

The Asra Hawariat School Fund

Financial Statements and Trustees Report

for the year ended 31 December 2024

David Harrison & Co
Chartered Accountants

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Independent Accountant's Report

Report to the trustees	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Asra Hawariat School Fund for the year ended 31 December 2024.
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>As the trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the 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.</p>
Independent Accountants Report	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>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.</p>

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21 May 2025

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**Income & Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME	99,277	122,007
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EXPENSES		
Research fee	560	18,761
Travel	537	0
Zoom	156	144
Good Thinking Design	132	117
Bank charges	0	25
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	1,385	19,047
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NET INCOME	97,892	102,960
TRANSFERRED TO ASRA HAWARIAT SCHOOL	120,000	110,000
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EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-22,108	-7,040
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	175,836	182,876
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BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	153,728	175,836
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**Detailed Income
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Total Corporate, School, Trust and Church Income	44,706	36,892
Other Income		
From Friends	45,579	74,577
Tax Reclaimed from HMRC	6,898	8,343
HMRC Interest Received	78	94
Bank Interest Received	2,016	2,101
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Total Income for the Year	99,277	122,007
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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
30 Day Business Reserve Account	121,544	159,527
Bank Current Account	25,208	7,871
Income Tax Recoverable	6,976	8,437
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	153,728	175,836
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CAPITAL		
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