

# **The Fettes Foundation**

**Annual report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

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## **The Fettes Foundation**

Year ended 31 August 2025

### **Company information**

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<b>Trustees</b>	J J Beeton J C Lang M Lino B O Lloyd C A Miranda F Moffett S Murray C G M Parbrook A E H Salvesen CBE N Sarwar A W B Torrens V Toub E M Young	(Appointed 10 September 2025) (Resigned 3 November 2025) (Resigned 9 December 2024) (Appointed 25 September 2024)
<b>Company Secretary</b>	D G Hancock	
<b>Director of Development</b>	M R J Stitt	
<b>Charity number</b>	SC028350	
<b>Company number</b>	SC189253	
<b>Registered office</b>	Fettes College Carrington Road Edinburgh EH4 1QX	
<b>Auditor</b>	Henderson Loggie LLP Level 5, The Stamp Office 10-14 Waterloo Place Edinburgh EH1 3EG	

## **The Fettes Foundation**

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### **Trustees' report (including directors' report) for the year ended 31 August 2025**

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#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The Fettes Foundation ("the Foundation") is a company limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. It was established in August 1998 as a registered Scottish charity (No. SC028350) and has its registered office at Fettes College, Carrington Road, Edinburgh, EH4 1QX, Scotland. The Foundation was established for charitable objects only, these objects being to advance the education, health and well-being of students attending Fettes College, by the provision, or the assistance in the provision, of financial and other support to the College. Details of the Trustees, Senior Manager, Advisors and principal address of the Foundation are listed on page 1 of this report. This report also includes the requirements of a directors' report in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### ***Governing Document***

The Foundation is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. This report and the attached accounts have been prepared in accordance FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102" ("SORP (FRS 102) ") and with current statutory requirements.

##### ***Directors and Trustees***

The governing body of the Fettes Foundation comprises the Trustees listed on page 1, and the Directors of the Foundation are its Trustees for the purpose of charity law. A number of them have wider family connections with Fettes College including eight who have or have had children at the school. New Trustees are invited to join the Board of Trustees based on their commitment to Fettes College and its future development. In normal course, Trustees are encouraged to pay regular visits to Fettes College and to meet with the Director of Development, as required, between the biannual Foundation meetings held in Edinburgh in May or June (Ordinary Meeting) and December or January (the Annual General Meeting).

##### ***Organisation Management***

The Foundation's Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that the operational activities of the Foundation are conducted in the most efficient manner possible. The Foundation is provided with office space and various other facilities by Fettes College.

The Foundation is staffed by members of the Development Team. The role of the Development Team is to connect and empower the Fettes community across the globe to support each and Fettes College, and to raise philanthropic income for the Foundation. To do this they build and maintain relationships with an ever-growing number of Old Fettesians, current and past parents, students and current and former staff.

##### ***Relationship with Fettes College***

The Foundation is a separately registered charity to that of Fettes College. However, its objectives and aims are to support the education, health and well-being of students at Fettes College. Three current Trustees have previously acted as Governors of Fettes College, which provides appropriate experience to deliver on the objectives of the Foundation. The Foundation is independently constituted and operationally independent of Fettes College and is not a subsidiary or associated company of it.

##### ***Risk Management***

Trustees are responsible for the management of risks faced by the Fettes Foundation. They recognise the value of an open and transparent culture which promotes prompt escalation of risk concerns. They have nominated the Director of Development to take overall responsibility for risk management and ensure its effectiveness. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established. Whilst these controls are reviewed throughout the year, a formal review of the Foundation's risk management processes is conducted twice a year at each Foundation meeting.

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The key controls used by the charity include:

- Formal agenda for and minuting of all Trustees meetings.
- Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting.
- Established organisation structure and lines of reporting.
- Clear authorisation and approval levels for expenditure.

Through the risk management processes established by the Foundation, the Trustees are satisfied that the major risks are identified and have been adequately assessed and mitigated, where necessary.

The key risks facing the Foundation typically relate to governance, regulation, staffing, external economic uncertainties and financial and administrative factors which can in turn be broken down into succession planning for the Board; compliance with relevant legislation such as data protection regulations; retaining charitable status; recruitment then retention of good staff; ensuring sufficient funding from donations is coming into the Foundation and that cost controls relating to expenditure are in place; and developing and maintaining adequate systems including IT systems to ensure gifts to the Foundation are processed, acknowledged and recognised in accordance with the donor's wishes.

