# THE FRIENDS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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# TRUSTEE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The Trustee submits its annual report and financial statements of The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School and its subsidiary undertaking for the year ended 31 July 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 17 and 18 of the attached financial statements and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

## 1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School is a registered charity. Its objects, powers and other constitutional matters are set out in its Trust Deed of March 1993. It is governed by a corporate trustee, which is responsible for setting the strategic direction of the organisation and for establishing policy. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Charity's governing documents and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

## Trustees

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School Corporate Trustee Limited (registered number 13559681) is appointed as sole trustee. The directors of the corporate trustee, who act as Trustee representatives, are:

E. Aghdiran

- A. Binstock
- S. Cooke
- N. Enright
- N. Gaskell
- E. Houston
- B. Martin
- C. Price

T. O'Reilly acts as Company Secretary for the Trustee.

## 2. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

## Registered address

Queen Elizabeth's School Queen's Road Barnet Herts EN5 4DQ

Charity registration number

289174

**Registered auditor** 

Buzzacott LLP 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL

CAF Bank Limited Kings Hill West Malling Kent **ME19 4TA** 

HSBC Plc 140 High Street Barnet Herts EN5 5XW

**Executive committee** 

- A. Binstock, Chairman
- P. Raykar, Vice-Chair
- N. Enright, Headmaster
- C. Seetharam, School Captain
- C. Coughlan R. Essex
- P. Forrester
- T. O'Reilly
- D. Singh
- A. Somani

## 3. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Charity's objects, powers and other constitutional matters are set out in its Trust Deed. In setting the Charity's objectives and planning its activities, the Trustee has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. The Charity has continued its principal activity of providing for all or any of the following:

- The advancement of education at Queen Elizabeth's School ("the School").
- The provision, maintenance, insurance, reconstruction or repair of the School buildings, fixtures, fittings and equipment including vehicles and any facility of whatsoever nature present at the School or subsequently to be erected at the School, including the provision or extension or maintenance of playing fields and any other recreational facility.
- The general encouragement of all educational pursuits by the students of the School, including the
  provision of films, books, lectures, educational equipment, sporting, recreational and musical
  equipment and costs involved in attending external educational courses or visits.
- The provision of financial assistance to necessitous pupils of the School for the purposes of acquiring clothing, books, tools, instruments and equipment.

## **Investment Powers and Policy**

Investment powers are governed by the Trust Deed. There are no restrictions on the Charity's absolute power of investment. The charity may accumulate any income not immediately required for the purposes of The Friends by investing the same and resulting income thereof in such manner as the Trustees determine. To date, the Trustee continues to keep the Charity funds in short-term bank deposits.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The objects of the Charity are to advance the education of the boys of the School by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the School, and to engage in activities that support the School and its pupils.

The Corporate Trustee set the policies of the Charity with respect to both the raising of funds and the management of those funds in accordance with its objects, thus retaining strategic control of the Charity's activities. The Corporate Trustee is governed by a number of Directors appointed under the terms of its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

There is also an Executive Committee, which plans and runs events to raise funds for the Charity and to promote the cohesion of members of the school community through participation in these endeavours. The Executive Committee meets approximately 8 times per year and Sub-Committees meet more frequently to plan particular events. The Trustee administers the funds raised through these initiatives. The Executive Committee are drawn from members of the Charity (parents and guardians of pupils of the School, members of school staff) and honorary members (former members and Old Elizabethans).

In addition to raising funds and providing facilities for education at the School, members regularly assist at many school functions and support the wider life of the school. Ordinary members are kept informed by means of the School's termly newsletter and by additional mailings from the Executive from time to time. The annual report is presented to the Annual Meeting.

## **Connected Organisations including Related Party Relationships**

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School provides funding for the provision of facilities for the education of pupils at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet (registered number 07351253).

