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Company registration number 00908443 (England and Wales)

**HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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(Appointed 28 September  
2022)

**Charity number**

529420

**Company number**

00908443

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# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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The trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)".

### Objectives and activities

#### Objectives and aims

##### Our Mission

We educate, develop and inspire the whole pupil, now, and for life.

##### Our values

We are ambitious for our pupils.

- We celebrate both outstanding academic performance, and success in all areas of school life.
- We value participation, perseverance and the embrace of challenge.
- We promote traditional characteristics such as respect, decency and integrity.
- We strive to give pupils of all backgrounds the chance to benefit from the many opportunities provided by Hill House.

##### Our Aims

- To provide full and enriching opportunities, a curriculum of balance and substance.
- To instil in pupils a lifelong love of learning, ambition and resilience in facing challenges they will meet.
- To offer a supportive and friendly community, where everyone is known and treated as an individual, within a framework of encouraging and disciplined pastoral care.
- To enable our children to become confident, capable and compassionate people, who will develop into adults with independent minds and a proper sense of values, service and responsibility.
- To be an innovative yet traditional, co-educational, 3-18 northern day school.

##### Our Objectives

The Charity's objects outlined in the school's Memorandum and Articles of Association are:

"To promote and provide for the advancement of education and in connection therewith to conduct, carry on, acquire, establish, maintain, promote and develop in the United Kingdom any schools, facilities and institutions for the education of children, young persons and adults of both sexes"

In the year under review the school offered nursery places and education facilities for children and young people up to age 18.

The school is committed to providing a rounded and complete education and is proud of its high standards and high expectations. The high standards of academic success achieved are a testament to the commitment and dedication of the staff and the high expectations adopted by the pupils. Our aim is to help children progress in as many directions as possible, to encourage their excellence and to give them opportunities to develop skills away from the classroom, preparing them for their future lives.

The school's policy is to attain the highest academic levels whilst providing an environment that also promotes the moral and physical development of pupils. This aims to develop other interests and prepare pupils for university, college and, of course, their working life beyond education. Hill House School aims to provide a happy, stimulating environment in which caring, professional staff motivate children, and young adults, to achieve their full potential.

The school believes that life outside the classroom should be rich and rewarding. School years are an important time for trying out new skills and activities, which can give lifelong pleasure and opportunities. Extra-curricular activities are an integral part of a full and stimulating education encouraging children to develop interests beyond their academic pursuits.

Over 100 extra-curricular activities are offered each week allowing children to develop existing interests and discover new talents. Trips and visits are another key aspect of the Hill House School life.



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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023*

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Each year the school offers the Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award to Year 10 and Lower Sixth students respectively. During the year the Silver award was achieved by 34 pupils and Gold by 3.

Sport plays a huge part in the life of the school as we wholeheartedly believe that teamwork and resilience are important skills to learn both inside the classroom and on the sports field. The school is proud to be district and county champions in many sports and a number of our teams have achieved regional and national successes.

The school has nine choirs, six orchestras and numerous ensembles and therefore a remarkable number of pupils are able to enjoy and excel in music. School drama productions and musical performances are important calendar events which are well supported by families and staff.

The governors are encouraged to attend sporting events, productions, concerts and also to visit school during a normal school day to take part in routine lessons and experience the normal day to day running of the school.

The school communicates on a regular and appropriate basis with parents of children in school regarding their academic, co-curricular and pastoral progress by a variety of means including termly newsletters and reports, parents evenings, emails and the school's website where appropriate.

#### **Public benefit**

In considering the aims of the school the Board of Governors has, in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, given due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Increasing accessibility to the outstanding all-round education, pastoral care and extensive opportunities offered at the School is a key objective.

The school values its place in the local community and has worked hard over the years to develop positive relationships with local schools and community groups, and to facilitate the sharing of the school's facilities and expertise. In addition to benefiting the wider community the overall experience of our pupils is greatly enhanced by the experiences they gain from interactions with their extended community.