The Trustees place huge emphasis on ensuring that the Fettes Foundation does not suffer any material damage or loss arising from a risk factor which would affect its ability to deliver its strategy and key objectives.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### ***Charitable Object***

The Foundation's principal activity is to raise funds to provide financial and other support to Fettes College. This requires an active series of campaigns and communications to ensure that the constituency, primarily made up of former students and parents of current and past students of Fettes College, are aware of the needs of the College particularly as they relate to bursaries and the expansion and renewal of facilities.

### ***Aims and Objectives***

The Foundation's objectives for the year were to:

- Prioritise raising major gifts towards 100% bursaries and secure unrestricted income.
- Secure major gifts and legacies towards other strategic priorities as opportunities arise and secure unrestricted income.
- Look after and thank supporters and planned legators
- Maximise the use of the database, continuing to enrich data in support of objectives and streamlining business processes.
- Meet all statutory obligations placed upon the Foundation and its activities.
- Exercise due diligence in the management of the Foundation's donations.
- Develop plans for 2025/26 and beyond.

Trustees believe these objectives were achieved.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR**

### ***Results for the year***

Donations of £2,770,566 were received during the year which is £2,206,769 more than the £563,797 received in 2023/24. This means there has been, on average, £876,000 raised per annum since the Foundation was established in 1998.

During 2024/25 245 donors made donations to the Foundation, compared to 228 donors in 2023/24. In addition to donations there was £458,649 of investment income being rental income and interest on bank deposits.

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Donation income included £2,705,979 of restricted funds, of which £468,370 was to fund 100% bursaries which is £23,912 lower than the £444,458 raised in 2023/24.

Disbursements during the year from restricted funds amounted to £958,332 compared with £415,839 in the prior year, leaving restricted funds of £2,506,357 at the year end. Unrestricted reserves at the year-end amounted to £3,109,046. Included within unrestricted funds is an amount of £147,349 (2024: £147,349) which the Trustees have chosen to designate for the purpose of school buildings projects and £697 (2024: £697) which the Trustees have chosen to designate for the purpose of a school archive project.

The resources expended in administering and promoting the fundraising activities of the Foundation totalled £282,274 during the year compared with £240,228 in the prior year. Hence, for every £1.00 expended, there was donation income of £9.81 (£2.34 in 2023/24 and an average of £4.91 over the last seven years).

#### ***Reserves and Investment Policies***

The Foundation's purpose of raising funds to provide financial and other support to Fettes College is an ongoing one and the Trustees will provide that support as funds are available and when suitable projects arise. Thus, as fundraising is continuous, the level of reserves will depend on the timing and level of support given to the College.

The Foundation's investments are held in property, with surplus cash held in interest bearing deposit accounts with Barclays plc. The objectives are to minimise risk and secure a commercial rate of return, and the Trustees are satisfied that these objectives have been achieved during the year.

### **RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR**

#### ***Income from Donations***

£2,770,566 income from donations was received in 2024/25. This included a legacy of £2,123,802.

Donations are broken down as follows:

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|----------------------|------------|
| • Bursaries          | £468,370   |
| • Unrestricted Gifts | £64,587    |
| • Special Projects   | £2,237,609 |

#### ***Staffing***

The Director of Development joined Fettes Foundation in October 2023.

#### ***Key management personnel***

The Director of Development is the key management person within the Foundation and whilst the remuneration is set by another body, Fettes College, it is at a rate which the Trustees believe is competitive within the Charity Fundraising sector.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

Foundation Trustees are committed to the Foundation focussing on the following between 2025-2027:

- Strengthening major giving towards the Fettes Foundation.
- Increasing philanthropic income towards bursaries.
- Raising philanthropic income towards capital projects, as required, and towards where the College needs it most (ie unrestricted income).
- Enriching our data.
- Supporting the Head's Strategic Vision and assessing the feasibility of associated fundraising as required.
- Monitoring and evaluating activities to ensure they deliver a good return on investment.

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### Trustees' report (including directors' report) for the year ended 31 August 2025 (continued)

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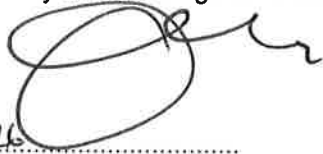
Specifically, in 2025/26 the Development Team will support Foundation Trustees to deliver these aims by:

- Securing major gifts and annual income towards bursaries.
- Securing major gifts and legacies towards other strategic priorities as opportunities arise and securing unrestricted income.
- Launch a Giving Day campaign
- Looking after and thanking supporters and planned legators.
- Maximising the use of the database, continuing to enrich data in support of objectives and streamlining business processes.

The Development Team will also continue to increase and widen engagement with members of the Fettes Community across the globe and secure donations for the Foundation.

