to remove these designations at any time. Designated funds as at 31 March amounted to £118,379 (2019/20: £96,325). In addition, a general unrestricted fund of £51,484 was held (2019/20: £29,283).

Details of the funds held, including their purpose, are set out within note 12 to the financial statements.

Reserves policy

The reserves policy is to maintain the restricted and endowment funds of the charity in investments in the Charities Pool administered by the City of London Corporation and use the investment income together with other funds, in accordance with the objectives of the charity. The Trustee also has the discretion to distribute the expendable endowment, in addition to the unrestricted fund, as bursaries, prizes and other forms of financial assistance should they deem this is appropriate. The trustee revised its policy in 2020/21 and believes that an amount of at least £8,028 should be held at present, representing 12 months of administration and external audit fees, which will be subject to annual review. Current free reserves held are £51k, being unrestricted general funds; this is above the minimum level required, and is being factored into plans for future periods including those noted on page 4.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The charity is committed to a programme of risk management as an element of their strategies to preserve the charity's assets. In order to embed sound practice the senior leadership team ensures that risk management policies are applied, that there is an on-going review of activity and that appropriate advice and support is provided. A key risk register has been prepared for the charity, which has been reviewed by the Trustee. This identifies the potential impact of key risks and the measures which are in place to mitigate such risks.

TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustee to prepare the financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under charity law the Trustee must not approve the financial statements unless the Trustee is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements 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 the charity will continue in business.

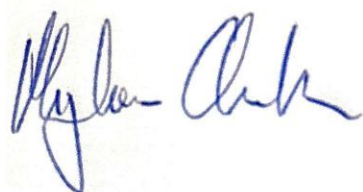
The Trustee is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable the Trustee to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustee is 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.

In so far as the Trustee is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Trustee has taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Financial statements are published on the Trustee's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Trustee's website is the responsibility of the Trustee. The Trustee's responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

Adopted and signed for on behalf of the Trustee.



Jamie Ingham Clark FCA
Chairman of Finance Committee of
The City of London Corporation

Guildhall, London

10 December 2021



Jeremy Paul Mayhew MA MBA
Deputy Chairman of Finance
Committee of The City of London
Corporation

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE CLS BURSARY AND AWARDS FUND

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities Act 2011.

We have audited the financial statements of CLS Bursary and Awards Fund ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet 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).

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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remain independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements 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.

Conclusions related to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustee's 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 period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The Trustee is responsible for the 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 other information comprises: Trustee's 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 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion;

- the information contained in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustee's Annual Report; or
- adequate 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 Trustee

As explained more fully in the Trustee's responsibilities statement, the Trustee is 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 Trustee determines 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 Trustee is 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 Trustee either intends 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.

Extent to which the audit was 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:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Charity and the sector within which it operates. This included but was not limited to compliance with the Charities Act 2011, United Kingdom Accounting Standards, and tax legislation;
- We held discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- We requested and reviewed any regulatory correspondence, in particular compliance with the Charity Commission, and details of legal expenses;
- We addressed the risk of management override, in particular by testing any journal entries containing material or round sum amounts, and any irregular journals;
- We have considered the control environment at both entity level and financial statement level to consider the ability to detect and prevent fraud; and
- We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and tested to supporting documentation to assess compliance with relevant laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the financial statements.

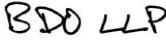
Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the Financial Reporting Council's ("FRC's") website at:

<https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's trustee 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 trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Heather Wheelhouse, Senior Statutory Auditor
BDO LLP, statutory auditor
London, UK

14 December 2021

BDO LLP is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020/21 Total Funds £	Combined 2019/20 Total Funds £
Income and endowments from:					
Voluntary income	2	-	-	-	37,500
Investments	3	159,973	-	159,973	148,950
Other	4	-	2,851	2,851	-
Total income		159,973	2,851	162,824	186,450
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	138,443	105,568	244,011	163,582
Other	6	-	7,090	7,090	20,369
Total expenditure		138,443	112,658	251,101	183,951
Net gains / (losses) on investments	9	22,746	725,567	748,313	(740,940)
Fair Value Movements		(21)	319	298	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		44,255	616,079	660,334	(738,441)
Reconciliation of total funds:					
Brought forward	11,12	125,608	3,136,478	3,262,086	4,000,527
Carried forward	11,12	169,863	3,752,557	3,922,420	3,262,086

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains and losses other than those shown above.