The school regularly hosts events such as a science fair, spelling Bees, music day, sports tournaments and a cross country event in which pupils and staff from both Hill House and other local schools can participate.

The school works in partnership with Rose Learning Trust, a multi-academy trust operating several primary schools in the Doncaster area, and regularly invites pupils from these schools to take part in events at Hill House. This provides opportunities otherwise unavailable to in excess of 200 children each year from schools in this group. Hill House led training sessions are opened up to teaching staff within the group and colleagues are encouraged to share best practice in a wide range of subject areas.

The Classics Department teaches GCSE Latin to pupils from Hayfield School, and members of the PE Department teach every week at local primary schools.

Since 2011 the school has hosted The Robin Hood Music and Drama Festival annually. Over the years the festival has proved to be an increasingly popular annual event, welcoming children from the wider community into the school to show off their artistic styles to their peers.

The school is the home of Finningley 558 Squadron air cadets, which comprises approximately 50 pupils from local schools providing facilities and minibuses, at no cost. The squadron meets two evenings a week at school and hosts cadets from around the region at their annual regional training day.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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The school and pupils are committed to charitable fundraising and regularly hold events to raise money for charities such as Children in Need. During the year the school raised in excess of £4,000 to donate to several charities.

It is the board's policy to keep fees at a level as low as is practicably possible in order to widen access to as many children as possible within the Doncaster area. The board was mindful of the cost of living crisis when setting fees for the 2022/23 academic year and have looked to mitigate the impact of the rise in energy prices and borrowing costs on the fees charged.

#### **Bursary Policy**

The school has long maintained a policy of awarding bursaries, within budgetary constraints, where personal financial circumstances warrant it.

The Governors view the bursary awards as important in helping to ensure children from families who would otherwise not be able to afford the fees are able to access the education and facilities available at Hill House School. The Bursary policy is periodically reviewed to ensure that it is robust and fair, providing clear guidelines for decision making. Each application is assessed on its own merit and social factors are always taken into consideration alongside the means testing parameters.

The school's Bursary awards are available to all who meet general entry requirements and are made on the basis of parental means, or to relieve temporary hardship for existing families, where a pupil's education would otherwise be at risk. Existing and new parents are given the opportunity to apply for assistance and all applications are assessed taking account of several factors including family income, investments, savings and family circumstances, including the number of siblings and dependant relatives. The school can only allocate a limited amount of resources for the provision of bursaries and must maintain a fair balance taking into account the sacrifices that existing fee paying parents often have to make to ensure the continuity of their child's education.

The bursary awards range from 10% to 100% remission of fees. Information about the school's bursary policy is available on the school's website, within the prospectus and in any promotional literature produced by the school.

The school's continued commitment to providing access for pupils, regardless of their circumstances, resulted in provision of school funded financial assistance to over 400 pupils across all age ranges.

## **Strategic report**

#### **Academic performance**

The average number of pupil's in school during the year was 730 (2022 : 696). The average number of nursery pupils during the year was 55 (2022 : 50). In 2023, 74 pupils (2022 : 61) were entered in GCSE examinations with an overall pass rate of 98% ; 49% (2022 : 52%) of GCSEs were graded 7-9 with this year marking the return to pre-covid grade boundaries - as such these were very strong results. The average number of passes per candidate at grade C or above was 8.7 (2022 : 8.5).

Results in the Sixth Form continue to be outstanding. In 2023, 50 students were entered for A Levels (2022 : 44), 43% of exams were graded A\* or A, 69% A\* to B, and 87% A\* to C. The overall pass rate was again 100%. 98% of those applying to University got into their first or second choice course with over 66% entering Russell Group Universities, students are taking up places at renowned Universities including Cambridge, Imperial and Durham. The average grade remains pleasing at a B+. The strong performance across both GCSE and A Level led to Hill House being placed in the **Top 10 Schools in the North by The Times in their annual Parent Power report**.

