

DR CHALLONER'S SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025

Charity Registration Number: 298550

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st August 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the Charity are the provision of scholarships, prizes, grants, equipment, buildings, playing fields and other assistance for the benefit of Dr Challoner's Grammar School (or "the School") and its students. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and making grants to the school. The Trust has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit. The beneficiaries of our grant making programme are ultimately the students of Dr Challoner's Grammar School.

The Trust invites applications for funding from Dr Challoner's Grammar School. The award of such grants are determined by the Trustees during Trustee meetings. In determining the award of a grant the Trustees assess whether the students of Dr Challoner's Grammar School will benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Fundraising

Making it easier for donors to give:

During the year, the Trust continued to provide more enhanced methods for donors to be able to give to the Trust. Work in this year included successfully applying to join the British Schools and Universities Foundation (BSUF) which will enable supporters of the school based in the United States to make donations to the Educational Trust in the most tax efficient manner for them. The first such donation was pledged during the Financial year ending 31 August 2025. The Trust has also streamlined its online giving choosing to utilise the facilities offered by the Charities Aid Foundation in utilising direct debits to collect donations. The concept was tested during the financial year ending 31 August 2025 and will be rolled out more fully during the next financial year.

2024 Campaign Follow Up

Following on from an incredibly strong campaign supporting the Bendrose Student Support Centre the trust continued to receive £67K from alumni and parents towards the project during the second year of the campaign.

Alumni Events:

The Educational Trust has also increased the various alumni engagement events throughout the year including a number of events in London aimed at both entrepreneurs and those working in the Finance and IT sectors. The final event celebrating our 400th Anniversary took place in the Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground in October 2024 with a number of events co-ordinated to connect us with more alumni who work in London or who are Entrepreneurs. In addition, our first event was held in New York, hosted by a DCGS Governor and an alum. The costs of this event were covered by the alum.

The main purpose of these events is not to raise money but to build long lasting relationships with alumni. Regardless of this the events raised £369 (£163 last year)

Other Restricted Donations

The Trust received other restricted donations of £44K which include the following:

- £20K for an entrepreneur fund
- £6K for a student bursary fund
- £14K grant to support Duke of Edinburgh services.
- £1.5K on the Closing the Gap Project that provided transport to enable our Sixth Form students to volunteer with disadvantaged students in local primary schools on literacy and numeracy.

The majority of these donations were passed across to the school. Where donations were not passed across, the balance is held on the balance sheet for use in 2025-26.

Annual Giving / Astra Fund

The level of continuous support from parents continues to be very encouraging. Under the Annual Giving Programme approximately 40% of parents have entered into an Agreement to make regular donations by standing order for the whole of their child's career at the School; others make individual gifts to the Trust.

A high proportion of our donors complete a Gift Aid Declaration, thus increasing the value of their gift to the Trust. In 2024-25 the value of income from this source was £175K (2023-24: £214K). This level of performance remains encouraging in the context of the cost of living crisis and when running alongside a major capital campaign.

Charity Collection Days

Dr Challoner's Grammar School runs various charity collection days for the charities supported by the school. These charities are nominated by the students of the school. The Trust administers the banking of this money and is effectively acting as an agent, passing monies collected onto the relevant charity. Therefore, this money is not shown in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA). For 2024-25 the total amount collected and passed to charities was £8.9K. (2023-24: £10.7K).

Grants made in 2024-25

The most pressing school need for 2024 was the enhancement of facilities to support student wellbeing. Originally the school had planned to build a new building on the school site for this purpose but during 2023-24 the Educational Trust had the opportunity to purchase a separate building (149 Station Road) opposite the school site. This opportunity was taken and allowed the Trust to lease the building back to the school who then used it to house support staff. This in turn freed up space in existing buildings which then allowed the school to remodel its existing buildings to provide an even more effective student wellbeing facility, cheaper than the original planned new building. The constituent parts of the project that the DCSET supported were:

- Purchase of 149 Station Road
- Repayment of 149 Station Road mortgage
- Remodelling of school spaces to create the Bendrose Student Support Centre.

