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Leweston School Trust
(A Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 July 2022

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Leweston School Trust

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The Governors of Leweston School are pleased to present their report for 2021-22

The School

Leweston is a thriving school with a rich history, providing outstanding education to children from 3 months to 18 years of age. We offer an environment where children feel comfortable to learn and grow, providing them with diverse opportunities, encouraging them to try new experiences and achieve more than they thought possible. As a family-focused, community school, we are experts in understanding our pupils, instilling in them the independence, resilience and sense of adventure needed to go into the world with confidence.

Our Vision

In 2016 we published an ambitious strategic vision; to provide high quality, competitively priced education. Based on close analysis of the demographics, a comprehensive plan was produced to support this repositioning. During 2021 we reviewed and updated this work to include a detailed financial model and 30-year investment plan. The new Strategic Plan was published in the summer of 2022.

Growth and Business Plan

September 2022 saw the ninth consecutive year of growth for the Prep and the fifth for the Senior School. This resulted in just over 600 children being educated on campus.

In September 2022 Leweston was visited by the Independent Schools Inspectorate who conducted an inspection across all ages of the school. Leweston Nursery was deemed Outstanding in all areas, the quality of Leweston pupils' academic and other achievements was good with the quality of the pupils' personal development considered excellent. Leweston also met all the standards required in the Focused Compliance Inspection. During their visit the Reporting Inspector noted how mature, helpful and well-mannered the pupils were in interviews and lessons and we were particularly delighted by the recognition that 'pupils throughout the school ... are strongly supportive of each other and enjoy working together, whilst having the confidence to proffer different views', as this reflects the strength of a community that we work hard to achieve.

This continued growth within the School, combined with strategic financial planning places Leweston in a most advantageous position for future development. Our numbers remain buoyant and we are close to reaching capacity. Our boarding enquiries, both domestic and international, continue to grow and we are engaged with new markets. Most importantly, as a business we have seen the reduction of the substantial deficit to almost zero in the latest set of accounts. This has been our priority as it is critically important to us to see Leweston flourish financially as well as educationally. Looking forward, our financial projections indicate that we will be able to undertake increasingly ambitious initiatives. The quarter of a million pound expenditure to date has been in the necessary, but less than exciting, world of boilers, swimming pool filters and roofs but we look forward to more visible projects in the near future supported by individuals who believe in this vision and continue to engage with us as we deliver it.

None of this would be possible, of course, without the unrivalled dedication of the staff body, and the unswerving support of our parent community.

Mr Ian Lucas

Chair of Governors

Governors

Mr Ian Lucas** (elected 24 June 2020) Chair of Governors
Mr Dermot McKechnie* (elected 12 June 2018)
Deacon Mark Brown** (elected 14 January 2019)
Mrs Doreen Martin (elected 4 December 2019)
Ms Valerie Simmons De Fontanals* (elected 4 December 2019)
Mrs Sarah Crowther** (elected 16 September 2020)
Mrs Rebecca Peacock (elected 16 September 2020)
Professor Antony Meehan* (elected 11 May 2021)
Mr Simon Greenwood (elected 11 May 2021)
Lieutenant General Sir James Dutton* (elected 1 July 2022)
Mr Paul Felbeck* (elected 22nd June 2022)
Mrs Janet Schofield** (elected 22nd June 2022)

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** Education Committee

Clerk to the Governors

Lieutenant Colonel Paul (Gus) Scott-Masson

Officers

Head: John Paget-Tomlinson BA Hons, MA (London), MSc, MRes (London), PGCE
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The Governors, who are also the members and directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Documents

The governing documents of the Trust are the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The Articles of Association were last amended in March 2014, reducing both the minimum number of governors required on the Board and the quorum, and also making changes to the number and appointment of the Foundation Governors.

Governing Body

The Governors are required under the Articles to serve as Directors and Members of the Trust which is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. The Governors are divided into two categories; a Governor who is appointed by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth and Governors appointed through the normal system. The Articles require that 50% of Governors are of the Catholic faith. Governors serve a term of three years and are eligible to stand for re-election for a further two terms or longer in exceptional circumstances. Governors are responsible for the governance of both the Senior and Preparatory Schools. The Governing Body aims to comply with the Charity Governance Code for larger charities issued by the Charity Governance Code Steering group.

Governor Recruitment and Training

Governors are appointed who provide a balance of personal competence, specialist expertise and experience relevant to the running of an independent Catholic school. New appointments are selected to fill identifiable gaps in the Board's existing skills and to meet the needs of good governance.

Induction is organised by the Bursar in order to familiarise new Governors with both Schools and their statutory responsibilities and obligations.

They are provided with 'Guidelines for Governors', a manual of good practice for the governors of independent schools and encouraged to attend seminars on good governance run by the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools (AGBIS).

Each year Governors are informed of training courses run by the School's accountants, solicitors, AGBIS and other organisations, to keep them updated on relevant changes to Charity law and their own responsibilities. In addition, in accordance with best practice, the School has undertaken a full review of its governance, facilitated by an external consultant and is acting on the recommendations.

Organisational Management

The Governors meet as a Board three times a year to determine the general policy of the Trust and review its overall management and control for which they are legally responsible. The work of scrutinising the Trust's policies and performance is carried out by the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GPC), which meets five times a year, and the Education Committee, which meets termly. Specific Governors have additional responsibilities for Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Protection and Enterprises and participate in the deliberations of the School's officers in these areas, reporting to the full Board directly, or via the committees which meet at least three times a year and often more frequently. The day to day running of the School is delegated to the Heads supported by the Senior Leadership Teams. The Heads and the Bursar also meet for a weekly business meeting during term time and attend the Board and all committee meetings.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Risk Management

The Board of Governors is responsible for the management of risk. A detailed Risk Management Plan is prepared by the Bursar and broken down into risks which are owned by the various committees, or the Board itself. The risks are reviewed twice a term by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and termly by the Education Committee and submitted to the Board for approval. Key strategic areas that are addressed include the academic standards, market position, long term financial stability and continued investment in the Trust's resources and facilities.