#### **Developments**

The building work undertaken on the sports pavilion at Blaxton was completed in January 2023. This facility has enabled the Blaxton site to be utilised more extensively for competitive sport and school games lessons. During the year the Oxford House property continued to be rented out, Notice has been given to the tenants and the school is actively looking to develop the site for its own use in the near future.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### Financial review

#### Performance

The 2022/23 year has been another extremely successful year for the school. Pupil numbers remained strong despite the impact of the economic uncertainty. Continued interest in the school suggests this will continue.

The financial results are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities. The school's Net Incoming resources of £928,762 shows a significant improvement from the £787,509 achieved in 2022. Effective cost controls and strong pupil numbers have led to a net surplus higher than the budget for the year, despite significantly increased costs in the year. Rigorous financial management and controls, in conjunction with the strong relationships built with existing parents and newcomers to the school, have enabled the school to thrive during the financial year.

The key financial performance indicators reported by the school are as follows:

Gross Profit Percentage 40% (2022 : 40.6%)

Net Surplus Percentage 10.5% (2022 : 9.7%)

Teaching staff costs as a Percentage of Income 50% (2022 : 50.2%)

The charity's net assets at the 31st August 2023 amounted to £10,674,479 (2022 - £9,745,717), all of which were unrestricted.

The governors are pleased to note that the provision of a first-class education system, together with effective marketing and astute financial management has resulted in another healthy set of results for the 2022/23 academic year

#### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to or in excess of its anticipated annual expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant change in the charity's operating environment, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which the charity will move forward. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year. At the 31st August 2023 the charity held unrestricted funds of £10,674,479 (2022 - £9,745,717) which is in excess of the current years annual expenditure of £7,951,205 and next years budgeted anticipated expenditure.

It remains the trustees policy to invest surplus funds for the furtherance of the school's objects to build up sufficient reserves to enable the charity to meet its capital repayment commitments due to borrowings following the acquisition of premises, and for the continuing plan of capital improvement expenditure. The charity continued to use low risk bank deposit account investments to ring fence funds and generate income throughout the year.

#### Plans for future periods

The development of the Oxford House site will enable the school to improve its facilities and expand the learning opportunities available to its pupils. The governors and senior management team have been actively looking at the impact of the development on the whole site and have undertaken significant work to date in developing a detailed plan and obtaining quotes for the work required.

The school is committed to continued investment in the school facilities, ensuring existing facilities are maintained to a high standard while considering projects to enhance the whole site further.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mrs J Fearn

R P Leggott

J A L Sprenger

M Wilson-MacCormack

(Resigned 23 November 2022)

Dr A Cooper

N R Ebdon

Prof J Pickering

A Ogley

A Joshi

R Blakemore

Dr K Rao

(Appointed 28 September 2022)

### **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

As and when necessary the Board of Governors, assisted by the Headmaster and Bursar, seeks out interested persons who have the appropriate skills and qualities to serve on the Board. Trustees are appointed to provide the board as a whole with a broad spectrum of experience across relevant areas of operation of the school and to ensure a balance of skills and knowledge on the board of governors. New governors are inducted by the Headmaster and Bursar into the workings of the school and initial training is undertaken through AGBIS. Membership of AGBIS (Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools) provides individual trustees and the senior management with support in their roles whilst providing valuable training resources and guidance. Trustees' knowledge and experience dictates how sub-committees are populated to ensure effective oversight of specific areas of governance. Trustees are supported in their roles by the senior management team and through regular training and resources available through AGBIS.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### **Organisational structure**

Hill House School Limited was formed in 1967 to acquire the school of that name as a going concern. Its registered company number is 908443 and it is governed by the provisions of its Memorandum and Articles of Association. It is a registered charity, number 529420.

The school operated under the name of Hill House St Mary's School from 2002 at the time of its amalgamation with St Mary's School until relocation to its current site in August 2008 when it reverted to the name of Hill House School under which it now operates.