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 Total £	Combined 2020 Total £
Fixed assets:			
Investments	9	3,685,965	3,201,996
Total fixed assets		3,685,965	3,201,996
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		324,037	119,699
Short term deposits		298	476
Total current assets		324,335	120,175
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(87,880)	(60,085)
Net current assets		236,455	60,090
Total net assets		3,922,420	3,262,086
The funds of the charity:			
Expendable Endowment funds		3,453,432	2,896,386
Permanent Endowment Funds		299,125	240,092
Unrestricted funds		169,863	125,608
Total funds	11,12	3,922,420	3,262,086

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustee.



Caroline Al-Beyerty

Chamberlain of London & Chief Financial Officer

9 December 2021

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the charity.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the 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) (second edition effective 1 January 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity usually only spends the income that is generated from donations and investments, so maintaining its capital base.

In making this assessment, the Trustee has considered the potential impact of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on the value of investment assets held, future income levels and the liquidity of the charity over the next 12-month period from the date of signing these financial statements. The general policy of only approving expenditure commitments from available income provides the flexibility to ensure the long-term viability of the charity despite reductions in investment values that have occurred. For this reason, the Trustee continues to adopt a going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

(c) Key management judgements and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenditure. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the result of which form the basis of decisions about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected. Management do not consider there to be any material revisions requiring disclosure.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) Statement of Cash Flows

As per section 14.1 of the Charities SORP the Charity is not required to produce a statement of cash flows on the grounds that it is a small entity.

(e) Income

All income is included in the Statements of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity are legally entitled to the income; it is more likely than not that economic benefit associated with the transaction will come to the charity and the amount can be quantified with reasonable certainty. Income consists of donations, investment income, interest on cash balances and the receipt of funds from the closure of the Sir Robert Peel Statue Charity.

(f) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is classified under the principal category of 'expenditure on charitable activities'. Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity does not employ any staff. Officers of the City Corporation provide additional administrative assistance to the charity when required. From 2021/22, the City Corporation, as Trustee, has taken a decision to seek full reimbursement for the administration costs incurred from each of its charities.

(g) Taxation

The charity meets the definition of a charitable trust for UK income tax purposes, as set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010. Accordingly, the charity is exempt from UK taxation in respect of income or capital gains under part 10 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(h) Investments

Investments are made in the City of London Charities Pool (charity number 1021138) which is an investment mechanism operating in a similar way to a unit trust. This enables the City of London Corporation to "pool" small charitable investments together and consequently obtain better returns than would be the case if investments were made individually.

Investments are valued at bid-price. Gains and losses for the year on investments held as fixed assets are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(i) Funds structure

Income, expenditure and gains/losses are allocated to particular funds according to their purpose:

Permanent endowment fund – this fund consists of funds which are held in perpetuity for the benefit of the charity as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Income generated from the investments which represent these funds can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity, hence is allocated to the expendable endowment fund. Gains/losses on the underlying assets remain as part of the endowment.

Expendable endowment fund – this fund consists of funds that are expendable as a result of conditions imposed by the original donors and trusts. Funds can also be invested to generate income which can be spent on the charitable purpose of the charity.

Restricted funds – these include income that is subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors, with related expenditure deducted when incurred.

Unrestricted designated funds – these are funds set aside by the Trustee out of unrestricted funds for a specific purpose.

Unrestricted general funds - these funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

(j) Insurance

The charity, elected Members and staff supporting the charity's administration are covered by the City Corporation's insurance liability policies, and otherwise under the indemnity the City Corporation provides to Members and staff, funded from City's Cash.