Purchase of 149 Station Road (Capital Expenditure):

Contracts on the purchase were exchanged on 2 September 2024, with completion on the purchase happening on 30 September 2024. The purchase was funded via a mix of deposit (funded from donations) and mortgage with both the asset and the outstanding liability on the mortgage now appearing on the balance sheet in the statement of accounts.

The cost of purchasing 149 Station Road is shown on the Balance Sheet at £864,139.69. This comprised the £850,000 purchase price plus fees incurred that enabled the purchase to occur (for example conveyancing fees, mortgage arrangement fees etc).

The Educational Trust met the cost of the purchase via:

- £427,850 - mortgage (including arrangement fees)
- £436,289.69 - deposit from reserves

Whilst technically not a "grant" the element directly funded from reserves is included below as it represents the single largest contribution that the Educational Trust made for the benefit of students at DCGS this year.

Because the asset is not being used directly by the Educational Trust, it is classified as an investment property as it has the potential to generate income via leasing the property to a third party.

Mortgage

The mortgage that the Educational Trust entered into was with Barclays Bank and was taken out over a 15-year repayment profile with an initial mortgage term of 5 years. The mortgage conditions include interest payable at 2.15% above the bank of England base rate that prevails throughout the mortgage term.

During 2024-25 the Trust made the following payment in relation to the mortgage:

- Repayment of principal: £18,145 (leaving the outstanding balance at 31 August of £409,705)
- Interest payments: £25,530 (shown under cost of raising funds in the SOFA)
- Total: **£43,675**

Lease income and notional income:

The building is leased to Dr Challoner's Grammar School for its ongoing operations. In accordance with Charity SORP the full market value of the rent (£48K) is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. This is matched by a corresponding notional donation to the school under charitable activities below.

2024 Project: Bendrose Student Support Centre

Following the above works the school was then able to commence with the remodelling of its existing site to provide the Bendrose Student Support Centre. The new centre opened to students in September 2025. This new facility is already allowing the staff to even better support the needs of the most vulnerable students by creating space for multi agency meetings, individual and small group support, SEN assessments and specialist teaching, confidential counselling and careers guidance. The space allows pastoral staff to be located together to provide even more coherent and effective leadership in this area. It also provides a separate discrete entrance for students so that they can access the services they need privately.

Summary of expenditure in relation to the Bendrose Student Support Centre

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Total Capital Expenditure: 149 Station Road	£0	£454,435	£454,435
Total Revenue Donations supporting the creation of the student support centre	£48,000	£160,000	£208,000
Total Support given to creation of Bendrose Student Support Centre	£48,000	£614,435	£662,435

Expenditure relating to 149 Station Road can be broken down further as follows:

Application of Funds in relation to 149 Station Road that appear on the balance sheet	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Deposit for Purchase	£0	£436,290	£436,290
Repayment of Mortgage Principle	£0	£18,145	£18,145
Total Capital Expenditure: 149 Station Road	£0	£454,435	£454,435

The income on this fund is mainly from a specific capital campaign. Income received to 31 August 2025 was £372,761. There is an in-year transfer from unrestricted reserves to this fund, to fund the balance and allow the purchase of the property in 2024-25 so that students could benefit early. We expect additional income from the campaign into this fund in future years. Once received, this will be used to transfer money back to unrestricted reserves.

Other Projects Funded

In addition to this the Trust also made the following grants both direct to Dr Challoner's Grammar School ("DCGS") and to individual students of the school during the year. These awards are shown on the table on the next page.