The board of governors determine the school's policies and strategies and monitor them as appropriate. They review the risks of operation periodically together with the systems of internal control and mitigation of risks including, as appropriate, insurance cover to ensure risks are minimised as far as is possible.

The governors' investment powers are set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association. These allow the charity to invest funds not immediately required for furtherance of its objectives in such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject to any conditions imposed by law.

Day to day management of the school's operations is delegated by the Board to the Headmaster, the Bursar and their Senior Management Team who report to the Board termly, as a minimum, through an appropriate structure of sub committees which scrutinise activities closely.

The sub-committees, who report to the Board are :

FGPSC - Finance and General Purposes Sub-Committee

HRSC - Human Resources Sub-Committee

ARSC - Academic and Related Sub-Committee

SRSC - Statutory and Regulatory Sub-Committee

Remuneration Committee

In addition to the sub-committee structure, working parties, made up of Governors and Managers with the relevant experience and knowledge, are formed to oversee specific projects when appropriate.

The remuneration of key management personnel (the Senior Management Team) is determined by the Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board after considering market rates. The committee meets annually during the early part of the Lent term.

### **Management Team**

The school headmaster, D Holland, is assisted in running the school by the following management team:

- K Wigglesworth - Bursar and Clerk to the Governors
- C Rogerson - Head of Senior School
- J Hall - Head of Junior School
- B McCrea - Deputy Head
- S Hopkinson - Second Master
- C Leach - Deputy Head of Junior School

The management team is supported by appropriate support staff.



# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place, and that controls provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. To ensure compliance with its duties in this respect the school has a corporate risk register which is periodically reviewed by sub-committees and the Board of Governors. Through the risk management process established for the school, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately assessed in terms of likelihood and impact, and that mitigating control measures have been identified and put in place. Responsibility for the day to day financial management is delegated to relevant individuals and the finance system is open to scrutiny by the board.

Risks are reviewed at each meeting by sub-committees and this is subject to overall scrutiny by the SRSC.

The future potential risks arising from the possible introduction of VAT on fees have been identified as a significant risk by the trustees. The risks have been assessed and plans established by the trustees to mitigate the impact, as far as is possible, on the charity and its key participants.

### **Statement of trustees' responsibilities**

The trustees, who are also the directors of Hill House School Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity 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 charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Warrens GBC Ltd be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT AND STRATEGIC REPORT) (CONTINUED)

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### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

The trustees' report, including the strategic report, was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mrs J Fearn

Trustee

Date: 21. 3. 24

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hill House School Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its 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 charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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



# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

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

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose 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 trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

#### **Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud**

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements, including how fraud may occur by enquiring with management as to its own consideration of fraud. In particular, we looked at where management made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also considered potential financial or other pressures, opportunity and motivations for fraud. As part of the discussion we identified the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations and how management monitor these processes. Appropriate procedures included the review and testing of material adjusting journals and key estimates and judgements made by management.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE MEMBERS OF HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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We gained an understanding of the legal and regularity framework applicable to the company and the charitable sector in which it operates, drawing on our audit experience and knowledge of the charitable company and its sector, and considered the risk of acts by the company that were contrary to these laws and regulations, including fraud.

We focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements, including, but not limited to:

The Companies Act 2006 and associated legislation  
UK Health and Safety at Work legislation  
UK Employment & Labour laws and regulations  
UK Charities legislation and guidance

We also made enquiries of management with regards to the compliance with the above laws and regulations and obtained any necessary evidence to corroborate the information provided, for example minutes of trustee directors meetings and legal correspondence between the company and its solicitors.

We have identified revenue recognition, management override and completeness of related party transactions as key audit matters relating to irregularities, including fraud.

We have evaluated management's incentives for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements, including the risk of management overriding controls, and identified that the principal risks relate to management bias in accounting estimates and judgmental areas of the financial statements such as revenue recognition.