Key controls used by the School include:

- Strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- Established organisational structure and lines of reporting including a Health and Safety Committee with Governor representation;
- Comprehensive written policies;
- Compliance with the procedures for the safeguarding of children and other regulatory requirements;
- Formal agenda and minutes for Board, Committee and Senior Management meetings.

The Governors are satisfied that the Trust has established resources and review of systems which, under normal conditions, would allow those risks to be mitigated to an acceptable and reasonable level.

OUR AIM

To be a national leader in diamond edge education, offering high quality, individual education to day and boarding pupils within a competitive and flexible fee model. To deliver this within a distinctive Catholic ethos underpinned by the School's values of community, opportunity and respect.

OUR MISSION

To provide a well-rounded and relevant education to boys and girls focused on the individual learner, instilling an independence, resilience and willingness to try which provides pupils with the confidence to meet the challenges of the wider world. To build a community of courtesy, respect and affection that has at its heart prayer and service to others.

SCHOOL AIMS

To give pupils an experience of life in a Christian community:

By affirming each individual as a sacred and unique part of God's creation, and nurturing in each person a sense of dignity and self-worth

By valuing diversity and appreciating the contribution that every pupil makes to the life of the School

To provide the highest quality of teaching and learning, which is responsive to and supportive of the needs and aspirations of the individual:

By fostering intellectual curiosity, a desire to seek truth, and a life-long love of learning

By enabling pupils to discover their own strengths and weaknesses, to learn from 'failures', and to develop the determination to persevere, in order to pursue their goals

By supporting all pupils in their pursuit of academic and personal excellence and ensuring every pupil can take part in the School curriculum

To provide a programme of sport and outdoor learning accessible to all which supports and enhances pupils' personal development and academic achievements.

To forge relationships of trust and mutual respect between staff and students which contribute to the success of pupils in all aspects of School life.

To inspire pupils to develop their God-given gifts and be happy with who they are.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The School's strategic plan for 2022-2027 focuses on five strategic goals based on the school's values:

Community – to create a family community of shared aspirations and values which engenders a strong sense of belonging for parents, pupils and staff alike.

Opportunity – to provide the widest range of opportunity to our pupils, preparing them take their place in the world.

Expertise – to demonstrate the depth and breadth of experience in all aspects of the Leweston offering and the impact this has on our pupils.

Identity – to develop and communicate a strong sense of who and what we stand for.

Accountability – to maintain the highest standards in education and do so with integrity, effective leadership and efficiency. The strategic plan is available in full on the school website.

INVESTMENT

During the financial year 2021/22 the School has invested over a quarter of million pounds in capital expenditure. Development projects have included:

- Upgrades to the Swimming Pool
- Networking upgrade to support Bring Your Own Device to School
- New computers and software as well as new screens for teaching classrooms
- Materials for the academic departments
- The purchase of a 17 seater minibus
- Fire Suppression upgrade work
- General repairs and Health and Safety improvements
- Further Work to the driveway and car parks
- New maintenance equipment

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Leweston School is a charitable trust which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its stated aims. As an important part of its function, the school audits on an ongoing basis the public benefit it provides. For further information visit: <https://www.schoolstogether.org/case-studies/?schoolId=94742>

The School educates 606 children and the standard of education are judged by the Independent Schools Inspectorate and OFSTED to be of a high standard. The inspection reports of both bodies provide evidence of this and are freely available. By educating these children in the private sector the School saves the public purse a seven-figure sum by way of indirect public benefit:

- The School's fees are less than many similar schools in the region

- The School provides access to children from less affluent backgrounds by way of scholarships and means-tested bursary awards
- The Prep School trains and inducts PGCE and BEd Primary students from Plymouth University. It receives no funding from government for this undertaking and therefore provides benefit to the teaching profession
- The School is responsible for maintaining the historic buildings and gardens
- The School has an active charitable giving programme which raises thousands of pounds for charities in the UK and abroad
- The School opens a wide variety of its facilities to the local community and has strong links with business and charity groups in the surrounding area.
- The School offers subsidised weekly Forest School and Aquatots for parent and toddler groups.
- The School welcomes maintained sector schools onsite for events and to use the sports facilities.

PENTATHLON ACADEMY

As one of only nine Pentathlon Training Hubs in the UK the School makes a significant contribution to the Pentathlon GB Pathway and is one of the cornerstones of the GB Squad. The Hub caters for athletes of all abilities and any pupil in the School can join. Leweston's highly experienced GB coach, Mick Flaherty, organises and delivers dedicated training and mentoring programmes tailored to individual needs and abilities. The School also has its own Pentathlon Club which is open to the local community. The Club is a member of Pentathlon GB and Triathlon England and is primarily aimed at children and young adults from 6 to 19 years old who are interested in combining the sports of Modern Pentathlon and Triathlon. The club aims to provide general fitness through multi-discipline training and events and provides the opportunity for everyone to have a go. All levels are catered for, from complete novices to those competing nationally and internationally, as part of Team GB. The Club has continued to operate throughout the COVID 19 pandemic adapting its training options to conform with Government regulations. More information is available on the School's website.

ACCESS

The Governors operate a Scholarship and Bursaries Policy, details of which are published on the School's website. This is designed to enable access to the School for talented pupils who would benefit from an education at Leweston.

Scholarships recognise academic excellence, music, sport, art, drama and equestrian achievement and potential and may be supplemented with means-tested bursaries with the objective of trying to ensure that those children who would best benefit from a Leweston education are able to do so. Once a child has entered the School, and whether or not they have a scholarship, the School may provide means-tested bursaries if a pupil's continuing education becomes at risk through financial hardship. A limited number of bursaries are available on entry to Leweston in cases where pupils do not meet the requirements for a scholarship.

In the year to 31 July 2022 the total value of scholarships and bursaries (excluding staff discounts and other concessions) was £1,306,754 and 197 pupils benefited in some way from awards. The School continues to give support to its pupils and to facilitate open access in many other ways. These include the provision of a Learning Support Department in both the Senior and Prep Schools which support pupils with individual needs, predominantly dyslexia. Currently these support 32 pupils. Leweston prides itself on an educational experience that realises every child's potential be it in the classroom, sports field, concert hall or studio.