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School Corporate Trustee Limited (registered number 13559681) is the sole trustee of The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School. The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School Corporate Trustee Limited operates as sole Trustee since 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School is the parent company to two wholly owned subsidiaries:

- FQE Enterprises Limited (registered number 06833180): The subsidiary's principal trading activity is to provide school uniform, equipment and other related products and services to the pupils of Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.
- FQE International Enterprises Limited (registered number 15165141): incorporated on 26th September 2023, the subsidiary's principal trading activity is leasing of intellectual property and providing educational support services.

All profits from both subsidiaries are donated to The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School by Gift Aid within nine months of the end of the reporting year.

## **Public Benefit**

The Governors acknowledge the duty in Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's published general and relevant sub-sector guidance on public benefit. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the aims, strategy and planning future activities. All activities undertaken by the School are for the public benefit.

The Charity is specifically restricted to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom and reports annually on the ways in which it has successfully delivered in this regard. The Charity's overriding objective of advancing education at Queen Elizabeth's School meets the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance since the support given to Queen Elizabeth's School benefits all of the students at the School. In addition, the support given to The School by the Charity provides public benefit to the wider educational community. For example, the School's swimming pool was funded through donations from the Charity and is now used by several local primary schools at heavily subsidised rental rates.

## **Fundraising Practices**

The Charity raises funds from only the wider School community of pupils, parents, friends, family and former pupils. It does not use any third parties to fundraise and limits its appeals to simple requests for voluntary donations through the Giving to QE covenant scheme, and appeal pages on JustGiving and CAFDonate. No complaints about fundraising have been received in the year.

## 4. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

## i) THE EXTENT TO WHICH OBJECTIVES HAVE BEEN MET

The level of donations received remained consistent with prior years. This has enabled the Charity to continue to grant significant financial assistance to the School to fund capital projects, including a new studio and lecture theatre, the Robert Dudley Studio, completion of replacement boilers and other plant room equipment, replacement of music equipment and completion of the wifi upgrade across the School site enabling implementation of the 121 devices programme. The Friends have supported the School to repay Condition Improvement Fund loans relating to recent significant capital investments in the Fern building and the building of The Friends' Recital Hall and Music Rooms.

## ii) SUMMARY

During the last academic year, the Friends have continued to provide financial support to Queen Elizabeth's School. Capital projects financed by the FQE continue to impact profoundly upon the working environment and extra-curricular life of the School. The boys would simply not be able to enjoy the range of sporting and cultural experiences they do without the Friends' wide-ranging support that also includes basics such as the running costs of the minibuses and the costs associated with celebrations.

Enrichment provision enabled by the Friends' contributes significantly to the School's mission of producing rounded young people who are confident, able and responsible. There is also a direct correlation between the pupils' co-curricular enrichment and their extraordinary academic achievements. Staff derive confidence from the support that the School receives from the FQE as they know that the work they do here is highly valued. Pupils take themselves seriously when they know that many have given so much voluntarily to enhance their educational experience.

During the period, a new studio and lecture theatre, the Robert Dudley Studio, opened, which is the latest major facility delivered in the School with the support of FQE. Drama has enjoyed a resurgence at QE in recent years and the new studio provides greatly improved facilities, enabling the School to strengthen the dramatic arts. It has a capacity of 200, so that an entire year group can be accommodated at the same time. The choice of project was a recognition that through drama, and through other performance-oriented activities such as public-speaking and debating, boys learn oracy and self-presentation skills that will stand them in good stead in their later lives and careers.

In addition to funding this major capital item, the Charity has donated to the School during the year for purposes, which include the completion of installation of enhanced Wi-Fi infrastructure enabling 1:1 student devices programme (the next step in the delivery of the School's digital strategy) as well as general site improvements. The Charity continued to donate to the School to cover travel costs for pupils to attend events and fixtures. The Charity has pledged funds by donation to the School of £150,000 to enable these works to be carried out. At the year-end, this entire amount was due to be paid to the School.