The following audit work was undertaken in response to the risks identified:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of entity staff in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing key sources of estimation uncertainty testing to supporting documentation, ensuring reasonableness of assumptions and consistently applied
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.
- Identifying related parties and ensuring transactions are complete by testing to available supporting documentation

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

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Other matters**

The financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2022 were audited by Kingswood Allotts Limited who expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements on the 23 March 2023.


#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

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Stephen Garbutt (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Warrens GBC Ltd

21.03.2024

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

Chartered Certified Accountants  
33 Thorne Road  
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# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

Current financial year		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes		
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Grants, donations and legacies	4	3,000	2,077
Charitable activities	5	8,460,218	7,794,036
Other trading activities	6	157,007	139,484
Investments	7	244,916	146,109
Other income	8	14,826	15,531
<b>Total income</b>		<b>8,879,967</b>	<b>8,097,237</b>
Charitable activities	9	7,951,205	7,309,728
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		<b>928,762</b>	<b>787,509</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>			
Fund balances at 1 September 2022		9,745,717	8,958,208
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2023</b>		<b>10,674,479</b>	<b>9,745,717</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

Prior financial year As restated		Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes			
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Grants, donations and legacies	4	-	2,077	2,077
Charitable activities	5	7,794,036	-	7,794,036
Other trading activities	6	139,484	-	139,484
Investments	7	146,109	-	146,109
Other income	8	15,531	-	15,531
Total income		8,095,160	2,077	8,097,237
Charitable activities	9	7,307,651	2,077	7,309,728
<b>Net income and movement in funds</b>		787,509	-	787,509
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Fund balances at 1 September 2021				
As originally reported		8,689,050	269,158	8,958,208
Prior year adjustment		269,158	(269,158)	-
<b>As restated</b>				
Fund balances at 1 September 2021		8,958,208	-	8,958,208
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2022</b>		9,745,717	-	9,745,717

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

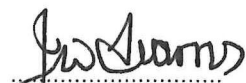
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	As restated	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	16		14,475,389		13,616,661
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	18	15,728		17,408	
Debtors	19	452,413		391,373	
Investments	20	2,018,676		996,497	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,414,406		1,859,229	
		3,901,223		3,264,507	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	21	2,611,185		2,450,733	
Net current assets			1,290,038		813,774
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			15,765,427		14,430,435
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	22		(5,090,948)		(4,684,718)
<b>Net assets</b>			10,674,479		9,745,717
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			10,674,479		9,745,717
			10,674,479		9,745,717

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 21. 3. 24



Mrs J Fearn  
Trustee

Company registration number 00908443 (England and Wales)

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £ As restated	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	30		1,002,988		1,258,238
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,100,801)		(387,234)	
Monies (invested in) / withdrawn from 95 day corporate notice account		(1,003,503)		3,503	
Investment income received		211,377		146,109	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>			(1,892,927)		(237,622)
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Proceeds from new bank loans		800,000		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(354,884)		(318,677)	
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities</b>			445,116		(318,677)
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			(444,823)		701,939
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,859,229		1,157,290
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			1,414,406		1,859,229
<b>Relating to:</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand			1,414,406		1,859,229

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Hill House School Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Sixth Avenue, Auckley, Doncaster, DN9 3GG. The charity's principal activity is the provision of educational services.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 (FRS 102)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and consequently the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

The charity's primary source of income is school's fees and associated activities, net of bursaries and allowances given and VAT where applicable.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.



# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### 1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

The school is registered for VAT and VAT is reclaimed on a limited category of expenditure, the irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates.

##### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	0.5% & 10% on cost
Leasehold land and buildings	0.5% & 10% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	33% on cost and 10% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

Freehold and long leasehold land is not depreciated.

##### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

##### 1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

##### 1.9 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, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.10 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity 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.

Current asset investments are stated at fair value with any gains or losses arising on remeasurement recognised in profit or loss. The net gain or loss recognised in profit or loss includes any dividend or interest earned on the financial asset.