Charitable Donations made to DCGS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Bendrose Student Support Centre Project:			
- Remodelling of existing school spaces to create the Bendrose Student Support Centre	£0	£160,000	£160,000
- Notional Donation reflecting market value of 149 Station Road lease, given to the school for peppercorn rent	£48,000	£0	£48,000
Total Donations relating to Bendrose Student Support Centre	£48,000	£160,000	£208,000
Contribution towards student toilet block refurbishments	£25,000		£25,000
Support for Duke of Edinburgh Scheme	£0	£34,000	£34,000
Prizes for Students	£3,000	£0	£3,000
Supporting travel to fixtures	£23,935	£0	£23,935
Supporting DEI education	£8,000	£0	£8,000
Provision of Curricular Facilities and equipment	£9,766	£0	£9,766
Supporting Alumni Engagement and Mentor Scheme	£10,524	£0	£10,524
Supporting school magazine	£2,016	£0	£2,016
Other educational support	£16,759	£150	£16,909
Staffing of Entrepreneur Fund		£1,000	£1,000
Closing the Gap Project		£1,552	£1,552
Bursaries to support students		£3,232	£3,232
Total Other Donations	£99,000	£39,934	£138,934
Total revenue passed to DCGS	£147,000	£199,934	£346,934
Donations of goods for Staff Wellbeing	£801		£801
Total Donations made to DCGS	£147,801	£199,934	£347,735

Other Charitable Donations made	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Longitudinal Study	£5,000	£0	£5,000
Music Scholarships to Students	£7,844	£0	£7,844
Entrepreneur Scholarships to Students		£4,500	£4,500
Bursaries directly to Students		£8	£8
Prizes directly to Students	£0	£150	£150
Total Other Charitable Donations made	£12,844	£4,658	£17,502
Total Charitable Donations	£160,645	£204,592	£365,237

Impacts of Grants Made

All grants made had a beneficial impact on the students of Dr Challoner's Grammar School. Some of the more significant impacts include:

Bendrose Student Support Centre

See narrative above for impact.

Student Toilet Refurbishments

The Trust was able to support the complete refurbishment of the student toilets in both West Court and New Court. This refurbishment has enhanced the facilities for students by providing private floor to ceiling cubicles in areas that now allow passive supervision by school staff, increasing students' feeling of safety on the school site.

Supporting Travel to Sports Fixtures:

The school is proud to encourage all students to represent the school across a range of sports and provide the opportunity for students of all levels of ability to represent the school. This is only made possible through the Educational Trust's continued support in relation to the hire of coaches and the running costs of our minibuses. Last year there were over 400 sports fixtures with over 100 competitive teams run in 13 different sports. Over 50% of students across the school are involved in competitive sport.

Grants to curriculum areas

Almost £10K of grant funding was given to the school to support curriculum enhancements including but not limited to the purchase of class sets of specialised calculators to support A Level maths teaching, binocular microscopes for use in Biology, Equipment for use in Chemistry and Physics practicals, new instruments for the music department and provision of practical equipment for Art.

Closing the Gap Project

This grant enabled the school to undertake an outreach project to local primary schools whereby our sixth form students visit and provide encouragement and support to children from disadvantaged backgrounds to enable them to access a grammar school education

Longitudinal Study

The Trust funds what we believe is a first of its kind state school Longitudinal Study examining the long term impact of a Challoner's education on our alumni. This will help the school understand how it can best support students in being lifelong learners with the characteristics to thrive in an ever changing world.

Scholarships and Bursaries

The Trust provides music scholarships to sixth form students studying music A Level to assist them with the cost of tuition on specific musical instruments to support them in preparing for the performance element of their exams.

Through the new Student Bursary funds, the Trust was able to support some of our more financially vulnerable students to access co-curricular activities through the new bursary mechanism being set up. These bursary awards have had a huge impact on those students that received them as this gave them opportunities that they would otherwise not have been able to access.

A donation from an alum has enabled a new entrepreneur scholarship fund to support students who would like to explore interesting entrepreneurial ideas with a programming element. The monies are to be used to take away the need for students to undertake paid work during their long exam holidays. It will instead give them time to develop their entrepreneurial ideas and explore whether or not they could become a valid start-up venture in the future. A part of the fund was utilised to pay a member of staff to support students and the first six scholarships were awarded during the financial year. The scheme will continue into the next financial year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Plans for the Future:

Making it easier for donors to give

The Trust continues to make life as easy for donors to give in the most efficient way. Planned improvements for 2025-26 include:

- Roll out of the option for donors to the annual fund to “self service” and set up a direct debit with the Trust with immediate effect and less administration.
- Roll out of the BSUF route for donors based in the United States to give in a tax efficient way.

