

# **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**for the Year Ended 29 February 2024**

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

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## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Reference and Administrative Details**

#### **Trustees**

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Archbishop L W Cushley  
Bishop H E Gilbert  
Bishop Emeritus P A Moran  
Bishop J Keenan  
Bishop Emeritus J A Toal  
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Bishop B McGee

#### **Charity Registration Number**

SCO27490

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## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 29 February 2024.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Objects and aims***

The Trust's principal objective is to provide funds for the furtherance of Catholic religion and for the education of Catholics.

The main sources of income are dividends and bank interest derived from the charity's investments and bank deposits. These are used to provide grant support to meet the foregoing objectives.

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the trustees have the power to make any investments they see fit. As such, the Trust has invested funds in low and medium risk investments, i.e. government securities and UK stocks. The fund is managed by Charles Stanley & Co Limited with a view to maximising income with a level of capital appreciation. The trustees carefully consider the moral and ethical suitability of the stocks in which they invest.

##### ***Public benefit***

The John Menzies Trust provides public benefit by advancing and supporting Catholic education in Scotland, including making grants to educational and religious bodies, thereby advancing education and religion for the benefit of a wider section of the public rather than private individuals.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of the Charities Trust Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (as amended), including having due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the year ended 29 February 2024, the Trust continued to fulfil its principal objective of advancing the Catholic religion and education by providing appropriate charitable financial support.

Total income for the year was £169,706 (2023: £163,831), comprising dividend income from listed investments of £163,179 and interest on cash deposits of £6,527. The increase in interest income reflects higher prevailing interest rates during the year.

During the year, grants totalling £98,722 were made in furtherance of the Trust's charitable purposes. This included a grant of £98,722 to the Scottish Catholic Heritage Collections Trust. During the year the Trust also received a refund of £31,543 from CNET in respect of an unspent grant from a prior period. Scotus Library expenses amounted to £8,264.

The Trustees continue to monitor investment performance carefully in light of ongoing market conditions and remain satisfied with the long-term investment strategy adopted by the Trust.

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

#### **Financial review**

Total income for the year was £169,706 (2023: £163,831). Total expenditure amounted to £142,244 (2023: £427,326), comprising investment management costs of £50,394 (2023: £51,008), charitable activities of £79,553 (2023: £365,821) and governance costs of £12,297 (2023: £10,497).

This resulted in a net surplus before gains and losses on investments of £27,462 (2023: net deficit £263,495).

During the year, net gains on investments of £166,996 (2023: losses £176,488) were recognised. These comprised realised gains of £23,120 and unrealised gains of £143,876 arising on the revaluation of listed investments held at the year end.

Overall, this resulted in a net movement in funds of £550,458 (2023: net decrease £439,983).

Total funds carried forward at 29 February 2024 were £7,916,362 (2023: £7,365,904).

At the year end, the Trust held fixed asset investments with a net book value of £7,198,308 (2023: £7,051,478). Cash balances amounted to £746,128 (2023: £371,785) and accrued income of £50,450 (2023: £2,401). The Trustees consider that the Trust continues to maintain adequate liquidity to meet its ongoing commitments and anticipated grant-making requirements.

#### **Plans for future periods**

##### ***Aims and key objectives for future periods***

The Trustees intend to continue their policy of maintaining a diversified investment portfolio in order to generate income and capital growth to support the charitable purposes of the Trust.

The Trust will continue to provide financial assistance to appropriate Catholic charitable bodies, including support for heritage and archival preservation and for the continued development and conservation of Blairs Museum collections.

The Trustees anticipate that further uplift receipts may arise in future years in respect of the Blairs Estate development as additional phases progress.

The Trustees will continue to monitor investment performance closely and to review grant commitments in light of income levels and capital growth, ensuring that the Trust remains financially secure while fulfilling its charitable objectives.

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

##### ***Nature of governing document***

John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education is a Trust which was established by a Trust Deed in 1855. It is a recognised Scottish charity (SCO27490).

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Trustees' Report (continued)**

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

New trustees are assumed by the existing trustees and there is no particular qualification to be a trustee. However, the Trust has for many years followed the custom of assuming as a trustee anyone who is elevated to the position of one of the Catholic Bishops of Scotland.

#### ***Induction and training of trustees***

Trustees are aware of their duties and responsibilities in relation to governance and financial oversight of the charity.