All other financial instruments are measured as detailed below.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.13 Current asset investments

Investments within current assets are bank deposit accounts that are held on terms whereby they do not meet the criteria to be treated as cash at bank and in hand.

The current asset investments are classified at fair value through the profit and loss account (FVTPL).

Financial assets classified at their FVTPL are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration paid. They are subsequently measured at fair value with any resultant gain or loss recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings.

#### 1.14 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

Rental income from an operating lease is recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease even if payments are not made on that basis. The aggregate cost of any incentives is recognised as a reduction in income over the lease term. Costs incurred in earning the lease income are recognised as an expense

### 2 Change in accounting policy and prior year adjustments

During the year the trustees have assessed the accounting policy adopted in respect of restricted funds provided to acquire capital assets. The charity has previously charged the annual depreciation attributable to the funds against the restricted reserves over the lifetime of the asset. Following the review the trustees have adopted a policy of transferring the monies from restricted funds in full when the acquisition of the asset fulfils all restrictions imposed or implied,

The change in accounting policy has had no consequential effect on the overall assets of the charity. Restricted reserves of £267,393 initially shown on the Balance Sheet at the 31 August 2022 have been transferred to Unrestricted reserves in the amended comparatives. The amended Unrestricted reserve at the 31 August 2022 are £9,745,717 (previously reported as £9,478,324).

At the 31 August 2021 restricted reserves amounting to £269,158 have been transferred to unrestricted reserves and depreciation amounting to £1,765 initially charged against restricted reserves in 2022 has been adjusted and charged against unrestrictive reserves in the 2022 comparatives.

Following the trustees review of its cash and cash equivalents a 95 day corporate notice account was identified and has been recategorised as a current asset investment account. Consequently the account balance at the 31 August 2023 of £2,018,676 (2022 - £996,497) has been adjusted from bank and cash and shown separately as a current asset investment on the Balance Sheet, these sums have also been adjusted from cash and cash equivalents in the cash flow statement. This has had no consequential effect on the results for the current or prior accounting period.

The trustees have also taken the opportunity to re-asses the analysis of the direct costs of charitable activities and amended the comparatives to reflect this. This has had no consequential effect on the results for the current or prior accounting period.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 3 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The actual outcome may diverge from these estimates if other assumptions are made, or other conditions arise.

#### *Significant judgements*

In the course of preparing the financial statements, no significant judgements have been made in the process of applying the charity's accounting policies, other than those involving estimations that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### *Key sources of estimation uncertainty*

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The charity does not have any key assumptions concerning the future, or other key sources of estimation or uncertainty in the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Notwithstanding this, the following matters should be noted;

In relation to the charity's property, plant and equipment useful economic lives and residual value of assets have been established using historical experience and an assessment of the nature of the assets involved, again these estimates may need to be revised as circumstances and technology change.

### 4 Income from grants, donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	-	2,077	2,077
Government grants	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,077</u>	<u>2,077</u>

### 5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
<b>Teaching Fees</b>		
Tuition fees	8,128,917	7,514,546
Nursery fees	266,464	237,864
Wrap around and activity weeks	64,837	41,626
	<u>8,460,218</u>	<u>7,794,036</u>

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 6 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Pupil bus fares	157,007	139,484

### 7 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Rental income	164,574	137,678
Investment interest receivable - 95 day deposit account	43,077	-
Interest receivable	37,265	8,431
	244,916	146,109

### 8 Other income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
Sundry income	14,826	15,531

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 9 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Teaching 2023 £	Teaching 2022 As restated £
<b>Direct costs</b>		
Staff costs	5,108,386	4,703,876
Depreciation and impairment	242,073	219,094
Catering costs	552,219	462,261
Academic costs & games	228,005	176,442
Teaching and student other costs	273,288	247,190
Running of school other costs	481,995	413,623
Premises costs	638,103	750,349
Interest payable and similar charges	323,821	260,489
Supply teaching, staff benefits and associated costs	94,145	70,084
	<u>7,942,035</u>	<u>7,303,408</u>
<b>Share of support and governance costs (see note 11)</b>		
Governance	9,170	6,320
	<u>7,951,205</u>	<u>7,309,728</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	7,951,205	7,307,651
Restricted funds	-	2,077
	<u>7,951,205</u>	<u>7,309,728</u>

### 10 Description of charitable activities

#### Teaching

Teaching represents the income and costs attributable to the schools core activity undertaken in the financial period.