Impacts of donations:

The trust will continue to make its regular donations to the school to support activities such as mental health provision, access to sporting fixtures and the school magazine, together with funding specialist curriculum resources.

In addition to this the Trust is aiming to support the school in the installation of solar panels on its school site in Summer 2026 that will have the benefits of:

- Improving the environmental sustainability of the school site
- Reducing the schools ongoing running costs
- Providing a fantastic opportunity for pupils of the school to engage with the sustainability agenda.

Reserves Levels

The Trustees review the level of reserves annually. This review takes into account the stability of likely future voluntary donations, together with gaining an understanding of what the School's future requirements are likely to be.

At the end of August 2025 the Trust held the following reserves:

- Capital reserve (new): £454K - this represents the net value of 149 Station Road, less the outstanding mortgage. This is not a cashable reserve unless the property is sold.
- Restricted reserves: £22K (2024: 322K). The reduced reserve levels mainly reflect the works completed on 149 Station Road and the Bendrose Student Support Centre. The most significant funds at the end of the year related to the entrepreneur fund (£14.5K) and student bursary funds (£6.1K)
- Unrestricted reserves: £95K (2024: £308K). The reduction in reserves was to support the above projects.

The Trustees have decided that a level of unrestricted funds of £95K at 31 August 2025 is appropriate to best assist the school in both the short and long term, having assessed likely donation levels to be received in the future.

Investment policy

The Trustees' investment powers are set down in its Declaration of Trust Deed. The deed permits the investment of monies in financial instruments and property to best meet the charity's objects.

The Trustees' current policy is to invest surplus funds in interest bearing accounts with banks. Periodically, the Trustees will review interest rates and compare with other investment opportunities.

Risk Management

The nature of the Trust is such that the main financial instruments that it deals in are mainly bank balances, and cash, with limited creditors. The Trust has not made any investments in the period other than holding the cash in its bank accounts. As such there is limited risk in the nature of the Trust's transactions.

The Trustees have assessed the risk profile of realising future income streams to ensure that it has sufficient reserves to meet its costs associated with the purchase of 149 Station Road (e.g. mortgage payments) and being able to pass across the donations to the school during 2025-26 that will support its plans. They have satisfied themselves that the property related costs and relevant donations can be made.

The biggest ongoing risk facing the Trust is donors' ability to continue to give in the face of the cost of living crisis. This risk will continue to be closely monitored throughout 2025-26.

For 2024-25 there was little impact on our donations to the Annual Fund from the Cost of Living crisis.

Outside of the impact of the cost of living crisis the principal risk faced by the Trust would be from either:

- ineffective grant making; or
- immoral fundraising practices

Either of the above would have the potential to cause reputational damage to the school or Trust thus reducing potential future fundraising capabilities.

Regarding ineffectual grant making, this risk is mitigated by having appropriate policies and non-Trustee representatives from the school including the Chief Financial and Strategy Officer and Development Director present at Trustee meetings.

Regarding fundraising practice the Trust has voluntarily subscribed to registration by the Fundraising Regulator and abides by its code of conduct. It has complied fully with these standards. It also abides by the Institute of Fundraising Code of Practice. The school is a member of the Institute of Development Professionals.

As per the Data Sharing Agreement and Financial Regulations, fundraising operations are delegated to staff at Dr Challoner's Grammar School who report regularly to the Trustees on all fundraising activities. During the last year, no complaints regarding the operation of the charity or Fundraising by the charity have been received.

The Trust only contacts parents and former students of Dr Challoner's Grammar School in line with the School's Privacy Notices. It may also contact other local businesses or charitable trusts. It does not purchase mailing lists or pass on data to other organisations unless there is a statutory reason for doing so.