EDUCATIONAL PERFROMANCE

Key Stage One

90% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level in English and Maths versus 52% nationally

95% of Leweston pupils reached at least expected level in English versus 59% (Writing) and 68% (Reading) nationally

90% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level in Maths versus 70% nationally

95% of pupils reached the expected level in Science

Key Stage Two

78% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level across all areas of the curriculum versus 59% nationally

85% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level in Reading versus 74% nationally

77.5% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level in writing versus 69% nationally

37.5% of Leweston pupils exceeded the expected level in Reading

78% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level in Maths versus 71% nationally

32.5% of Leweston pupils exceeded the expected level in Maths

92.5% of Leweston pupils reached at least the expected level in Science versus 79% nationally

GCSE

In 2022 43% of the GCSE results achieved the highest grades 7 to 9.

For the sixth year the Year 11 results were impressively higher than the national average with more than double the number of 9s. 85% of all pupils achieved at least two grades 7 to 9.

Several pupils scored a majority of 8s and 9s, in particular two, who gained an outstanding 15 grade 9s and 4 grade 8s between them.

Eleven of the different subjects on offer saw over half of all grades achieved as 9 to 7 including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Further Maths, Maths, Latin, Drama, Physical Education, Music, Fine Art and Textiles.

More information about the School's GCSE results is available on the School website.

A Level

In 2022 well over half of all the A Level results were A* or A, the fourth year running that this impressive benchmark has been achieved. More than a third of all results were A* which is over twice the national average.

A third of students gained all A*s and As between them with two students achieving 3A*s and one 3A*s and an A. Over two thirds of the year group are celebrating at least one A* or A grade.

The school's impressive record in Further Maths continues with all candidates achieving A grades. 100% of all English Literature, Religious Studies and Fine Art results were A* and A and, in the six languages taken, over two thirds of entries achieved A* and A grades.

Three of the students are making deferred applications to Oxford. In addition to this, students will be leaving to take up places at universities including Durham, Exeter, Southampton, Edinburgh, University College London, Birmingham and York on courses as diverse as Modern Languages, Psychology, Chemical Engineering, Geology, Liberal Arts and Computer Science. Russell Group universities again will be the recipient of the majority.

Leweston's exceptional teaching in Art and Design sees five of this year's leavers go on to courses in Fine Art, Photography, Fashion and Fashion Styling at some of the top Art and Design schools in the country including the University of the Arts, University for the Creative Arts, Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design and Bournemouth University.

To see the 2022 destinations in full visit the School website.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

One pupil represents the South West at the British Eventing Youth Championships

Five athletes compete at National Biathlon Championships with three athletes selected to join the GB Biathlon Team for the World Championships

Year 11, wins RS TERRA World Championships U18 (Sailing)

12 athletes take part in National Triathlon Competition with three National Champions, one bronze medallist and seven athletes selected for the GB Triathlon team for the World Championships

Two pupils represent GB Pentathlon at the International Biathlon & Laser Run in Madeira. Year 11, finishes 5th in the U17 Biathlon. Year 8, wins Silver in the U15 Laser Run.

Six athletes (plus two relay teams) represent Wessex in the National Preparatory Schools Athletics Championships. Prep 6, finishes in 13th in the U12 800m. The U13 team finishes 10th in the 4 x 100m Relay. Year 7, finishes 9th in the U13 1500m. Year 8, reaches the final of the U14 200m, where he finishes 7th. He also finishes 8th in the 300m in 41.8secs. Year 8 is 12th in the U14 1500m and Year 8 is 11th in the Long Jump. Isaac T, Year 8 finish 9th in the U14 4 x100m Relay. Year 7, runs a brilliant 800m to finish 4th in the National Final.

51 athletes take part in National Biathlon Competition, from Prep 3 to Year 11 with Gold, Silver and Bronze medals across a wide range of age groups.

Inter Girl's Athletics Team, finish 7th at the ESAA Regional A Finals

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17 athletes represent Leweston at the Junior Wessex Athletics Championships. There are 22 top ten finishes, with 26 schools attending the event.

Forty pupils represent North Dorset at the Dorset School's County Athletics Championships. 23 athletes finish on the podium, with eight Gold, twelve Silver and eleven Bronze placings. As a result, Leweston has eight new County Champions and nine pupils selected to represent Dorset at the South West Regional Champions.

Prep 5, becomes the National U10 Champion for the 25m Freestyle. Prep 5, wins Bronze in the U10 25m Breast Stroke.

Junior Girls Team come second at the ESAA Track & Field School's Cup Regional Final

Team National Title for the third year running at National County SJ Championships

Year 10, finishes 2nd in the high jump at the Millfield Open Invitation meet; wins 600m and 300m events at the North Dorset Athletics Trials; qualifies to compete at the NSEA Show Jumping Final held at the Royal Windsor Horse Show with her team in 2nd place and achieves fourth place at the European Triathlon Qualifying Championships gaining selection for Team GB.

10 athletes take part in the Leweston Triathlon Championships a qualifying event for European Triathlon Championships with two pupils selected for the GB team.

Leweston equestrian team take 2nd place at the Inter-Schools show jumping at the Platinum Jubilee Royal Windsor Horse Show.