#### ***Organisational structure***

The Board of Trustees meets once a year to administer the activities of the Trust. The trustees have the discretion to decide how the income of the Trust can best be applied to meet the objectives of the Trust and are empowered to accumulate any portion of the income for the maintenance of the Trust fund. The day to day maintenance of the records of the Trust is undertaken by Burnett & Reid, the Trust's solicitors.

#### **Financial instruments**

#### ***Objectives and policies***

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

#### ***Cash flow risk***

The charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. The charity uses foreign exchange forward contracts and interest rate swap contracts to hedge these exposures.

Interest bearing assets and liabilities are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

#### ***Credit risk***

The charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, and investments. The charity's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers.

#### ***Liquidity risk***

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the charity uses a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance.

Further details regarding liquidity risk can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

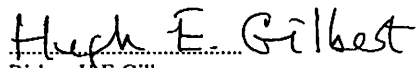
#### **Reappointment of auditor**

The auditors Clients 1st Accountancy Limited are deemed to be reappointed under section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2025.

**John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

**Trustees' Report (continued)**

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 17 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

  
Bishop H E Gilbert  
Trustee

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 of the charity for that period. 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

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

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

We have audited the financial statements of John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education for the year ended 29 February 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

Qualified opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 29 February 2024 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

#### **Basis for qualified opinion on financial statements**

##### **Significant delay in preparation of financial statements**

There was a substantial delay between the financial year end and the preparation of the financial statements. This resulted in reduced availability of contemporaneous documentation and explanations, producing estimation uncertainty and evidential limitations.

##### **Limited information made available (Limitation of scope)**

Access to accounting records and supporting documentation was incomplete. Certain grant payment documentation and underlying records were unavailable, restricting our ability to conclude on completeness.

##### **No direct access to Trustees**

We had no direct communication with those charged with governance and were unable to obtain written representations directly from trustees. All correspondence was conducted through the Trust's legal advisers, limiting our ability to make inquiries, assess governance oversight, and confirm completeness of disclosures (including related parties).

The above matters resulted in a limitation of scope, leading to a qualified audit opinion for the year ended 29 February 2024.

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education (continued)**

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

As part of the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024, we considered the Trustees' assessment of the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. We were unable to obtain any representations from the Trustees regarding going concern. Accordingly, we performed audit procedures including:

- Review of the Trust's financial position
- Examination of investment holdings and post year end transactions
- Substantive testing of available information, accruals and major income and expenditure items.

Based on the evidence obtained, we have not identified any material uncertainties that could cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for at least twelve months from when the financial statements were authorised for issue. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which we consider appropriate.

#### **Other information**

As part of our audit of the financial statements we have reviewed the other information included in the annual report, specifically the Trustees' Report. The Trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information, and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we concluded that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report the fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinion on other matters**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education (continued)**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) 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.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 44(1) c of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 6), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. We have been appointed as auditors in accordance with section 44(1) c of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Act. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report. A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided in the APB's website at [www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope\\_private.cfm](http://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope_private.cfm).

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 and 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.

Irregularities, including fraud are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education (continued)**

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that are applicable to the entity and determined that the most significant in relation to amounts and disclosures in the financial statements are Statements of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

We assessed the risks of material misstatement due to fraud by considering the nature of the Trust's activities and whether certain areas or processes are likely to be susceptible to irregularities. We also considered the Trust's own risk management procedures and controls systems and whether they were consistently applied.

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non compliance with such laws and regulations identified above. Those procedures included

- agreement of the financial statements disclosures to underlying supporting documentation
- making appropriate enquiries of management
- review of minutes of Trustee meetings throughout the year
- obtaining an understanding of the control environment in monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.

We also considered the risk of fraud through management override of controls. and in response, reviewed financial records for unusual transactions or those without a satisfactory explanation. No such items were identified.

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

This report is made solely to the Trust's members as a body, in accordance with the section 44 (1) (c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and its trustees as a body, for our audit work or for the opinions we have formed.