Trustee

Date: 1.1.2026



**Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Fettes Foundation**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Fettes Foundation (the 'Foundation') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the 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 FRS 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 Foundation's affairs as at 31 August 2025 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, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**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 Foundation 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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 22 to the financial statements, 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 Foundation'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.



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

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' Report; or
- proper accounting records have not been kept by the Foundation; or
- the Foundation financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; 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 Foundation 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 Foundation'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 Foundation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and section 44(1)(c) of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and report in accordance with the Acts and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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

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

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

As part of our planning process:

- We enquired of management the systems and controls the Foundation has in place, the areas of the financial statements that are mostly susceptible to the risk of irregularities and fraud, and whether there was any known, suspected or alleged fraud. Management informed us that there were no instances of known, suspected or alleged fraud;

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### Independent auditor's report to the trustees of The Fettes Foundation

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- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Foundation. We determined that applicable companies and charities legislation were most relevant;
- We considered the incentives and opportunities that exist in the Foundation, including the extent of management bias, which present a potential for irregularities and fraud to be perpetrated, and tailored our risk assessment accordingly; and
- Using our knowledge of the Foundation, together with the discussions held with management at the planning stage, we formed a conclusion on the risk of misstatement due to irregularities including fraud and tailored our procedures according to this risk assessment.

The key procedures we undertook to detect irregularities including fraud during the course of the audit included:

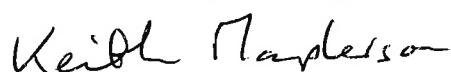
- Inquiry of management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular the valuation of investment property; and
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. The primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities and fraud rests with the trustees.

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

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Foundation's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with regulation 10 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and trustees those matters we are required to state to them 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 charitable company, the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Keith Macpherson (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Henderson Loggie LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Henderson Loggie LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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## Statement of financial activities including income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income</b>							
Donations and legacies	3	64,587	2,705,979	2,770,566	119,339	444,458	563,797
Investments	4	458,649	-	458,649	452,394	-	452,394
<b>Total income</b>		<b>523,236</b>	<b>2,705,979</b>	<b>3,229,215</b>	<b>571,732</b>	<b>444,458</b>	<b>1,016,191</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>							
Raising funds	5	259,383	22,891	282,274	195,197	45,031	240,228
Charitable activities	6	1,491	935,441	936,932	4,631	370,808	375,440
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>260,874</b>	<b>958,332</b>	<b>1,219,206</b>	<b>199,828</b>	<b>415,839</b>	<b>615,667</b>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>	11	<b>95,611</b>	-	<b>95,611</b>	92,958	-	92,958
<b>Net income/ (expenditure) for the year/ Net movements in funds</b>		<b>357,973</b>	<b>1,747,647</b>	<b>2,105,620</b>	<b>464,862</b>	<b>28,619</b>	<b>493,481</b>
Fund balances at 1 September 2024		2,751,072 =====	758,710 =====	3,509,783 =====	2,286,211 =====	730,091 =====	3,016,302 =====
<b>Fund balances at 31 August 2025</b>		<b>3,109,045</b> =====	<b>2,506,357</b> =====	<b>5,615,402</b> =====	<b>2,751,072</b> =====	<b>758,710</b> =====	<b>3,509,783</b> =====

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The results for the year derive from continuing activities and there are no gains or losses other than those shown above.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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## Balance sheet at 31 August 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	10		-		-
Investments	11		3,444,830		3,349,219
			<u>3,444,830</u>		<u>3,349,219</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	83,174		93,427	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,377,135		796,024	
			<u>2,460,309</u>	<u>889,451</u>	
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	13	(148,422)		(450,743)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			2,311,887		438,708
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			5,756,717		3,787,926
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14		(141,315)		(278,144)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>5,615,402</u> =====		<u>3,509,783</u> =====
<b>Income funds</b>					
<i>Restricted funds</i>	16		2,506,357		758,710
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>					
Designated funds	17	148,046		148,046	
General unrestricted funds		2,960,999		2,603,027	
			<u>3,109,045</u>	<u>2,751,073</u>	
			<u>5,615,402</u> =====	<u>3,509,783</u> =====	

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 11 FEBRUARY 2026

  
Trustee

Company registration number: SC189253

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## Statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	20		1,559,625		(350,248)
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Interest paid on bank loans		-	-	-	-
Investment income received		21,487		15,231	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			21,487		15,231
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			-		-
<b>Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			1,581,112		(335,017)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			796,023		1,131,040
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			2,377,135		796,023

**Notes to the financial statements**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**Charity information**

The Fettes Foundation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, a registered Scottish Charity (No. SC028350), registered with OSCR and has no share capital; however, in the event of a winding up each one of the members undertakes to contribute such amounts as may be required not exceeding £1. The registered office is Fettes College, Carrington Road, Edinburgh EH4 1QX.