Year 11, competes in her first BE CCI2* ODE event at Cirencester Park. Flora gains special dispensation from British Eventing Officials to compete at this level as she is not sixteen until August

Year 7 team place third in the IAPS Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships

8 athletes complete at the National Laser Run in Edinburgh with Reuben C, Year 9, becoming National Champion at U15. 5 athletes were selected for the GB Laser Run team for the European Championships

Team win at Moreton EC's NSEA Grass Roots 60cm show jumping

Equestrian Team Jubilee win 90-95cm competition to take the Royal Windsor Intermediate Qualifier and Team Marine secure the win in the 1m-1.05m for the Hickstead Elite Qualifier

Athletes take three County titles at Somerset AAA Championships in U17, U15 and U13 age groups

U11 Girls Hockey team Runners Up in In2Hockey Dorset Tournament with U12 and U13 winning the same tournament

U12 netball team take Silver at the North Dorset Netball Tournament

Athletes win Bronze and Gold medals at the National Schools Shooting Finals, three pupils crowned National Champions in Intermediate event

U12 Cross Country team win Canford Relays

Eight fencers take part in the BYC Regional Epee Competition with Year 8 3rd in U14 competition. Three pupils were selected for the Region

Individual win in the 90-95cm Intermediate NSEA Eventers Challenge qualifier at Pontispool.
Equestrian team qualifies to represent Dorset at the National County Championships

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Two teams qualify for the Hickstead Championships

Leweston Equestrian Team named NSEA SW Regional Grass Roots SJ Champions

30 athletes from minors to Sixth Form participate in Dorset School's Cross Country Championships.

Leweston was the top performing school. All five of the Leweston teams (Minor Boys, Minor Girls, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Intermediate Girls) finished on the podium, with one Team Gold, one Team Silver, and three Team Bronze medals

19 athletes take part in various age groups at British Schools' Modern Pentathlon. Leweston wins U9 team Silver, U12 Bronze, U14 Bronze and Silver, U10 Gold and U16 Silver

Year 10 trains alongside members of the GB Ski Team as part of the Snowsport England training camp

Year 9, competes at England Athletics Age Group National Indoor Championships at EIS, Sheffield, winning a Silver medal in the U15 Girls' Pole vault

32 pupils from Leweston Prep run at Clayesmore XC Relays, 3 of the Prep teams made the podium and 2 pupils ran individual fastest lap times

7 boys and 20 girls take part in the National Schools Biathlon

Sixteen athletes travelled to Malvern College to compete in the National Prep Schools Cross-country Championships. The U13 girls take 6th place.

Year 11, represents Bath Rugby DPP

Year 12, achieves Grade 8 distinction on flute

Schola Cantorum and Baroque Ensemble, Flute Group, Recorder Consort, Clarinet Solo, Piano Solo, and Jazz Band perform at the Sherborne Abbey Festival.

Prep 6, wins National Competition to design the livery for the AW149 (Leonardo's latest generation multi-role helicopter)

Prep 6 wins the Leweston Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Competition 2022.

Year 9 STEM CREST award students showcase their projects to parents, staff and students

Year 7 pupils receive replies from the Houses of Parliament and Sir David Attenborough to their letters on global issues

The RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) visit Leweston Prep school to award William H, Prep 6, a certificate for raising £400 for the charity

5 students won the Leweston Enterprise Challenge, designing an event to be run by the Enterprise department with the aim of raising funds for the school

Prep 4, 5 and 6 receive certificates for their public speaking awards

Year 8 and 9 pupils enter a poetry writing competition run by the Somerset Literacy Trust. Leweston students dominated the awards with First, Second and Third prizes

Year 10, features in Sherborne Times 'unearthed' piece for her success in the Nancy Rothwell Award

Year 7 and 8 Choir win the Bishop Fox's Cup at Taunton Festival. Schola Cantorum win the John Cole Cup

3 pupils attend the first round of the Pro Corda Chamber Music Festival 2022. The only national festival to exclusively promote and celebrate chamber music within schools. Two Year 8 and one Prep 6, made it through to the National Pro Corda Competition

Prep 5 wins an Instagram competition to have a telephone call from Kenton Cool at the South Pole. He shared facts and stories with her class

GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the School will continue in operational existence for 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

At the balance sheet date, the School had net current liabilities of £2,230,231 (inclusive of £750,000 of short term loans). Creditors falling due in more than year include other loans due to the Funding Group of £2,248,508 which was originally re-payable on 21 December 2022 and £1,000,000 repayable on 31 July 2025 (together the "Loans").

On 5th January 2023 the School entered into revised agreements in relation to the Loans and £550,000 of the short term loans which extended their maturity through to 2032 with no payments of principal due prior to March 2024.

The Governors have prepared projected cash flow forecasts for the five years to July 2027 which show that the School is expected to have sufficient available cash for 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Achieving the forecast cash flows is reliant upon maintaining existing pupil numbers, achieving target numbers in future years and on-going cost efficiencies. Although they recognise that inherently there can be no certainty in relation to these matters, the Governors are confident that the School will meet these targets and remain within its projected cash flow forecast.

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The School recorded an operating deficit of £6,888 (2021 deficit: £596,410) which represents a significant improvement compared to the previous financial year. Since July 2021 the School has increased its pupil numbers from 564 in 2020-21 to 615 in January 2023.

With the growth in pupil numbers the position of the School moving forward is positive although as referred to last year, the School is facing significant cost increases in relation to many of the goods and services it purchases, including, for example, energy costs and food. Against this backdrop, the Governors made the difficult decision to announce a mid-year fee increase effective from the Summer term 2023.

Freehold land and buildings

The School continues to invest in the land and buildings whilst mindful of our Grade 1 and 2 Listings.

Ancillary and Trading Income

The Trust has a wholly-owned subsidiary, Leweston Enterprises Limited ("Leweston Enterprises"), which provides leisure and letting facilities to the pupils and staff of Leweston School, to the local community and to the general public.

In view of the challenging economic conditions, the Governors have closely examined the activities of Leweston Enterprises and have decided to reduce some of the services that it provides. In doing this, the Governors have been very mindful of the services that it provides to the local community.

Reserves Policy

The School holds reserves both restricted and unrestricted and an endowment fund. The School's policy is that unrestricted reserves should not be accumulated from year to year, unless for a specific capital project; any surplus generated is invested in developing the buildings and resources of the School. The Trust's unrestricted funds are a result of the revaluation of the land and buildings at the year-end.