2. INCOME FROM VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

	Endowment funds 2020/21 £	Combined Endowment funds 2019/20 £
Donations and legacies	-	37,500
Total	-	37,500

3. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds 2020/21 £	Combined unrestricted funds 2019/20 £
Investment income	157,477	147,829
Interest	2,496	1,121
Total	159,973	148,950

4. OTHER INCOME

	Endowment funds 2020/21 £	Combined endowment funds 2019/20 £
Transfer of funds from closed charities:		
Sir Robert Peel Statue	2,851	-
Total	2,851	-

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds Direct costs £	Endowment funds Direct costs £	Combined 2020/21 £
Bursaries awarded	138,443	105,568	244,011
Total	138,443	105,568	244,011

	Unrestricted funds Direct costs £	Endowment funds Direct costs £	Combined 2019/20 £
Bursaries awarded	123,565	40,017	163,582
Total	123,565	40,017	163,582

Charitable activities consist of 21 bursaries (2019/20: 11).

6. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Endowment funds	Combined Endowment funds
	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Professional fees	7,090	20,369
Total	7,090	20,369

7. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

BDO LLP are the auditors of the City of London's City's Cash Fund and all of the different charities of which it is Trustee. The City of London Corporation charges the audit fee to its City's Cash Fund and does not attempt to apportion the audit fee between the different charities.

From 2021/22 the City Corporation, as Trustee, has taken a decision to seek reimbursement for the audit fee incurred from each of its charities. In 2020/21 no audit fee was recharged (2019/20: £nil). No other services were provided to the charity by its auditors during the year (2019/20: nil).

8. TRUSTEE'S EXPENSES

The members of the City of London Corporation acting on behalf of the Trustee did not receive any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during 2020/21 (2019/20: nil).

9. INVESTMENTS

The investments are held in the City of London Corporation Charities Pool, a charity registered in the UK with the Charity Commission (charity number 1021138). The Charities Pool is a UK registered unit trust.

The value of investments held by the charity are as follows:

	Total 2020/21	Combined 2019/20
	£	£
Market value 1 April	3,201,996	3,810,161
Additions	-	132,775
Transferred	1,233	-
Disposals	(265,577)	-
Gain / (loss) for the year	748,313	(740,940)
Market value 31 March	3,685,965	3,201,996
Total cost 31 March	2,245,793	2,561,939
Total units held in Charities Pool	416,870	451,176

9. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The type of listed investments held as at 31 March was as follows:

	Combined 31 March 2021 £	Combined 31 March 2020 £
Equities	3,439,005	2,840,170
Pooled Units	195,356	217,736
Cash held by Fund Manager	51,604	144,090
Total	3,685,965	3,201,996

10. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Combined 31 March 2021 £	Combined 31 March 2020 £
Bursaries awarded	87,880	60,085
Total	87,880	60,085

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

At 31 March 2021

	Endowment				
	Unrestricted funds	Permanent Funds	Expendable Funds	Total 31 March 2021	Total 31 March 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - investments	115,256	299,125	3,271,584	3,685,965	3,201,996
Current assets	54,607	-	269,728	324,335	120,175
Current liabilities	-	-	(87,880)	(87,880)	(60,085)
Total	169,863	299,125	3,453,432	3,922,420	3,262,086

At 31 March 2020

	Endowment				
	Unrestricted funds	Permanent Funds	Expendable Funds	Total 31 March 2020	Total 31 March 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets - investments	92,509	240,092	2,869,395	3,201,996	3,810,161
Current assets	33,099	-	87,076	120,175	232,778
Current liabilities	-	-	(60,085)	(60,085)	(42,412)
Total	125,608	240,092	2,896,386	3,262,086	4,000,527

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

At 31 March 2021	Total 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & (losses) £	Total 31 March 2021 £
Endowment funds:					
Expendable	2,896,386	2,851	(112,658)	666,853	3,453,432
Permanent	240,092	-	-	59,033	299,125
Unrestricted funds:					
Designated funds	96,325	2,169	(2,840)	22,725	118,379
General funds	29,283	157,804	(135,603)	-	51,484
Total funds	3,262,086	162,824	(251,101)	748,611	3,922,420

At 31 March 2020	Total 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & (losses) £	Total 31 March 2020 £
Endowment funds:					
Expendable	3,579,159	41,713	(60,386)	(664,100)	2,896,386
Permanent	294,998	-	-	(54,906)	240,092
funds:					
Designated funds	126,370	4,169	(12,280)	(21,934)	96,325
General funds	-	140,568	(111,285)	-	29,283
Total funds	4,000,527	186,450	(183,951)	(740,940)	3,262,086

A gain of £748,313 (2019/20: loss of £740,940) occurred on investments, based on valuations as at 31 March 2021. The valuations are linked to the UK stock market, which experienced a significant fall during February and March 2020 as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Most of the losses that occurred have now reversed although valuations have not yet fully recovered to the levels seen in October 2019.