The Trust recognises that it may come into contact with a number of vulnerable people as part of its fundraising activities and has a policy in place to effectively manage this. However, fundraising activities are not carried out in an intrusive manner. Approaches are made only in line with preferred communication preferences. No complaints about this procedure have been received and those who request to be removed from the database are done so in a timely manner.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust was established under a Declaration of Trust Deed dated 12 December 1987. The Trust obtained charitable status from the Charity Commission in March 1988. The objects of the Charity are the provision of scholarships, prizes, grants, equipment, buildings, playing fields and other assistance for the benefit of Dr Challoner's Grammar School and its students.

On 6 February 2012 the Trustees signed a Deed of Variation to the Declaration of Trust Deed that clarified the rules and relationships regarding the appointment and retirement of Trustees, the correction of inconsistencies in the Trust's name within the deed and codifying the circumstances under which the Educational Trust could be wound up (including clearly specifying that any assets of the Trust would pass to a charity with similar Objects).

On 18 October 2017 the Trustees signed a further Deed of Variation to the Declaration of Trust Deed that clarified various governance arrangements for the Trust including the appointment of the Chair and amended the length of time a Trustee can be absent from meetings without permission.

It is important to note that there were no changes to the Objects of the Trust during the year and that there is no intention of the Trustees to wind up the Trust.

The Deed of Variation clarifies the composition of the Trustees. There should be up to 6 Trustees comprising:

- 3 ex-officio Trustees as set out in clause 4 A (2) ("Ex-Officio Trustees"); and
- Up to 3 other Trustees appointed in accordance with clause 4 A (3) ("Appointed Trustees").

The 3 Ex-Officio Trustees are the Chair of Governors of Dr. Challoner's Grammar School, The Chair of the Governors' Finance, Audit and Risk Committee of Dr. Challoner's Grammar School; and the Headteacher of Dr. Challoner's Grammar School. Each Ex-Officio Trustee shall be entitled to hold office for so long as he or she holds the position listed above.

Appointed Trustees are appointed for terms of office of 4 years by resolution of the Trustees.

New Trustees attend a brief meeting with the Headteacher, at which the Charity's purposes and objectives are explained, and the procedures involved are summarised. Their attention is also drawn to the information available on the Charity Commission website.

New Trustees are given on their appointment:

- a copy of the Declaration of Trust and any amendments made to it; and
- a copy of the Trust fund's latest report and statement of accounts.
- The financial regulations manual.

The Trustees must meet at least twice a year to decide on the various projects to which the Trust will contribute and also to discuss the finances of the Trust.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Trust should undertake and specifically they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Key Management Personnel

The Trustees consider the board of Trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

All Trustees give of their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

To minimise the administrative burden on the Educational Trust, the Trustees authorise Dr Challoner's Grammar School and its staff to carry out the operational decisions of the Trustees under authority delegated in a document agreed by both the Trust and the School that incorporates a data sharing agreement and the delegation of financial authorities to the School. This agreement defines the responsibilities of each person and organisation involved in the administration of the Trust's affairs to avoid the duplication or omission of functions and to provide a framework of accountability for Trustees and Dr Challoner's Grammar School Staff. In summary:

The Trustees have overall responsibility for the administration of the Trust's finances. The main responsibilities include:

- ensuring that any grants or funds that are received are used only for the purposes intended;
- approval of the annual budget and reserves policy;
- approval of larger virements;
- approval of entering into the data sharing agreement and delegation of financial authorities agreement between the Trust and the School;
- approval of the Fundraising Strategy

The main responsibilities of the school's officers include:

- the initial review and recommendation to the Trustees of the draft annual income and expenditure budgets, the regular monitoring of actual expenditure and income against budget;
- the approval of virements;
- ensuring the annual accounts are produced in accordance with charity law and current recognized accounting principles;
- the drafting of the Fundraising Strategy
- ensuring the contents of the Fundraising Strategy are discharged as directed by the Trustees
- the processing of all financial transactions
- the processing of all donor details in accordance with the UK Data Protection Act 2018 and the terms of the data sharing agreement.haines
- highlighting and reporting to the Trustees on any significant issues regarding the effectiveness of the financial procedures and controls