**John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of John Menzies Trust for Scotus  
College and Catholic Education (continued)**



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P Grimley (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Clients 1st Accountancy Limited, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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17 March 2026

**John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 29 February 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Investment income	2	169,706	169,706
Total income		169,706	169,706
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Investment management costs	3	(50,394)	(50,394)
Charitable activities	4	(79,553)	(79,553)
Governance costs	4	(12,297)	(12,297)
Total expenditure		(142,244)	(142,244)
Gains/losses on investment assets	12	166,996	166,996
Net income		194,458	194,458
<b>Other recognised gains and losses</b>			
Other gains/losses	12	356,000	356,000
Net movement in funds		550,458	550,458
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		7,365,904	7,365,904
Total funds carried forward	12	7,916,362	7,916,362
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Investment income	2	163,831	163,831
Total income		163,831	163,831
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	3	(51,008)	(51,008)
Charitable activities	4	(365,821)	(365,821)
Governance costs	4	(10,497)	(10,497)
Total expenditure		(427,326)	(427,326)
Gains/losses on investment assets	12	(176,488)	(176,488)
Net expenditure		(439,983)	(439,983)
Net movement in funds		(439,983)	(439,983)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		7,805,887	7,805,887
Total funds carried forward	12	7,365,904	7,365,904

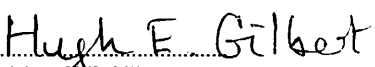
The notes on pages 14 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

**(Registration number: SCO27490)**  
**Balance Sheet as at 29 February 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	7,198,308	7,051,478
<b>Current assets</b>			
Accrued income	9	50,450	2,401
Cash at bank and in hand	10	746,128	371,785
		<u>796,578</u>	<u>374,186</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(78,524)</u>	<u>(59,760)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>718,054</u>	<u>314,426</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>7,916,362</u>	<u>7,365,904</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>7,916,362</u>	<u>7,365,904</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	12	<u>7,916,362</u>	<u>7,365,904</u>

The financial statements on pages 12 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 17 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Bishop H E Gilbert  
Trustee

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, and the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) issued in July 2014.

The accounts have also been prepared in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

##### **Basis of preparation**

John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. 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.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### **Income and endowments**

###### ***Investment income***

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

##### **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

##### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

##### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### ***Grant provisions***

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

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024 (continued)**

#### **Governance costs**

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Fixed assets have historically been included at the valuation given at the time of their incorporation into the financial statements in 1999. Subsequent additions are included at cost.

#### **Depreciation and amortisation**

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Freehold buildings 2% per annum

Expenditure on fixed assets is capitalised where the cost is material to the financial statements.

#### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

#### **Borrowings**

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

## **John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024 (continued)**

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

#### **Financial instruments**

##### ***Classification***

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### ***Recognition and measurement***

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

##### ***Investments***

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

## John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 29 February 2024 (continued)

#### *Derivative financial instruments*

The charity uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk and interest rate movements. The charity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in statement of financial activities immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in statement of financial activities depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

#### *Fair value measurement*

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

## 2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Deposit account interest	6,527	6,527
Dividends received	163,179	163,179
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>169,706</b>	<b>169,706</b>
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<b>163,831</b>	<b>163,831</b>

## 3 Expenditure on raising funds

#### **Investment management costs**

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Investment management fees	50,394	50,394
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>50,394</b>	<b>50,394</b>
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<b>51,008</b>	<b>51,008</b>

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		Total costs £
<b>4 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
	<b>Note</b>	
Direct costs of charitable activities	12,374	12,374
Grant payable: The Scottish Catholic Archives	98,722	98,722
Grant payable: CNET	(31,543)	(31,543)
Governance costs	12,297	12,297
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>91,850</b>	<b>91,850</b>
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<b>376,318</b>	<b>376,318</b>

The above grant payments represent the Trust's agreed awards to those institutions to provide funds for the furtherance of Catholic religion and for the education of Catholics. These amounts are agreed at a meeting of Trustees on an annual basis.

### 5 Analysis of governance and support costs

#### Governance costs

	<b>Unrestricted funds General £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>
Professional fees	2,907	2,907
Accountancy fees	4,695	4,695
The audit of the charity's annual accounts	4,695	4,695
<b>Total for 2024</b>	<b>12,297</b>	<b>12,297</b>
<b>Total for 2023</b>	<b>10,497</b>	<b>10,497</b>

### 6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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**7 Taxation**