Remuneration Policy

The Governing Body takes into consideration the recommendations of the F&GPC when agreeing annual budgets for staff remuneration. Academic staff salaries are reviewed annually in the light of national awards to take effect from 1st September. Support Staff are reviewed annually looking at government changes and market rates for specific roles.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

Statement of Governors' responsibilities

The Governors (who are directors of the Leweston School Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Governors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, *the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Governors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standard 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Governors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure to our auditors

In so far as the Governors are aware at the time of approving our Governors' annual report:

- There is no relevant information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing their report of which the group's auditor is unaware; and
- The Governors have each taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of the information

AUDITOR

The auditors, Albert Goodman LLP, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the Governors on by:

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Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Lucas

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Company Secretary: Lt Col Paul Scott-Masson

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Leweston School Trust for the Year Ended 31 July 2022, which comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities, the consolidated and parent charitable company Balance Sheets, the consolidated and parent charitable company Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2022, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material uncertainty relating to going concern

We draw your attention to note 1.2 of the financial statements which indicates that the School's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the School's cash flow remaining within the loan facilities. As stated in note 1.2, these conditions indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast doubt on the School's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Governors, which includes the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report included within the Report of the Governors have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report included within the Report of the Governors.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities, the Governors (who are also the directors of the parent charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Governors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governors are responsible for assessing the group and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of Independent Auditors.

The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities included fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the group and parent charitable company through discussions with Governors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- We focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment, Charity Act 2011 and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the group and parent charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and

- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators including the Health and Safety Executive, and the company's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any,

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the group and parent charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group and parent charitable company's members and Governors 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 group and parent charitable company and the group and parent charitable company's members as a body and the parent charitable company's Governors as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

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Joseph Doggrell FCA BSc (Hons) (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Albert Goodman LLP, Statutory Auditor

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Date:

Leweston School Trust

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

For the Year Ended 31 July 2022

		Un- restricted funds	Restricted funds	En- dowment fund	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Income:						
Donations and gifts	1d	57,547	-	-	57,547	65,963
Charitable activities						
School fees and extras	1a	7,393,882	-	-	7,393,882	5,828,932
Investment income	1b	311	-	-	311	845
Other income	1c	450,884	-	-	450,884	369,427
Total income		7,902,624	-	-	7,902,624	6,265,167
Expenditure:						
Costs of raising funds						
Trading expenses	2	499,205	-	-	499,205	402,422
Marketing costs	2	61,851	-	-	61,851	61,951
Investment management fees	2	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities						
School operating costs	2	7,402,033	-	-	7,402,033	6,538,045
Total expenditure		7,963,089	-	-	7,963,089	7,002,418
Net income/(expenditure) for the year before transfers and gains and losses		(60,465)	-	-	(60,465)	(737,251)
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-	-
Net gains on investments	12	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		(60,465)	-	-	(60,465)	(737,251)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		1,435,357	210	500,000	1,935,567	2,672,818
Total funds carried forward		1,374,892	210	500,000	1,875,102	1,935,567

The statement of financial activities has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations. There were no gains or losses arising in the year that are not shown above.

The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£ Group	£ Charity	£ Group	£ Charity
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	7	7,803,004	7,662,350	7,806,260	7,683,203
Intangible assets	8	-	-	-	-
Investment in subsidiary	9	-	1	-	1
		<u>7,803,004</u>	<u>7,662,351</u>	<u>7,806,260</u>	<u>7,683,204</u>
Current assets					
Stock	10	159,168	56,078	91,344	32,460
Debtors	11	2,245,367	2,709,699	1,994,802	2,387,025
Investments	12	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		229,821	189,681	125,807	97,326
		<u>2,634,356</u>	<u>2,955,458</u>	<u>2,211,953</u>	<u>2,516,811</u>
Liabilities:					
Creditors falling due within one year	13	(5,313,750)	(5,185,689)	(4,835,430)	(4,762,298)
Net current liabilities		<u>(2,679,394)</u>	<u>(2,230,231)</u>	<u>(2,623,477)</u>	<u>(2,245,487)</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	14	(3,248,508)	(3,248,508)	(3,247,216)	(3,247,216)
Total net assets		<u>1,875,102</u>	<u>2,183,612</u>	<u>1,935,567</u>	<u>2,190,501</u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds	15	210	210	210	210
Unrestricted funds	15	(361,364)	(52,854)	(330,147)	(75,213)
Revaluation reserve	15	1,736,256	1,736,256	1,765,504	1,765,504
Endowment fund	15	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Total charity funds		<u>1,875,102</u>	<u>2,183,612</u>	<u>1,935,567</u>	<u>2,190,501</u>

The Governors have prepared group accounts in accordance with section 399 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 138 of the Charities Act 2011. These accounts constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the charitable company.

The notes from pages 19 – 39 form part of these accounts.

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

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Chair of Governors: Mr Ian Lucas

		Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£
	Notes	Group	Group
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movements in funds for the year		(60,465)	(737,251)
(Gains)/losses on investments		-	-
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Depreciation	7	222,880	226,935
Amortisation	8	-	8,171
Interest receivable	1b	(311)	(163)
Dividends received	1b	-	(682)
Interest payable		-	19,872
<i>Working capital adjustments</i>			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	10	(67,824)	(17,306)
Decrease/(increase) in trade debtors	11	(250,565)	(109,972)
(Decrease)/increase in trade creditors	12	529,612	1,002,876
Net cash flow from operations		373,327	392,480
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable	1b	311	163
Dividends received	1b	-	682
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	25,352
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	7	(219,624)	(556,591)
Payments to acquire investments	12	-	-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from investing activities		(219,313)	(530,394)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loans received		-	250,000
Loans repayments		(50,000)	(350,000)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities		(50,000)	(100,000)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		104,014	(237,914)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		125,807	363,721
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		229,821	125,807
Consisting of:			
Cash at bank and in hand		229,821	125,807
		229,821	125,807

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The charitable company and its subsidiaries are a public benefit group for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the School also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

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

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the School will continue in operational existence for 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

At the balance sheet date, the School had net current liabilities of £2,230,231 (inclusive of £750,000 of short term loans). Creditors falling due in more than year include other loans due to the Funding Group of £2,248,508 which was originally re-payable on 21 December 2022 and £1,000,000 repayable on 31 July 2025 (together the "Loans").