All Trustees and school staff that have significant financial or spending powers in relation to the Trust are required to declare any financial interests they have in companies or individuals from which the Trust may purchase goods or services. The register is open to public inspection. Details of Trustee expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in note 2 to the accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

Ex officio Trustees

- Mr David Atkinson
- Mrs Stephanie Hyde (resigned 14 November 2024)
- Mr Jonathan Pearson (appointed 14 November 2024)
- Mr Paul Serkis

Appointed Trustees:

- Mr Peter Millins
- Mr Mark Haines
- Mr Christopher Barratt

Principal Office

- Dr Challoner's Grammar School, Chesham Road, Amersham, Buckinghamshire. HP6 5HA

Charity Number

- 298550

Independent Examiner

- Jake Lew, BKL Audit LLP, 35 Ballards Lane, London. N3 1XW

Bankers

- Barclays Bank PLC, 1 Churchill Place, London, England. E14 5HP

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements:

The charity Trustees are responsible for preparing a Trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity Trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

David Atkinson

27/11/2025

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Mr David Atkinson
Trustee

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Actual	Year to 31 August 2024
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS	Note	£	£	£	£
Donations and Legacies		174,870	111,485	286,355	457,324
Other trading activities		20,037	0	20,037	11,853
Investment income	3	51,932	0	51,932	2,272
Total Income		246,839	111,485	358,324	471,449
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Cost of Raising Funds	4	29,371	0	29,371	2,816
Charitable Activities	5	160,645	204,592	365,237	33,237
Other Costs	6	22,408	320	22,728	7,047
Total Expenditure		212,424	204,912	417,336	43,100
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		34,415	-93,427	-59,012	428,349
Transfers between funds		-239,626	239,626	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-205,211	146,199	-59,012	428,349
Surplus Funds brought forward		299,722	330,410	630,132	201,783
SURPLUS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		94,511	476,609	571,120	630,132

BALANCE SHEET		At 31 August 2025		At 31 August 2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investment Property	8	864,140		0	
			£864,140		0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,537		110,987	
Cash in bank and in hand	9	115,481		528,700	
			120,018		639,687
LIABILITIES					
Creditors falling due within 1 year	10	24,556		9,555	
Creditors falling due after more than 1 year	11	388,482		0	
			413,038		9,555
NET ASSETS			571,120		630,132
FUNDS:					
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	12	454,435			
Restricted Income Funds	12	22,174		330,410	
Unrestricted Income Funds	12	94,511		299,722	
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			571,120		630,132

The notes at pages 17 to 23 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by.

David Atkinson

27/11/2025

Mr David Atkinson
Trustee

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AND ASSOCIATED NOTE:

	Year to 31 August 2025	Year to 31 August 2024
	£	£
Net Cash used in operating activities	428,360	270,939
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-864,140	0
Interest received	3,932	2,272
Notional Rental Income	48,000	
Net Cash Provided by (used in) investment activities	-812,208	2,272
Cash flows from financing activities		
Servicing of borrowing	-29,371	0
Net Cash Provided by (used in) financing activities	-29,371	0
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents during the year	-413,219	273,211
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	528,700	255,489
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	115,481	528,700

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow:

	Year to 31 August 2025	Year to 31 August 2024
	£	£
Net movement in funds	-59,012	428,349
Adjustments for:		
Deduct: interest income shown in investing activities	-3,932	-2,272
Deduct: notional rent shown in investing activities	-48,000	0
Add: repayment of borrowing shown in financing activities	29,371	0
Decrease (Increase) in debtors	106,450	-106,094
Increase (Decrease) in creditors	403,483	-49,044
Net Cash used in operating activities	428,360	270,939

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**1 Accounting Policies****(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose. Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 12.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Donations are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the Administrator / executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

(d) Expenditure recognition

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.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (i) below.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the

Trust. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the Trust.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

(e) Investment Asset (Property)

The charity owns a building that it leases to Dr Challoner's Grammar School for its ongoing operations. In accordance with Charity SORP the full market value of the rent is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. This is matched by a corresponding donation to the school in the accounts.