It is also of paramount importance that Queen Elizabeth's holds to a steady course and stands firm on the common core values that bind the School community together. In so doing we ensure that parents, staff, old boys, trustees of the corporate trustee and governors work together effectively to realise the School's priorities and achieve our mission. It is this unity of purpose, reflected materially in the many donations to FQE that lies at the heart of our boys' widespread successes.

The School had another splendid year with excellent results at A level and record breaking GCSE's. The pupils and staff are immensely grateful for the support the School receives from The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School.

## iii) PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The major objective of the next year is to continue to support the School to fund other capital projects.

The Charity is continuously seeking to find alternative sources of income, particularly considering the rise in cost of living and potential impact on donation income. In the year, the Charity incorporated a new wholly owned company, FQE International Enterprises Limited. This is a new venture entering into a partnership with an educational business to establish new schools overseas under the Queen Elizabeth's School banner. Income received will be in the form of licence fees for intellectual property and know-how, and a percentage of revenue. All profits will be donated to the Charity, which will, as with other donations, be solely used to further educational opportunities at Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.

The Trustee representatives have assessed whether the Charity will continue as a going concern for at least a period of twelve months from the date of approving the financial statements and have concluded that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue and accordingly the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

## 5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The results are reported within the financial statements and the Charity's assets are sufficient to meet its obligations.

The principal funding sources are by way of donations to the Charity and income generated from fund-raising activities within Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.

Total income for the year was £1,400,743 (2023: £1,114,993) and total expenditure was £1,661,841 (2023: £1,146,005). Funds are used to support building projects and educational developments within Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet.

The Group's net asset position at 31 July 2024 was £443,762 (2023: £704,860).

## **Reserves Policy**

Note 7 to the financial statements shows the movement in funds by type. The Charity's policy is to build up reserves by means of annual operating surpluses and judicious management of its investment assets to enable the pursuance of the Charity's objects. The reserves are then used on a periodic basis to make grants to the School. As at 31 July 2024, excluding restricted reserves of £15,999, free reserves of the Group are £427,763 and the Trustee considers that sufficient reserves are held to cover the expected donations to the School during the 2024/25 year.

## **Grant Making Policy**

Grants to Queen Elizabeth's School are made in accordance with the procedures laid down by the corporate trustee and established by the conditions set down by the donor of the funds.

## **Risk Management**

The Board continues to keep the Charity's activities under review, particularly with regard to any major risks that may arise from time to time including:

- Strategic risks including macro-economic, pandemic and technology risks where donor levels are monitored monthly and there are procedures to maintain IT security regularly;
- Public profile risks, which is reduced with compliance via health and safety committee;
- Human resources, Employee legislation and Welfare risks are all managed through the School operations; and
- Organisation risk, which is mitigated with trustees undertaking training, decisions-making by whole trustee body.

## **Investment in FQE Enterprises Ltd**

The Charity holds an investment of £25,000 in FQE Enterprises Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity which runs the School's shop.

## Investment in FQE International Enterprises Ltd

The Charity holds an investment of £25,000 in FQE International Enterprises Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Charity which leases intellectual property and provides educational support services.

## 6. STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustee is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustee to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and the group and of the income and expenditure of the group for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustee is required to:

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

The Trustee is 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 Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## 7. KEY MANAGEMENT REMUNERATION POLICY

The key management of the Charity are regarded as Trustee representatives. They do not receive any remuneration or benefits in kind.

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N Enright Director

23 October 2024

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the group and parent charity statement of financial activities, balance sheets, statements of cash flows, the principal accounting policies and the notes to the financial statements. 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 group's and of the parent charity's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of their 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 Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group 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 trustee's 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 group and parent 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 trustee with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (CONTINUED)

## 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 Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustee's annual report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charity; or
- the parent charity financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of the trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement, the trustee is 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 trustee is responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 group or the parent charity 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.

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:

## How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

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

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the group through discussions with the trustee and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the group, including the Charities Act 2011, data protection legislation, and health and safety legislation;

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (CONTINUED)

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

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

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

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- · tested the implementation of financial controls; and
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias.