Purpose of endowment funds

The permanent endowment fund is held in perpetuity as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity.

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS (CONTINUED)

The expendable endowment fund is invested as a capital fund to generate income for the activities of the charity, including support in the form of bursaries and other forms of financial assistance in accordance with the objectives of the charity.

Purpose of restricted funds

The scheme granted by the Charity Commission on the 22 December 2020 removes the restrictions relating to the bequest from the estate of Ronald Charles Sansom. A restricted fund was held within the charity, being the bequest from the estate of Ronald Charles Sansom. The restriction was to relieve poverty of pupils who hold a scholarship or bursary by funding additional costs associated with schooling.

Purpose of unrestricted income funds

A designated fund is held by the charity, being the bequest from the estate of Rodney FitzGerald. The purpose of this designation is to provide support in the form of bursaries to students with sporting ability.

The unrestricted general funds held within the charity can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee and include income generated by assets held within the permanent and expendable endowment funds.

13. MERGER

On 22 December 2020, the Charity Commission granted the approval of a further scheme, which altered and amended the 2011 scheme to merge the Funds, the City of London School Bursary Fund (Charity 1), and the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund (Charity 2), to create a single fund with consolidated objectives to now be known as CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (Charity).

As part of the merger and update to the Scheme, all of the City of London School Scholarships and Prizes Fund is to be treated as expendable endowment, including the bequest from the estate of Ronald Charles Sansom.

13. MERGER (CONTINUED)

Analysis of principal SOFA components for 2020-21

	Charity 1 (pre- merger) £	Charity 2 (pre- merger) £	Charity (post- merger) £	Combined total £
Total income	83,513	34,201	45,110	162,824
Total expenditure	176,608	1,136	73,357	251,101
Net income/(expenditure)	(93,095)	33,065	(28,247)	(88,277)
Other gains/(losses)	402,127	170,778	175,706	748,611
Net movement in funds	309,032	203,843	147,459	660,334

Analysis of principal SoFA components for 2019-20

	Charity 1 £	Charity 2 £	Combined total £
Total income	145,448	41,002	186,450
Total expenditure	176,446	7,505	183,951
Net income/(expenditure)	(30,998)	33,497	2,499
Other gains/(losses)	(536,339)	(204,601)	(740,940)
Net movement in funds	(567,337)	(171,104)	(738,441)
Total funds brought forward	2,880,251	1,120,276	4,000,527
Total funds carried forward	2,312,914	949,172	3,262,086

Analysis of net assets at the date of the merger

	Charity 1 £	Charity 2 £	Combined total £
Net assets	2,621,946	1,153,015	3,774,961
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	114,287	62,946	177,233
Restricted funds	-	146,358	146,358
Endowment funds	2,507,659	943,711	3,451,370
Total funds	2,621,946	1,153,015	3,774,961

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The City Corporation is the sole Trustee of the charity, as described on page 2.

The charity is required to disclose information on related party transactions with bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the charity. Members are required to disclose their interests, and these can be viewed online at www.cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Members and senior staff are requested to disclose all related party transactions, including instances where their close family has made such transactions.

Related party	Connected party	2020/21 £	2019/20 £	Detail of transaction
Charities Pool	The Trustee of the charity	157,477	147,829	Distribution from the Charities

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

CHARITY NAME & NUMBER:

CLS Bursary and Awards Fund (276654).

PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CHARITIES & THE CITY CORPORATION:

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The Mayor and Commonalty & Citizens of the City of London

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Dr Peter Kane – The Chamberlain of the City of London Corporation (retired 30 April 2021)

Solicitor

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