**1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Foundation's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), 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)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Foundation is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified by the carrying of investment properties at fair value.

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Foundation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next 12 months and, having identified no material uncertainties in respect of going concern, 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, being the provision of support to Fettes College. This includes designated funds which are those amounts of the unrestricted funds which the trustees have elected to designate and apply towards particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors 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 but typically include the provision of bursaries and scholarships, the provision of equipment and the maintenance of fabric, the provision of financial assistance to pupils for school trips, the assistance of teaching of specific subjects and to assist in the development of specific capital projects at the College.

**1.4 Income**

Income is recognised when the Foundation is 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.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Foundation 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 Foundation has been notified of an impending distribution, receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

**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.

Costs of raising funds and governance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis and include irrecoverable VAT, where applicable. Staff and fundraising costs charged to restricted funds represent 20% of restricted income, together with certain direct costs associated with raising those funds, subject to a maximum of £25,000 per donor.

**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Foundation has adopted a policy of capitalising individual items costing £500 or more with items below this limit being expensed.

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:

Computer Software	25% on cost
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**1.7 Investment properties**

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

**1.8 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the Foundation reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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).

**1.9 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash in hand and at bank.

**1.10 Financial instruments**

The Foundation 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.

**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

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**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

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

**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 Foundation's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**1.11 Taxation**

The company is recognised as a charity by HMRC and no charge for taxation arises on its charitable income in the year.

**1.12 Retirement benefits**

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

**2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the Foundation's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.



**Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

**2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)**

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**Critical judgements**

**Investment Property Valuation**

Investment property is carried at fair value, which is estimated by management using a discounted cash flow model.

**3 Donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
Donations and gifts	<b>64,587</b>	<b>582,177</b>	<b>646,764</b>	119,339	367,216	486,555
Legacies receivable	-	<b>2,123,802</b>	<b>2,123,802</b>	-	77,242	77,242
	<b>64,587</b>	<b>2,705,979</b>	<b>2,770,566</b>	119,339	<b>444,458</b>	<b>563,797</b>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

**4 Investments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Rental income	<b>437,162</b>	437,163
Interest receivable	<b>21,487</b>	15,231
	<b>458,649</b>	<b>452,394</b>
	=====	=====

**5 Raising funds**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025	Restricted Funds 2025	Total Funds 2025	Unrestricted Funds 2024	Restricted Funds 2024	Total Funds 2024
Other fundraising costs	<b>69,475</b>	<b>6,131</b>	<b>75,606</b>	47,447	10,946	58,393
Staff costs	<b>189,908</b>	<b>16,760</b>	<b>206,668</b>	147,750	34,085	181,835
	<b>259,383</b>	<b>22,891</b>	<b>282,274</b>	195,197	<b>45,031</b>	<b>240,228</b>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

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## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

<b>6</b>	<b>Charitable activities</b>	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
	Donations to Fettes College	<b>927,732</b>	367,208
	Share of governance costs (see note 7)	<b>9,200</b>	8,232
		<u><b>936,932</b></u>	<u>375,440</u>
		=====	=====
	<b>Analysis by funds</b>		
	Unrestricted funds	<b>1,491</b>	4,632
	Restricted funds	<b>935,441</b>	370,808
		<u><b>936,932</b></u>	<u>375,440</u>
		=====	=====

<b>7</b>	<b>Supporting costs</b>	<b>Support costs</b> 2025 £	<b>Governance costs</b> 2025 £	<b>Total Costs</b> 2025 £	<b>Support costs</b> 2024 £	<b>Governance costs</b> 2024 £	<b>Total Costs</b> 2024 £
	Accountancy fees	-	<b>9,200</b>	<b>9,200</b>	-	8,233	8,233
		<u>-</u>	<u><b>9,200</b></u>	<u><b>9,200</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,233</u>	<u>8,233</u>
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
	<b>Analysed between</b>						
	Charitable activities	-	<b>9,200</b>	<b>9,200</b>	-	8,233	8,233
		<u>-</u>	<u><b>9,200</b></u>	<u><b>9,200</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,233</u>	<u>8,233</u>
		=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

## 8 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Foundation during the year.

## 9 Staff costs and employees

The Foundation has no employees; however the Foundation reimburses Fettes College for the services of the Director of Development, the Annual Fund Coordinator, the Development Manager, and administration support.

	<b>2025</b> £	<b>2024</b> £
Wages and salaries	<b>168,656</b>	156,083
Social security costs	<b>19,527</b>	17,045
Other pension costs	<b>18,485</b>	8,707
	<u><b>206,668</b></u>	<u>181,835</u>
	=====	=====

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000. Key management personnel costs recharged totalled £102,666 (2024: £85,503).