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

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing any available correspondence with HMRC and the charity's legal advisors.

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

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

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

# TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE FRIENDS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (CONTINUED)

### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustee 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 charity and the charity's trustee as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Buzzacott LLP Statutory Auditor 130 Wood Street London EC2V 6DL

Date: 25 October 2024

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

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

×	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	1	856,567		856,567	826,089	-	826,089
Charitable activities	2	39,616	-	39,616	74,126	-	74,126
Other trading activities		485,136	-	485,136	206,627	X	206,627
Investments		19,424	-	19,424	8,151	-	8,151
Total		1,400,743	-	1,400,743	1,114,993		1,114,993
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Raising funds	3	383,436	-	383,436	167,018	15	167,018
Charitable activities	3	1,258,949	19,456	1,278,405	978,987	-	978,987
Total		1,642,385	19,456	1,661,841	1,146,005	-	1,146,005
Net (expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds		(241,642)	(19,456)	(261,098)	(31,012)	-	(31,012)
<b>Reconciliation of</b> <b>funds</b> Total funds brought forward		669,405	35,455	704,860	700,417	35,455	735,872
Total funds carried forward	7	427,763	15,999	443,762	669,405	35,455	704,860

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

# CHARITY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING CHARITY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted Funds £	2024 Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Donations and legacies	1	885,845	-	885,845	826,089	-	826,089
Charitable activities	2	39,616	-	39,616	74,126	-	74,126
Investments		19,290	-	19,290	8,085	-	8,085
Total		944,751		944,751	908,300		908,300
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	3	1,248,667	19,456	1,268,123	964,272	-	964,272
Total		1,248,667	19,456	1,268,123	964,272		964,272
Net (expenditure) for the year and net movement in funds		(303,916)	(19,456)	(323,372)	(55,972)	-	(55,972)
<b>Reconciliation of</b> funds Total funds brought forward		622,662	35,455	658,117	678,634	35,455	714,089
Total funds carried forward	7	318,746	15,999	334,745	622,662	35,455	658,117

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

# GROUP BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Stocks		86,246	89,177
Debtors	5	54,844	118,519
Short term deposits		301,991	<u></u>
Cash at bank and in hand	12	520,279	924,844
Total Current assets		963,360	1,132,540
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(519,598)	(427,680)
Net current assets		443,762	704,860
Total net assets		443,762	704,860
Comprising:			
Funds			
Restricted	7, 8	15,999	35,455
Unrestricted: General funds	7, 8	427,763	669,405
Total Funds		443,762	704,860

The financial statements were approved by the Trustee on 23rd October 2024 and signed on its behalf by

N Enright Director

Charity Number 289174

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N Gaskell Director

## CHARITY BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Fixed asset investment			
Investment in subsidiary companies		50,000	25,000
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Current assets			
Debtors	5	24,000	108,336
Investments		301,991	-
Cash at bank and in hand	12	379,497	801,498
		705,488	909,834
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(420,743)	(276,717)
Net current assets		284,745	633,117
Total net assets		334,745	658,117
Comprising:			
Funds			
Restricted	7, 8	15,999	35,455
Unrestricted: General funds	7, 8	318,746	622,662
Total Funds		334,745	658,117

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# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 JULY 2024

		GROUP		СН	ARITY
	Note	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities: Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	11	(121,998)	54,489	(114,300)	6,690
Cash flows from investing activities: Interest Investment in subsidiary Investment in short		19,424 -	8,151 -	19,290 (25,000)	8,085
term deposits		(301,991)	-	(301,991)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(404,565)	62,640	(422,001)	14,775
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		924,844	862,204	801,498	786,723
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	12	520,279	924,844	379,497	801,498

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School does not have any borrowings or lease obligations. Net debt consists therefore of the cash at bank and in hand.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

## A Accounting Convention and Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Charity are prepared in accordance with The Charities Act 2011, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) updated in 2019, and with applicable accounting standards. These financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost accounting basis except that investment assets are carried at valuation.