On 5 January 2023 the School entered into revised agreements in relation to the loans and £550,000 of the short term loans which extended their maturity through to 2032 with no payments of principal due prior to March 2024. Whilst the revised agreement was signed after the year end, the Governors consider the principle to have been agreed with the lender before 31 July 2022 and, as a result, consider it appropriate that the ageing of the £2,248,508 loan in the financial statements is disclosed based on the agreement signed on 5 January 2023.

The Governors have prepared projected cash flow forecasts for the five years to July 2027 which show that the School is expected to have sufficient available cash for 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Achieving the forecast cash flows is reliant upon maintaining existing pupil numbers, achieving target numbers in future years and on-going cost efficiencies. Although they recognise that inherently there can be no certainty in relation to these matters, the Governors are confident that the School will meet these targets and remain within its projected cash flow forecast.

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

1.3 Basis of consolidation

The Trust's subsidiary began trading on 1 July 2010. These group financial statements consolidate on a line by line basis the financial statements of the School and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 July 2022. As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the parent charitable company's income and expenditure account has not been included in these financial statements. The parent charitable company's deficit for the year was £6,888 (2021 deficit: £596,410).

1.4 Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee, the guarantors at the present time being the Governors, to the extent of £1 each.

1.5 Fees receivable and similar income

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions granted by the school.

1.6 Donations and fund accounting

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

1.7 Expenditure

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

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

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

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

1.8 Leases and hire purchase contracts

Where assets are financed by finance leases and hire purchase agreements the assets are included in the Balance Sheet at cost less depreciation in accordance with the school's normal accounting policy. The present value of future rentals is shown as a liability. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the lease in proportion to the balance of capital payments outstanding.

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

1.9 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Assets that are expected to have a useful economic life of less than two years and/or cost less than £250 are not capitalised and are written off in the year of purchase.

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

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings and improvements	50 years
Plant and machinery	10 years
Fixtures and fittings	10 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computers	3 years
All weather pitch	15 years
Enterprises assets	15% reducing balance

1.10 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

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

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

Software	3 years
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1.11 Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.12 Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at their mid-market value at the balance sheet date. Investment management costs are accounted for as incidental costs of the acquisition or disposal where transaction-based, while investment income management costs are charged as expenditure out of the relevant income funds.

1.13 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.14 Financial instruments

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the charitable company's balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. With the exceptions of prepayments and deferred income all other debtor and creditor balances are considered to be basic financial instruments under FRS 102. See notes 11, 12 and 13 for the debtor and creditor notes.

1.15 Employee benefits

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

1.16 Pensions

Full-time and part-time teaching staff employed under a contract of service are eligible to contribute to the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) or the Royal London Pension Scheme. The TPS, a statutory, contributory, final salary scheme is administered by Capita Teachers' Pensions on behalf of the Department for Education and Skills.

For the TPS scheme, the costs include normal and supplementary contributions. The regular cost is the normal contribution, expressed as a percentage of salary of a teacher newly entering service, which would defray the cost of benefits payable in respect of that service. Variations from the regular pension cost are met by a supplementary contribution. This occurs if, as a result of the actuarial investigation, it is found that the accumulated liabilities for benefits to past and present teachers are not fully covered by normal contributions to be paid in the future and by the fund built up from past contributions. The normal and supplementary contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account in the year for both pension schemes.

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

1.17 Taxation

As a registered charity, the charitable company is not liable to corporation tax or capital gains tax to the extent that its income and gains are applicable to charitable purposes only. Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the company, and is therefore included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities. The charity subsidiary is able to recover Value Added Tax and therefore it is not included within the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

1.18 Key estimates and judgements

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the Governors to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

(i) Useful Economic Lives - The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to change in the estimated useful economic lives and residual value of assets. These are reassessed annually and amended where necessary to reflect current circumstances.

1a Fees receivable and incoming resources

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Gross fees	8,379,037	6,972,096
Less: Total bursaries, grants and allowances	(1,306,754)	(1,456,651)
	<u>7,072,283</u>	<u>5,515,445</u>
Extras and disbursements	321,599	313,487
	<u>7,393,882</u>	<u>5,828,932</u>

1b Investment income

	2022 £	2021 £
Interest receivable	311	163
Dividend income	-	682
	<u>311</u>	<u>845</u>

1c Other income

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 2022 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 2021 £
Rent and lettings	60,001	-	60,001	(2,239)	-	(2,239)
Other trading income	370,999	-	370,999	263,282	-	263,282
Other income	19,884	-	19,884	108,384	-	108,384
	<u>450,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>450,884</u>	<u>369,427</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>369,427</u>

1d Donations and gifts

	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 2022 £	Unres- tricted £	Res- tricted £	Total 2021 £
Income donations and gifts	57,547	-	57,547	65,963	-	65,963
	<u>57,547</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57,547</u>	<u>65,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,963</u>

2 Total expenditure

	Staff costs £	Other £	Depreciation and amortisation £	Total 2022 £
Cost of raising funds				
Trading expenses	195,375	287,168	16,662	499,205
Marketing costs	-	61,851	-	61,851
Investment management fees	-	-	-	-
	<u>195,375</u>	<u>349,019</u>	<u>16,662</u>	<u>561,056</u>
Charitable activities				
Teaching costs	3,779,545	100,473	-	3,880,018
Welfare	222,964	635,591	-	858,555
Premises	157,751	881,050	221,628	1,260,429
Support costs of schooling (2a)	722,468	679,754	-	1,402,222
Governance costs (2b)	-	809	-	809
Loss on disposal of shares	-	-	-	-
	<u>4,882,728</u>	<u>2,297,677</u>	<u>221,628</u>	<u>7,402,033</u>
	<u>5,078,103</u>	<u>2,646,696</u>	<u>238,290</u>	<u>7,963,089</u>
	Staff costs £	Other £	Depreciation £	2021 £
Cost of raising funds				
Trading expenses	177,981	194,297	30,144	402,422
Marketing costs	-	61,951	-	61,951
	<u>177,981</u>	<u>256,248</u>	<u>30,144</u>	<u>464,373</u>
Charitable activities				
Teaching costs	3,526,444	52,047	-	3,578,491
Welfare	174,859	566,250	-	741,109
Premises	139,990	758,924	198,058	1,096,972
Support costs of schooling (2a)	409,777	697,741	-	1,107,518
Governance costs (2b)	-	13,825	-	13,825
Loss on disposal of shares	-	130	-	130
	<u>4,251,070</u>	<u>2,088,917</u>	<u>198,058</u>	<u>6,538,045</u>
	<u>4,429,051</u>	<u>2,345,165</u>	<u>228,202</u>	<u>7,002,418</u>