(f) Impairment of Fixed Assets

Assets are reviewed for impairment if there is an indication that the asset may be impaired. Any impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities. There has been no indication of impairment.

(g) Mortgage Interest and Loan Costs

Mortgage interest is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis and classified under the cost of raising funds. Loan arrangement fees are capitalised and amortised over the term of the loan.

(h) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(i) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support and governance costs for the Trust include all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory independent financial examination fees together with other minor administrative expenses. Unless directly attributable to a specific fund, all these costs are met out of unrestricted funds. Further details of these costs can be seen in note 5

(j) Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities include grants made, governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in notes 4 and 5.

(k) Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments are recognised at the settlement amount due or amount prepaid net of any discounts due.

(l) Creditors and accruals

Creditors and accruals are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

(m) Contingent liabilities

The Trust does not have any contingent liabilities.

2 Related Party Transactions and Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2024: £nil). No expenses were paid to the Trustees in the year (2024: £nil).

The following Trustees were governors of Dr Challoner's Grammar School during 2024-25:

- Mr David Atkinson
- Mrs Stephanie Hyde (resigned 14 November 2024)
- Mr Jonathan Pearson (appointed 14 November 2024)
- Mr Paul Serkis

The following Trustees were members of staff at Dr Challoner's Grammar School during the year:

- Mr David Atkinson

The Trust made grants totalling £347,735 (2024: £23,264) to Dr Challoner's Grammar School in line with its prime objectives and a further £3,000 (2024: £3,000) contribution towards staff time spent on governance. There were no other related party transactions during the year.

3a Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£	£	£
Donations 2025	174,870	111,485	286,355	
Donations 2024	200,098	257,226		457,324

3b Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£	£	£
Interest on Cash Deposits	3,932	0	3,932	2,272
Income from 149 Station Road	48,000	0	48,000	0
Total	51,932	0	51,932	2,272

Investment income for the year to 31 August 2024 were all unrestricted funds

4 Analysis of the Cost of Raising Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31/08/2025	
	£	£	£	£
Interest Payment on 149 Station Road	29,371	0	29,371	0
Other Costs of Raising Funds	0	0	0	2,816
Total	29,371	0	29,371	2,816

5 Analysis of Charitable Activity Expenditure

	Grant Funded Activity	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£	£
Funded from Unrestricted Funds:			
Use of 149 Station Road to DCGS	48,000	48,000	0
Grants to Dr Challoner's Grammar School	99,801	99,801	437
Grants to Others	12,844	12,844	9,823
Funded from Restricted Funds:			
Grants to Dr Challoner's Grammar School	199,934	199,934	22,827
Grants to Others	4,658	4,658	150
Total	365,237	365,237	33,237

Grants to others represent direct payments to prize recipients, bursary recipients, music scholars and entrepreneur scholars – all of whom are students at the school and £5,000 towards supporting a Longitudinal Study.

6 Analysis of Other Expenditure

Support and governance costs for the Trust include all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to statutory examination fees together with other minor administrative expenses broken down as follows:

	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner Fees	3,000	2,220
Contribution to Dr Challoner's Grammar School for staff time on Governance	3,000	3,000
Insurance for Trustee Indemnity	428	443
Other Costs	16,300	1,384
	22,728	7,047

There has been an increase in Other Costs regarding transaction fees as more donations are received via an on-line card donation facility for the Astra Fund and as well as the alumni telethon.

During this year and the previous year, the Trust had no full time or part time employees.

7 Independent Examiner's Remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration during 2024-25 was £3,000. (2024: £2,200)

8 Investment Property

During the year, the Trust purchased 149 Station Road as part of the Bendrose Student Support Centre project masterplan. As the Trust leases this asset to the school it is classified as an investment property in the accounts. As such its purchase price of £864,140 is not subject to depreciation.