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

**8 Fixed asset investments**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other investments	7,198,308	7,051,478

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**Other investments**

	<b>Listed investments £</b>	<b>Unlisted investments £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost or Valuation</b>			
At 1 March 2023	6,094,659	956,819	7,051,478
Revaluation	125,169	18,708	143,877
Additions	800,115	221,547	1,021,662
Disposals	(809,590)	(209,119)	(1,018,709)
At 29 February 2024	6,210,353	987,955	7,198,308
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 29 February 2024	6,210,353	987,955	7,198,308
At 28 February 2023	6,094,659	956,819	7,051,478

**9 Debtors**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Accrued income	50,450	2,401
Other debtors	-	-
	<u>50,450</u>	<u>2,401</u>

**10 Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Cash at bank	<u>746,128</u>	<u>371,785</u>

**11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
Accruals	<u>78,524</u>	<u>59,760</u>

**12 Funds**

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Included in Resources expended below is the balance brought forward from the previous year amounting to £7,365,904 (2023: £7,805,887).

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 29 February 2024 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	169,706	7,390,656	(726,261)	356,000	7,190,101
Designated	-	-	726,261	-	726,261
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>169,706</b>	<b>7,390,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>356,000</b>	<b>7,916,362</b>

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 28 February 2023 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	163,831	7,202,073	(726,261)	6,639,643
Designated	-	-	726,261	726,261
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>163,831</b>	<b>7,202,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,365,904</b>

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#### **Designated Funds**

Designated funds represent amounts set aside by the Trustees from the proceeds of the Scotus College sale for specific future charitable purposes in accordance with Trustee decisions made in prior years.

The designated fund balance remains £726,261 (2023: £726,261). No additional designations or releases were made during the year.

Although designated, these funds remain part of unrestricted reserves and may be reallocated at the discretion of the Trustees should circumstances require.

#### **Gains and Losses on Investments**

Gains and losses on investments comprise both realised gains arising on disposals of listed investments and unrealised gains arising from the revaluation of the investment portfolio to market value at the year end.

During the year ended 29 February 2024, realised gains on investments amounted to £23,120 (2023: £18,975). In addition, unrealised gains arising on revaluation of the portfolio totalled £143,876 (2023: unrealised gains of £157,513).

These movements reflect normal portfolio management activity together with overall market performance during the year.

#### **Other Recognised Gains and Losses**

Other recognised gains and losses represent capital receipts not forming part of the investment portfolio.

During the year, the Trust received £356,000 (2023: £nil) arising under the terms of the development agreement in respect of additional developable land at Blairs Estate. This receipt has been recognised as a capital gain in the year of receipt.

### **13 Related party transactions**

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

#### **CNET**

The trustees of the John Menzies Trust for Scotus College and Catholic Education are also trustees of CNET (also known as the Bishops' Conference of Scotland).

During the year the Trust received a grant repayment of £31,543 (2023: £nil) from CNET in relation to the 2022 grant underspend. The grant was approved in accordance with the Trust's normal governance procedures. No balance was outstanding at the year end (2023: £nil).

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 29 February 2024**

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>		
Investment income (analysed below)	<u>169,706</u>	<u>163,831</u>
Total income	<u>169,706</u>	<u>163,831</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(50,394)	(51,008)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(91,850)</u>	<u>(376,318)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(142,244)</u>	<u>(427,326)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>27,462</u>	<u>(263,495)</u>
Net movement in funds	27,462	(263,495)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>		
Total funds brought forward	<u>7,365,904</u>	<u>7,805,887</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>7,393,366</u>	<u>7,542,392</u>

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**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 29 February 2024  
(continued)**

	<b>Total 2024 £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>
<i><b>Investment income</b></i>		
Income from listed investments	163,179	163,332
Interest on cash deposits	6,527	488
Endowment Trust of RC Diocese of Aberdeen	-	11
	<hr/> 169,706	<hr/> 163,831
<i><b>Raising funds</b></i>		
Administration of investments	<hr/> (50,394)	<hr/> (51,008)
	<hr/> (50,394)	<hr/> (51,008)
<i><b>Charitable activities</b></i>		
Grant payable: Blairs Museum	-	(59,020)
Grant payable: The Scottish Catholic Archives	(98,722)	(1,026)
Grant payable: C'NET	31,543	(298,200)
Scotus Library expenses	(8,264)	(7,575)
Legal fees	(4,110)	-
Professional fees	(2,907)	(1,617)
Accountancy fees	(4,695)	(4,440)
The audit of the charity's annual accounts	<hr/> (4,695)	<hr/> (4,440)
	<hr/> (91,850)	<hr/> (376,318)