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## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer software £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025	22,791
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025	22,791
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 August 2025	-
	=====
At 31 August 2024	-
	=====

### 11 Investment property

	2025 £
<b>Fair value</b>	
At 1 September 2024	3,349,219
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	95,611
	=====
<b>At 31 August 2025</b>	<b>3,444,830</b>
	=====

Investment property comprises the Spens Building, a building owned by the Foundation, built on land leased from Fettes College. The fair value of investment property has therefore been determined by management as the present value of future rental income until such point as the Foundation's lease on the property is due to expire, discounted at a risk free rate of return, which is deemed to be 2.85%. Revaluation gains and losses in the current and prior year are allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds.

### 12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	54,991	74,176
Prepayments and accrued income	28,183	19,251
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	<b>83,174</b>	<b>93,427</b>
	=====	=====

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## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 13 Creditors

		2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	Notes		
Other taxation and social security		<b>2,667</b>	3,599
Deferred income	15	<b>145,755</b>	447,144
		<b>148,422</b>	450,744
		=====	=====

### 14 Creditors

		2025 £	2024 £
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	Notes		
Deferred income	15	<b>141,315</b>	278,144
		<b>141,315</b>	278,144
		=====	=====

### 15 Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
Arising from prepaid income	<b>278,144</b>	715,306
	=====	=====
Deferred income is included in the financial statements as follows:		
Current liabilities	<b>136,829</b>	437,162
Non-current liabilities	<b>141,315</b>	278,144
	<b>278,144</b>	715,306
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There was opening deferred income of £715,306 (2024; £1,152,468), amounts released in the year totalled £437,162 (2024; £437,162), amounts deferred in the year totalled £nil (2024; £nil).

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## Notes to the financial statements

### 16 Restricted funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Revaluation gains and losses £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Fettes College trips	24,093	1,000	(1,400)	-	23,693	1,565	(5,212)	-	20,046
Teaching	52,601	1,525	(3,373)	-	50,753	6,525	(4,691)	-	52,587
Bursaries and scholarships	584,153	391,940	(370,541)	-	605,552	468,370	(896,600)	-	177,322
Equipment / archives	58,759	49,543	(38,200)	-	70,102	120,276	(47,809)	-	142,569
Fettes College buildings	90	450	(90)	-	450	2,109,243	(90)	-	2,109,603
Sports	10,395	-	(2,235)	-	8,160	-	(3,930)	-	4,230
	<u>730,091</u>	<u>444,458</u>	<u>(415,840)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>758,710</u>	<u>2,705,979</u>	<u>(958,332)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,506,357</u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

The description of each element of the restricted funds shown in the table above indicates the purpose for which the funds have been donated and the type of activity/expenditure in respect of which the funds will be applied.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

**17 Designated funds**

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming/ Outgoing Resources £	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Incoming/ Outgoing Resources £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
Fettes College building projects	147,349	-	147,349	-	<b>147,349</b>
Fettes College archive projects	697	-	697	-	<b>697</b>
	<u>148,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u><b>148,046</b></u>
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

**18 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2025 are represented by:						
Investment properties	<b>4,944,830</b>	-	<b>4,944,830</b>	3,349,219	-	3,349,219
Current assets/(liabilities)	<b>(1,835,785)</b>	<b>2,506,357</b>	<b>670,572</b>	(320,002)	758,710	438,707
Long term liabilities				(278,144)	-	(278,144)
	<u><b>3,109,045</b></u>	<u><b>2,506,357</b></u>	<u><b>5,615,402</b></u>	<u>2,751,073</u>	<u>758,710</u>	<u>3,509,783</u>
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**19 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024 - £Nil).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

**20 Cash generated from operations**

	2025 £	2024 £
Surplus for the year	2,105,620	493,481
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(21,487)	(15,231)
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(95,611)	(92,958)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	10,255	(70,406)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(439,151)	(665,134)
<b>Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations</b>	<b>1,559,625</b> =====	<b>(350,248)</b> =====

**21 Analysis of changes in net funds/(debt)**

	At 1 September 2024 £	Cashflows £	At 31 August 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	796,023	1,581,112	2,377,135
	<u>796,023</u> =====	<u>1,581,112</u> =====	<u>2,377,135</u> =====

As at 31 August 2025, £1.5m of cash was held on short term deposit with Barclays plc with a maturity date of 8th September 2025.

**22 Non audit services provided by auditor**

In common with many businesses of our size and nature we use our auditor to assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