### 11 Support costs allocated to activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Governance costs	9,170	6,320
<b>Analysed between:</b>		
Teaching	9,170	6,320

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 11 Support costs allocated to activities

(Continued)

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Governance costs comprise:</b>		
Audit fees	9,170	6,320
	<u>9,170</u>	<u>6,320</u>

### 12 Net movement in funds

2023  
£

2022  
£

Net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting)

Fees payable for the audit of the charity's financial statements	9,170	6,320
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	242,073	219,094
Operating lease charges	65,923	71,024
	<u>317,166</u>	<u>296,438</u>

### 13 Trustees

None of the trustees received any expenses, remuneration or benefits from the charity during this year or the prior year.

### 14 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Teaching	97	93
Administration	16	16
Maintenance & Drivers	19	16
Total	<u>132</u>	<u>125</u>

### Employment costs

2023  
£

2022  
£

Wages and salaries	4,033,966	3,697,694
Social security costs	396,610	375,244
Defined contribution pension costs	677,810	630,938
	<u>5,108,386</u>	<u>4,703,876</u>

Redundancy payments totalling £4,823 (included above) were made in the reporting period.

In addition to the employment costs above staff benefits of £17,784 (2022 - £14,059) and life insurance contributions of £29,331 (2022 - £26,998) were paid during the year.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 14 Employees

(Continued)

The number of employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000 is as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	2	3
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-
£140,001 - £150,000	-	1
£150,001 - £160,000	1	-

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel comprises the headmaster and the management team as listed in the trustee' report. The total amount of employee remuneration (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the charity was £697,015 (2022 - £662,346). In addition to this Employers NIC paid to key management personnel in the year amounted to £73,824.

#### 15 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

#### 16 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 September 2022	721,202	13,423,785	1,413,002	-	15,557,989
Additions	776,706	94,224	211,671	18,200	1,100,801
At 31 August 2023	1,497,908	13,518,009	1,624,673	18,200	16,658,790
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>					
At 1 September 2022	275,298	694,394	971,636	-	1,941,328
Depreciation charged in the year	35,371	87,935	118,767	-	242,073
At 31 August 2023	310,669	782,329	1,090,403	-	2,183,401
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
At 31 August 2023	1,187,239	12,735,680	534,270	18,200	14,475,389
At 31 August 2022	445,904	12,729,391	441,366	-	13,616,661



# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 16 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

Freehold and long leasehold land amounting to £1,473,833 are not depreciated.

As detailed in note 23 of the accounts the charity's bank borrowings are secured by charges over the above tangible fixed assets.

#### 17 Financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	As restated £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>		
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,018,676	996,497

#### 18 Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Food and consumables	15,728	17,408

#### 19 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	201,331	239,150
Other debtors	36,133	21,270
Prepayments and accrued income	214,949	130,953
	452,413	391,373

#### 20 Current asset investments

	2023	2022
	£	As restated £
Unlisted investments	2,018,676	996,497

The current asset investment is a bank term deposit.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 21 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	23	389,495	350,609
Other taxation and social security		105,378	95,010
Trade creditors		229,991	295,235
Term fees paid in advance		955,403	852,081
Other creditors		487,961	436,621
Accruals and deferred income		442,957	421,177
		<u>2,611,185</u>	<u>2,450,733</u>

Included within accruals and deferred income are deferred school fees amounting to £24,312 (2022 - £33,034).