## **Group Financial Statements**

These financial statements consolidate the results of the Charity and its wholly owned subsidiaries, FQE Enterprises Limited and FQE International Enterprises Limited on a line-by-line basis.

## B Donations

Donations representing Deeds of Covenant and Gift Aid are accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receive.

## C Income Tax Reclaimed

Income tax reclaimed on income from Deeds of Covenant and Gift Aid is accounted for on an accruals basis.

## D Activities Income

Activities income represents the gross income arising on fundraising activities during the year.

## E Investment & Investment Income

Investment in the subsidiary has been stated at cost less any provision for permanent diminution in value. Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receive.

## F Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. It is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and has been included in those cost categories. Certain other costs, which are attributable to more than one activity, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of resources used on those activities.

## G Grants Payable

Grants payable are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period in which the projects which are supported at the School incur expenditure.

## H Fund Accounting

The Funds held by the Charity are divided into unrestricted general funds, which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustee, and restricted funds, which must be used for the objects specified by the donors of those funds.

# ACCOUNTING POLICIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

## I Going concern

The Trustee assesses whether the use of going concern for preparing the financial statements is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern.

The Trustee makes this assessment in respect of period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. The Trustee concludes that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as there are adequate resources for the foreseeable future and accordingly the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis.

## J Financial instruments

The Charity only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors.

The Charity only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Charity and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments which are measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due from the Charity's related undertakings are held at amortised cost.

Cash at bank – is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to related undertakings are held at amortised cost.

## K Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value and after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks.

## L Critical judgements and estimates

There are no significant areas of judgement, estimates or key assumptions that effect items in the financial statements with respect to the next reporting period for the year ended 31 July 2025.

As set out in these accounting policies under "going concern", the Trustee has considered the impact of the pandemic on the charity and have concluded that although there may be some negative consequences, it is appropriate for the charity to continue to prepare its accounts on the going concern basis.

## 1 Donations and legacies

Group	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations	702,753	-	702,753
Income tax recoverable	153,814		153,814
	856,567	-	856,567
Charity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations	729,031	-	729,031
Income tax recoverable	156,814		156,814
	885,845	-	885,845

# Comparatives for year ended 31 July 2023

Group	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations	670,021	-	670,021
Income tax recoverable	156,068		156,068
	826,089	× 2	826,089
Charity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations	670,021	-	670,021
Income tax recoverable	156,068		156,068
	826,089	-	826,089

# 2 Charitable activities income (Group and Charity)

	2024 £	2023 £
Founder's Day Fete	19,968	30,885
Quiz	2,029	1,930
450th anniversary fundraising	11,026	31,311
Other	6,593	10,000
	39,616	74,126

All income from charitable activities is unrestricted in both the current and prior years.

## 3 Expenditure

Group	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Expenditure on raising funds: Cost of sales Shop management fee Total expenditure on raising funds	323,436 60,000 383,436		323,436 60,000 383,436
Expenditure on charitable activities: Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects:		10.150	4 0 40 470
Contribution to School Projects Pupil travel Support costs: Bank and credit	1,220,716 20,000	19,456 -	1,240,172 20,000
card charges Governance costs: Auditor's remuneration:	6,545	-	6,545
Audit fees Other	9,750 1,938	-	9,750 1,938
Other expenditure (corporation tax payable) <i>Total expenditure on charitable</i>	-	-	-
activities	1,258,949	19,456	1,278,405
Total expenditure	1,642,385	19,456	1,661,841
Charity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities:</i> Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects:			
Contribution to School Projects Pupil travel Support costs: Bank and credit	1,220,716 20,000	19,456 -	1,240,172 20,000
card charges Governance costs: Auditor's	3,173	-	3,173
remuneration: Audit fees	4,778	-	4,778
Total expenditure on charitable activities	1,248,667	19,456	1,268,123
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## 3 Expenditure (continued)