2a Support costs of schooling

	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff training and recruitment	37,321	29,400
Marketing activities	87,196	68,438
Marketing - commission	60,650	59,452
Central costs	398,596	413,930
Legal and professional	49,992	21,675
Finance costs	227,777	104,846
	<u>861,532</u>	<u>697,741</u>

2b Governance costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Audit and accountancy fees	14,418	13,483
Governors expenses	809	342
	<u>15,227</u>	<u>13,825</u>

3 Staff costs

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	4,262,742	3,599,623
Social security costs	357,426	312,187
Pension costs	457,935	517,241
	<u>5,078,103</u>	<u>4,429,051</u>

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022	2021
Educational staff	103	100
Support staff	61	65
Nursery staff	23	15
	<u>187</u>	<u>180</u>

The number of employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more were:

	2022 number	2021 number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

4 Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	222,880	226,935
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets - owned	-	8,171
Operating lease rentals - other	47,199	167,148
Auditors remuneration		
- Auditor's remuneration	14,418	9,925
- Audit services for the subsidiary	2,000	1,950
- Non-audit services	-	875
	<u>274,497</u>	<u>405,029</u>

5 Governors directors

The Governors were not paid or received any other benefits from employment with the school or its subsidiary in the year (2021 – £nil). No Governor received payment for professional or other services supplied to the Leweston School Trust (2021 – £nil). The Leweston School Trust has paid for directors and officers indemnity insurance.

6 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charitable company to the scheme. Contributions totalling £39,197 (2021 – £36,678) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included within the taxation and social security creditor.

Leweston School Trust considers that the key management personnel comprise the governors and the Senior Leadership Team who are the Head, Bursar, Deputy Academic Head, Deputy Head Pastoral, Director of Marketing, Director of Boarding, and Head of Prep. The total employee benefits including pension costs of the key management personnel of the group were £493,632 (2021: £488,846).

7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Group	Freehold Land and Buildings £	All Weather Pitch £	Plant & Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 August 2021	7,696,446	362,658	1,417,010	1,313,606	73,350	10,863,070
Additions	59,178	-	69,754	73,892	16,800	219,624
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(42,660)	(42,660)
At 31 July 2022	7,755,624	362,658	1,486,764	1,387,498	47,490	11,040,034
Depreciation						
At 1 August 2021	448,318	362,658	1,123,579	1,060,318	61,937	3,056,810
Charged in year	111,283	-	60,959	45,095	5,543	222,880
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	(42,660)	(42,660)
At 31 July 2022	559,601	362,658	1,184,538	1,105,413	24,820	3,237,030
Net book values						
At 1 August 2021	7,248,128	-	293,431	253,288	11,413	7,806,260
At 31 July 2022	7,196,023	-	302,226	282,085	22,670	7,803,004

7 Tangible Fixed Assets (cont.)

Charity	Freehold Land and Buildings £	All Weather Pitch £	Plant & Equipment £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 August 2021	7,647,043	362,658	1,291,809	1,301,788	73,350	10,676,648
Additions	47,931	-	49,606	73,728	16,800	188,065
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(42,660)	(42,660)
At 31 July 2022	7,694,974	362,658	1,341,415	1,375,516	47,490	10,822,053
Depreciation						
At 1 August 2021	446,613	362,658	1,069,996	1,052,241	61,937	2,993,445
Charged in year	107,304	-	53,561	42,510	5,543	208,918
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-	(42,660)	(42,660)
At 31 July 2022	553,917	362,658	1,123,557	1,094,751	24,820	3,159,703
Net book values						
At 1 August 2021	7,200,430	-	221,813	249,547	11,413	7,683,203
At 31 July 2022	7,141,057	-	217,858	280,765	22,670	7,662,350

8 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £
Cost	
At 1 August 2021	97,553
Additions	-
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At 31 July 2022	97,553
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Amortisation:	
At 1 August 2021	97,553
Charge during the year	-
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At 31 July 2022	97,553
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Balance at 31 July 2022	-
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Balance at 31 July 2021	-
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9 Investments

	Charity 2022 £	2021 £
Leweston Enterprises Limited		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
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Leweston Enterprises Limited (company no. 07212188) was incorporated in England and Wales on 6 April 2010 as a wholly owned trading subsidiary of Leweston School Trust. The parent charity holds 100% of the issued share capital and 100% of the voting rights of the subsidiary trading company.

The principal activity of the company is the attendance of commercial operations on behalf of Leweston School Trust. The subsidiary gift aids its taxable profits to Leweston School Trust, and files audited accounts with the Registrar of Companies.