### 22 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	23	<u>5,090,948</u>	<u>4,684,718</u>

### 23 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	<u>5,480,443</u>	<u>5,035,327</u>
Payable within one year	389,495	350,609
Payable after one year	<u>5,090,948</u>	<u>4,684,718</u>

Amounts included above which fall due after five years:

Payable by instalments	<u>2,340,513</u>	<u>2,714,530</u>
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The bank loans are secured by a debenture created 20 November 2007 giving a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the charity together with the following:

- a) A legal mortgage created 16 December 2011 over land at the south side of Bank End Road, Blaxton.
- b) A fixed and floating charge over Oxford House land and premises created 22 January 2020.
- c) A legal mortgage created 20 November 2007 over the former officers mess and adjoining land at Robin Hood Airport, Doncaster.

Interest is charged on the bank loans at various fixed and variable rates.

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### 24 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

Previous year:	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2022
<b>As Restated</b>				
Equipment fund	-	2,077	(2,077)	-

The equipment fund represents funds received from the Friends of Hill House School to provide equipment for use by the pupils of the school, as directed by the donors.

#### 25 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 September 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2023
General funds	9,745,717	8,879,967	(7,951,205)	10,674,479
	At 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 August 2022
<b>As Restated</b>				
General funds	8,958,208	8,095,160	(7,307,651)	9,745,717

#### 26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:</b>	
Tangible assets	14,475,389
Current assets/(liabilities)	1,290,038
Long term liabilities	(5,090,948)
	10,674,479

# HILL HOUSE SCHOOL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 26 Analysis of net assets between funds

(Continued)

Unrestricted  
funds  
As restated  
2022  
£

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:

Tangible assets	13,616,661
Current assets/(liabilities)	813,774
Long term liabilities	(4,684,718)
	<u>9,745,717</u>

### 27 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessee

The operating leases consists of 7 leases, giving rise to annual commitments of £65,000 in total, which are payable to unconnected third parties. The leases are negotiated over terms of 3-5 years and rentals are fixed.

At the reporting end date the charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	65,000	61,961
Between two and five years	36,838	63,555
	<u>101,838</u>	<u>125,516</u>

In addition to the above the charity is liable to pay an annual ground rent of £2,250, plus VAT as applicable, in respect of leasehold land and property held by the charity and included within fixed assets.

The ground rent of £2,250 plus VAT due on two 999 land and property leases (£1,125 per lease) which commenced on the 20 November 2007 and 31 March 2015. The annual rents are both due for review on the 25 March 2037 and every 30 years thereafter. The rent will be increased by £1,125 plus VAT at each review (£2,250 plus VAT in total).

The present value of the above future lease payments were determined as immaterial on inception and the ground rent has been charged as a cost annually to the income and expenditure account.

#### Lessor

The charity rents out Oxford house on short term annual tenancies with a three month notice period. Notice has been given to all tenants shortly after the financial year end.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

### 28 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	2023 £	2022 £
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	-	752,686

In November 2023, subsequent to the year end, the trustees have authorised capital expenditure of £2M.

### 29 Related party transactions

During the year the charity acquired a vehicle from a company, Select Electrical Limited, where one of the trustees is a director/shareholder, for its then market value of £18,200. There were no material disclosable related party transactions during the prior year.

### 30 Cash generated from operations

	2023 £	2022 As restated £
Surplus for the year	928,762	787,509
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(244,916)	(146,109)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	242,073	219,094
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	1,680	(2,930)
(Increase) in debtors	(46,177)	(86,545)
Increase in creditors	121,566	487,219
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>1,002,988</b>	<b>1,258,238</b>

### 31 Analysis of changes in net (debt)/funds

	At 1 September 2022 As restated £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,859,229	(444,823)	1,414,406
Loans falling due within one year	(350,609)	(38,886)	(389,495)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(4,684,718)	(406,230)	(5,090,948)
	<b>(3,176,098)</b>	<b>(889,939)</b>	<b>(4,066,037)</b>