9 Analysis of Current Assets

	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£
Prepayments and Accrued Income	4,537	110,987
Cash at Bank	115,481	528,700
	120,018	639,687

Each year accrued income relates to gift aid due on both restricted and unrestricted funds. In addition, for 2023-24, from restricted funds the trust had made payments in advance in relation to the purchase of 149 Station Road totalling £91,675 meaning this figure was unusually high in that year.

- Unrestricted Funds £4,017 (2024: £6,337)
- Restricted Funds £520 (2024: £104,651)

Cash at bank related to:

- Unrestricted Funds: £93,307 (2024: £302,938)
- Restricted Funds: £22,174 (2024: £225,762)

10 Analysis of Current Liabilities

	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£
Element of 149 Station Mortgage Due in 1 year	21,223	0
Independent Examiner's Fee	3,000	2,010
Other accruals	333	7,545
	24,556	9,555

Independent examiner fees relate to unrestricted funds

11 Analysis of Long Term Liabilities

	Year to 31/08/2025	Year to 31/08/2024
	£	£
Mortgage Outstanding	388,482	0

12 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 August 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	299,722	246,839	-212,424	-239,626	94,511
Restricted Funds:					
Capital Fund	0	864,140	-409,705	0	454,435
Student Development Campaign	305,482	67,279	-614,755	241,995	0
Science Campaign	0	2,369	0	-2,369	0
Prize Funds	1,350	0	-150	0	1,200
Bursary Funds	3,376	6,000	-3,240	0	6,136
Entrepreneur Funds	0	20,000	-5,500	0	14,500
Other Restricted Funds	20,202	15,838	-35,702	0	338
Totals	630,132	1,222,464	-1,281,476	0	571,120

Transfers between funds:

The Educational Trust funds major school projects by a combination of running specific fundraising campaigns and using unrestricted reserves. In practice it sets up a specific fund from which it will pass all expenditure in relation to the project to the school.

Income received directly from a campaign is directly credited to the fund. Where unrestricted reserves are used to fund this expenditure, this is transferred to the restricted fund to match the expenditure.

The nature of capital campaigns is such that part of the income will be received after all expenditure is incurred by the school. To manage this the Educational Trust makes a transfer from unrestricted reserves to the specific campaign fund to allow the total donation to be passed to the school at the time the project completes. In future years, where campaign specific income is received this is credited directly to the fund and then transferred back to unrestricted reserves.

For 2021-22 unrestricted funds supported the science fund to enable the construction of 2 new science labs. In 2024-25 £2,369 was received from this campaign and transferred to unrestricted reserves. During 2024-25 unrestricted funds supported the Student Development Campaign by £242K.

Comparator Information from prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 September 2023</i>	<i>Incoming resources</i>	<i>Resources expended</i>	<i>Transfers between funds</i>	<i>Balance at 31 August 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	94,778	214,060	-20,123	11,007	299,722
Restricted Funds:-					
<i>Perfect Pitch Fund</i>	0	225	0	-225	0
<i>Prize Funds</i>	1,500	0	-150	0	1,350
<i>Student Development Fund</i>	100,000	205,482	0	0	305,482
<i>Science Fund</i>	0	10,621	0	-10,621	0
<i>Bursary Fund</i>	3,376	0	0	0	3,376
<i>Other Restricted Funds</i>	2,129	41,061	-22,827	-161	20,202
Totals	201,783	471,449	-43,100	0	630,132

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:			
Fixed Assets	0	864,140	864,140
Current Assets	97,844	22,174	120,018
Creditors due within 1 year	-3,333	-21,223	-24,556
Creditors due after more than 1 year	0	-388,482	-388,482
Total incoming resources	94,511	476,609	571,120

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:			
Current Assets	301,732	337,955	639,687
Creditors due within 1 year	-2,010	-7,545	-9,555
Total incoming resources	299,722	330,410	630,132

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DR CHALLONER'S SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025 which are set out on pages 14 to 23

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 charity 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.

Signed:



30/11/2025

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