A summary of the trading results is shown below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	424,515	258,643
Cost of sales	(427,937)	(338,269)
Gross (loss)/ profit	(3,422)	(79,626)
Administrative expenses	(50,155)	(61,219)
Net profit/(loss) before tax	(53,577)	(140,845)
Donation payable to Leweston School	-	-
Retained in subsidiary	(53,577)	(140,845)
The assets and liabilities were:		
Fixed assets	140,654	123,057
Current assets	248,303	162,999
Current liabilities	(697,466)	(540,989)
Total net assets	(308,509)	(254,933)
Representing:		
Called up share capital	1	1
Profit and loss account	(308,510)	(254,934)
	(308,509)	(254,933)

10 Stock

	Group £	2022 Charity £	Group £	2021 Charity £
Consumables and stores	56,078	56,078	32,460	32,460
Stock for resale	103,090	-	58,884	-
	159,168	56,078	91,344	32,460

11 Debtors

	Group	2022	Group	2021
	£	Charity	£	Charity
		£		£
Fees and extras	2,143,241	2,060,804	1,913,296	1,858,851
Less provision for doubtful debts	-	-	-	-
Other debtors	8,883	-	21,443	-
VAT and other taxes	-	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	93,243	79,486	60,063	60,063
Amount due from group undertaking	-	569,409	-	468,111
	<u>2,245,367</u>	<u>2,709,699</u>	<u>1,994,802</u>	<u>2,387,025</u>

12 Current asset investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Balance at 1 August 2021	-	25,352
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	(25,352)
Gains / (losses) from movements in valuations	-	-
Accrued interest	-	-
Cash movement	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 July 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	2022	2021
	£	£
Property	-	-
Cash	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022		2021	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£	£	£
Other loans	750,000	750,000	800,000	800,000
Trade creditors	394,927	337,976	353,017	310,784
Taxation and social security	662,475	657,338	628,101	631,916
Fees in advance	2,983,377	2,983,377	2,557,883	2,557,883
Other creditors	496,434	435,988	480,719	449,033
VAT and other taxes	5,527	-	3,028	-
Accruals	21,010	21,010	12,682	12,682
	5,313,750	5,185,689	4,835,430	4,762,298
	2022		2021	
	Group	Charity	Group	Charity
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income:				
Brought forwards	2,557,883	2,557,883	1,853,757	1,858,012
Received in the year	2,983,377	2,983,377	2,557,883	2,557,883
Released in the year	(2,557,883)	(2,557,883)	(1,853,757)	(1,858,012)
	2,983,377	2,983,377	2,557,883	2,557,883

Other loans

Other loans include an amount of £750,000 (2021: £800,000) are unsecured and are not attracting interest.

14 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group	2022	Group	2021
	£	Charity	£	Charity
		£		£
Other loans	3,248,508	3,248,508	3,209,145	3,209,145
Other creditors	-	-	38,071	38,071
	<u>3,248,508</u>	<u>3,248,508</u>	<u>3,247,216</u>	<u>3,247,216</u>

Other loans	Group	2022	Group	2021
	£	Charity	£	Charity
		£		£
Repayable by instalments:				
In one year or less	2,248,508	2,248,508	50,000	50,000
Between one and two years	-	-	50,000	50,000
Between two and five years	1,000,000	1,000,000	3,109,145	3,109,145
	<u>3,248,508</u>	<u>3,248,508</u>	<u>3,209,145</u>	<u>3,209,145</u>

Other loans

Other loans include an amount from the Funding Group of £2,218,508 (2021: £2,109,145). The loan attracted interest at 4% over the Bank of England Base Rate in the year. The amount is secured over freehold property owned by Leweston School Trust. Since the year end the school has entered into a revised agreement in relation to the loan which extended its maturity to 2032 with no due payments prior to March 2024. Whilst this agreement was signed 5 January 2023, the Governors consider that the principle that the loan was not be repayable within 12 months at the year end had been agreed by the 31 July 2022 with the lender. As a result, the ageing of this loan has been disclosed on this basis.

Other loans include an amount of £1,000,000 (2021: £1,000,000). The loan attracts interest at 3.25% over the Bank of England Base Rate. The amount is secured over freehold property owned by Leweston School Trust. At the year end this amount was repayable in full on 31 July 2025.

Other loans include an amount from Trustees of the Institute of the Religious of Christian Instruction of £30,000 (2021: £100,000). The loan was provided free of an interest charge. The amount is secured over the freehold property owned by Leweston School Trust. Since 31 July 2022 the amount outstanding of £30,000 has been donated to the school and therefore will not require repayment.

15 Summary of movement in funds

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers & valuation gains	Closing Balance
Group	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General reserve	(330,147)	7,902,624	(7,963,089)	29,248	(361,364)
Revaluation reserve	1,765,504	-	-	(29,248)	1,736,256
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
School production	210	-	-	-	210
Total restricted	210	-	-	-	210
Endowment fund	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
	1,935,567	7,902,624	(7,963,089)	-	1,875,102

Summary of movement in funds – prior year

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers & valuation gains	Closing Balance
Prior year	£	£	£	£	£
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
General reserve	377,856	6,265,167	(7,002,418)	29,248	(330,147)
Revaluation reserve	1,794,752	-	-	(29,248)	1,765,504
<u>Restricted funds</u>					
School production	210	-	-	-	210
Total restricted	210	-	-	-	210
Endowment fund	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
	2,672,818	6,265,167	(7,002,418)	-	1,935,567

16 Analysis of assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Group				
Tangible fixed assets	7,803,004	-	-	7,803,004
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	2,134,146	210	500,000	2,634,356
Current liabilities	(5,313,750)	-	-	(5,313,750)
Long term liabilities	(3,248,508)	-	-	(3,248,508)
As at 31 July 2022	1,374,892	210	500,000	1,875,102
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £
Prior year				
Group				
Tangible fixed assets	7,806,260	-	-	7,806,260
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	1,711,743	210	500,000	2,211,953
Current liabilities	(4,835,430)	-	-	(4,835,430)
Long term liabilities	(3,247,216)	-	-	(3,247,216)
As at 31 July 2021	1,435,357	210	500,000	1,935,567

17 Obligations under leases

The total future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases funded by unrestricted funds are as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Due within one year	106,159	149,770
Due between two to five years	249,337	317,997
Due in over five years	37,500	75,000
	392,996	542,767

18 Related parties

Governors are entitled to recover reasonable expenses incurred solely and directly as a result of performing their duties as a Governor and Trustee. Expenses which are likely to fall into this category include travel, subsistence, and training costs. During the year no (2021: no) Governors were reimbursed £nil in respect of travel (2021: £nil).

Mrs Sarah Gordon Wild a previously Governor who resigned 23 March 2022 had previously advanced a loan of £350,000 to the charity. No interest was charged during the year and at the year end £200,000 (2021: £250,000) was due to Mrs Sarah Gordon Wild.