

The Duchess's High School Trust



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Trustees' Report
Year Ended 31st March 2022

Charity Number: 1038646

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Year ending 31st March 2022
Legal and Administrative Information

Trustees

Mrs E D Drummond; resigned 29th June 2021
Mr R A J Fatherley
Mrs C J Skene; resigned 13th October 2021
Mr C W Howey
Mrs R J Morley
Mr I J McAllister
Mr P J Burrow; resigned 9th July 2021
Mrs K Williams, Chairman
Mrs R Taylor
Mr M C Skinner
Mrs E Whitlie; appointed 18th November 2021
Mrs R Bush; appointed 17th March 2022

Charity Address

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Year ending 31st March 2022

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ending 31st March 2022

The Trustees of the Duchess's High School Trust present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the trust deed and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Constitution and Objects

The Duchess's High School Trust exists for the purpose of advancing the education of the pupils by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and resources for the education of the pupils at the school which would not be provided otherwise.

There have been no changes in objectives during 2021/22. The Trust operates in accordance with its declaration of 3rd May 1994.

Membership

At 31st March 2022, there were 9 Trustees:

Mr R A J Fatherley

Mr C W Howey

Mrs R J Morley

Mr I J McAllister

Mrs K Williams, Chair

Mrs R Taylor

Mr M C Skinner

Mrs E Whittie; appointed 18th November 2021

Mrs R Bush; appointed 17th March 2022

Review of activities and future developments

The Trust has continued to develop its activity during 2021/22 – building on the success of the previous year. After a long period of dormancy, the charity was revived in 2018/19 and its role in providing additional facilities, resources and activities for students the Duchess's Community High School (DCHS) is now established. As a result of activities made possible by the Trust, young people at DCHS are better off.

The Trust has continued to support the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, with the £21k for 2021 appeal running until December 2021. This included the Big Give Christmas Challenge crowdfunder which raised more than £4,000 and brought the £21k for 2021 total to just short of £24,000. With this funding, the Trust was able to provide digital technology and CPD resources to enhance the learning experience in school. Some funds have also been set aside to bring cultural activities into school in 2022. Unfortunately, the Handlebards performance which was booked for February 2022 had to be cancelled due to covid restrictions but this will go ahead next year.

Grant funding was also secured to support new activities providing sexual health advice, lunchtime clubs, parkour club and reading for pleasure. The Trust is grateful to the Sir James Knott Trust, the Community Foundation for Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, Local Giving, Northumberland Children's Trust, North East Humanists, the Duke's Charity, the RW Mann Trust, the Freemasons of Northumberland, the Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust, the High Sheriff of Northumberland and the Northumberland Police & Crime Commissioner for their support during the year.

Other activities supported by the Trust include Pride Club, travel costs for school trips, sports equipment/teams, books, non-curriculum teaching resources, experiences in industry and more.

The Trust's fundraising activities have grown with, for the first time, fundraising events being held. The Virtual Pet Show in the summer term engaged not only DCHS students but also the wider community and raised the Trust profile as well as funds. More than £8,000 was raised in donations, through events and the Big Give Christmas Challenge. The Trust's first raffle for Christmas 2021 raised more than £1,000 and smaller raffles at each of the school spring theatre performances raised a further £400.

Trustees have agreed to continue to grow the charity's fundraising activities, setting a target income of £40,000 for the coming year.

The Trust is grateful to trustees Mrs E J Drummond, Mr P J Burrow and Mrs C J Skene who resigned during 2021/22 and the charity has welcomed Mrs E Whittle and Mrs R Bush who have joined the board this year.

Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Prepare the financial statements in accordance with the methods and principles set out in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" and to state whether or not the accounts have been prepared in accordance with that Statement and applicable accounting standards;

- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

Donations

Donations are made from the charity's funds following due consideration and approval of the Trustees.

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Financial Statements
Year Ended 31st March 2022

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Financial Statements for the Year ending 31st March 2022

Income and Expenditure Account

2020/21		2021/22
£	Income	£
3,193	School Lottery	2,533
23,375	Grants	18,490
5,924	Donations	7,639
401	Other	3,367
32,893	Total Income	32,029
	Expenditure	
213	SEND nurture room	-
3,500	Wellbeing	-
-	Sexual Health	1,262
1,434	Breakfast Club	5,708
-	Lunchtime Clubs	4,704
8,100	Culture & Community	-
-	Bringing Cultural Experiences to DCHS	167
-	Pride Activities	378
8,821	21 for 21	6,190
7,395	Other education resources and facilities	4,243
-	Insurance	290
130	Costs of raising funds	1,219
29,593	Total Expenditure	24,161
3,300	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	7,868
11,254	Balance 1 st April	14,554
14,554	Balance 31st March	22,422

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2022

	2020/21	2021/22
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	14,554	22,798
Current Liabilities		
Creditors	-	(376)
Net Total Assets	14,554	22,422
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	5,683	11,878
Restricted Funds		
Breakfast Club	5,191	3,379
21 for 21	3,680	2

Lunch Clubs	-	1,907
Sexual Health	-	1,237
Cultural	-	2,427
Pride Club	-	1,592
Total Restricted Funds	8,871	10,544
Total Charity Funds	14,554	22,422

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Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

(b) Donations

Donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are received.

(c) Grants receivable

Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account as received, unless related to a specific period, when it is placed in a restricted fund until used.

(d) Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure. The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

(e) Fund Accounting

The charity's funds consist of unrestricted and restricted amounts. The charity may use unrestricted amounts at its discretion. Restricted funds represent income contributions, which are restricted to a particular purpose, in accordance with the donor's wishes.

2. Donations Income

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
£21k for 2021 appeal donations (including Big Give Christmas Challenge)	6,137	3,504
Other restricted donations	-	1,400
Other donations (unrestricted)	1,502	1,020
Total	7,639	5,924

3. Grants Income

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
The Duke of Northumberland Charity	-	6,000
Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – Weightman Fund	3,000	1,000
The Henfrey Trust	-	2,000
Northumberland Estates	-	1,500
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	5,000
Joicey Trust	-	500
Purvis Foundation	-	1,000
Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – Appletree Fund	4,000	5,625
Catherine Cookson Charitable Trust	3,000	750
Sir James Knott Trust	2,000	-
Local Giving	500	-
North East Humanists Microgrant	320	-
R W Mann Trust	1,500	-
Freemasons of Northumberland	700	-
Community Foundation for Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – High Sheriff of Northumberland	1,000	-
Northumbria Police & Crime Commissioner Operation Payback Fund	970	-
Northumberland Children’s Trust	500	-
Duke of Northumberland	1,000	-
Total	18,490	23,375

4. Trustees’ Remuneration

The Trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year or in 2019/20.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

The Trust has no tangible fixed assets.

6. Creditors

Creditors at 31st March 2022 were £376, made up as follows:

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
TICE Project	180	
Breakfast Club	114	
Lunchtime Clubs	9	
Other resources	73	
Total	376	0

7. Funds

At 31st March 2022, the Trust held funds of £22,422 apportioned as follows:

	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	11,878	5,683
Breakfast Club	3,379	5,191
21 for 21 Appeal	2	3,680
Lunch Clubs	1,907	-
Sexual Health	1,237	-
Cultural	2,427	-
Pride Club	1,592	-
Total	22,422	14,554



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name:
THE DUCHESS'S HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1038646

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

01 / 08 / 2022

Name:

J A Inglis-Jones

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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