# Comparatives for year ended 31 July 2023

Group	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Cost of sales Shop management fee	113,018 54,000	-	113,018 54,000
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Total expenditure on raising funds	167,018		167,018
Expenditure on charitable activities: Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects:			
Contribution to School Projects	940,000	-	940,000 20,000
Pupil travel Support costs: Bank and credit card charges	20,000 6,743	-	6,743
Governance costs: Auditor's remuneration:			
Audit fees	6,150	-	6,150 1,775
Other Other expenditure (corporation tax	1,775 4,319	-	4,319
payable)			
Total expenditure on charitable activities	978,987	-	978,987
Total expenditure	1,146,005	-	1,146,005
Charity	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on charitable activities: Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objects:			
Contribution to School Projects	940,000	_	940,000
Pupil travel Support costs: Bank and credit card	20,000 1,532	-	20,000 1,532
charges Governance costs: Auditor's		-	-
remuneration: Audit fees	2,740	-	2,740
Total expenditure on charitable activities	964,272	-	964,272
Total expenditure	964,272	-	964,272

## 4 Trustee

The key management of the Charity are regarded as the trustees of the corporate trustee. They received no remuneration or expenses as their roles as trustees in either of the two financial years.

## 5 Debtors

Group		Charity	
2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
24,000	83,553	24,000	83,552
13,321	27,644	-	24,784
17,523	7,322		
54,844	118,519	24,000	108,336
	<b>2024</b> £ 24,000 13,321 17,523	2024         2023           £         £           24,000         83,553           13,321         27,644           17,523         7,322	2024         2023         2024           £         £         £         £           24,000         83,553         24,000           13,321         27,644         -           17,523         7,322         -

## 6 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Grants payable to Queen Elizabeth's School Other creditors	387,000 132,598	250,000 177,680	387,000 33,743	250,000 26,717
	519,598	427,680	420,743	276,717

## 7 Funds

Group	At 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2024 £
Funds Unrestricted Restricted	669,405 35,455	1,400,743	(1,642,385) (19,456)	427,763 15,999
Total Funds	704,860	1,400,743	(1,661,841)	443,762
Charity	At 1 August 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2024 £
Funds Unrestricted Restricted	622,662 35,455	944,751	(1,248,667) (19,456)	318,746 15,999
Total Funds	658,117	944,751	(1,268,123)	334.745

During the year ended 31 July 2024, no restricted donations have been received for specific purposes. Restricted funds brought forward are for the specific purpose towards the School library.

## 7 Funds (continued)

## Comparatives for year ended 31 July 2023

Group	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2023 £
Funds Unrestricted Restricted	700,417 35,455	1,114,993 -	(1,146,005)	669,405 35,455
Total Funds	735,872	1,114,993	(1,146,005)	704,860
Charity	At 1 August 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 July 2023 £
Funds Unrestricted Restricted	678,634 35,455	908,300 -	(964,272)	622,662 35,455
Total Funds	714,089	908,300	(964,272)	658,117

During the year ended 31 July 2023, no restricted donations have been received for specific purposes. Restricted funds brought forward are for the specific purpose towards the School library.

## 8 Analysis of net assets between funds

Group	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Funds			
Current assets	35,455	927,905	963,360
Current liabilities	(19,456)	(500,142)	(519,598)
Balance at 31 July 2024	15,999	427,763	443,762
Charity	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds
Charity		••••••	
Charity Funds	funds	funds £	Funds £
-	funds	funds	Funds
Funds	funds	funds £	Funds £
Funds Investments	funds £	funds £ 50,000	<b>Funds</b> £ 50,000

## 8 Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

## Comparatives for year ended 31 July 2023

Group	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
Funds	A	1 007 005	4 400 540
Current assets	35,455	1,097,085	1,132,540 (427,680)
Current liabilities	-	(427,680)	(427,000)
Balance at 31 July 2023	35,455	669,405	704,860
Charity	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total Funds
Charity			
Charity Funds	funds	funds £	Funds £
	funds £	funds £ 25,000	<b>Funds</b> £ 25,000
Funds	funds	funds £ 25,000 874,379	<b>Funds</b> £ 25,000 909,834
Funds Investments	funds £	funds £ 25,000	<b>Funds</b> £ 25,000

## 9 Investment in Subsidiary Company

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School has invested £25,000 in its wholly owned subsidiary, FQE Enterprises Limited, a company registered in England. The company's principal trading activity is to provide school uniform, equipment, other related products and services to the pupils of the School.

The subsidiary typically donates its annual taxable profit to The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School by Gift Aid. This is treated as a distribution in the subsidiary financial statements and accounted when paid over. The audited results for the year ended 31 July 2024 were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover Cost of sales Gross profit	205,507 112,606 92,901	206,627 
Less: Administrative expenses (including £4,319 corporation tax payable)	68,638	68,716
Plus: Bank interest	134	66
Retained in the subsidiary	24,397	24,959
Aggregate capital and reserves	66,860	71,741

#### Investment in Subsidiary Company (continued)

The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School has invested £25,000 in its wholly owned subsidiary, FQE International Enterprises Limited, a company registered in England. The company's principal trading activity is to lease intellectual property and provide educational support services.

The subsidiary typically donates its annual taxable profit to The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School by Gift Aid. This is treated as a distribution in the subsidiary financial statements and accounted when paid over. The audited results for the period since incorporation on 26 September 2023 to 31 July 2024 were:

	2024 £
Turnover Cost of sales Gross profit	279,629 210,830 68,799
Less: Administrative expenses	1,645
Plus: Bank interest	-
Retained in the subsidiary	67,154
Aggregate capital and reserves	92,154

#### 10 Related party transactions

The subsidiary has been granted a licence to run the School shop from Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, at a peppercorn rent.

During the year, the subsidiary collected monies in the School Shop amounting to £31,056 (2023: £38,995) which relates to the activities of Queen Elizabeth's School Barnet. At the year-end, £31,056 (2023: £38,995) was owed to the School.

Year-end creditors include £Nil (2023: £54,000) owed to Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet in respect of the management charge for the School Shop.

During the year The Friends of Queen Elizabeth's School donated £1,220,716 (2023: £940,000) to Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet, in respect of capital and operational projects, £20,000 (2023: £20,000) in relation to minibuses for pupil travel and £19,456 (2023: £Nil) as support for restricted projects. Of these sums £387,000 (2023: £250,000) is included within creditors and was paid to the School after the year-end.

The School collected monies and paid monies relating to the Founder's Day Fete and other activities on behalf of the Charity. At the year-end £7,026 (2023: £24,784) was owed from the School to the charity.

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# 11 Cash flows from operating activities

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2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
(261,098)	(31,012)	(323,372)	(55,972)
(19,424)	(8,151)	(19,290)	(8,085)
63,675	(53,622)	84,336	(61,993)
2,931	(32,362)	-	-
91,918	179,636	144,026	132,740
(121,998)	54,489	(114,300)	6,690
	<b>2024</b> £ (261,098) (19,424) 63,675 2,931 91,918	£         £           (261,098)         (31,012)           (19,424)         (8,151)           63,675         (53,622)           2,931         (32,362)           91,918         179,636	2024 £2023 £2024 £(261,098) $(31,012)$ $(323,372)$ $(19,424)$ $(8,151)$ $(19,290)$ $63,675$ $(53,622)$ $84,336$ $2,931$ $(32,362)$ - $91,918$ $179,636$ $144,026$

# 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	Group		Charity	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	270 407	201 409
Cash at bank and in hand	520,279	924,844	379,497	801,498
	520,279	924,844	379,497	801,498