

## RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL GENERAL FUND Charity No: 512105

### Report of the Trustees For Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### Principal address

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##### Trustees

Mr J Webb  
Mr K Auger  
Mrs H Keelan-Edwards

##### Bankers

Lloyds TSB, 8-11 Cambridge Crescent, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 1PQ  
The Charities Official Investment Fund, Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

##### Organisational structure

The Headmaster, and the two Deputy Headteachers are the trustees of the Fund and have the responsibility for the approval of all disbursements. Mrs J Brine, the School Bursar, acts as Clerk to the Trustees.

##### Risk management

Issue of financial management and associated risks such as entitlement to expenditure, investment strategy and value for money have been considered by the trustees. We believe that appropriate checks and balances are in place in the form of systems which include regular auditing, external audit and monitoring, restricted entitlement to expenditure, and reporting to the governors' Finance Committee.

We have satisfied ourselves that no Health and Safety risks apply in any of our direct undertakings; we are also satisfied that the school's own policies of risk assessment and Health and Safety are applied appropriately to activities supported by the Fund.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

##### Objectives and aims

The object of the Fund is to advance the education of the pupils in the school by providing or assisting the provision of educational, recreational and other charitable facilities in augmentation of such facilities financed by the Local Authority. The activities of Ripon Grammar School General Fund are carried out for the public benefit.

The public benefit requirement was discussed by the Trustees in relation to Ripon Grammar School General Fund. In looking at the overall aim and the objectives of the Charity, the Trustees had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

### Review of activities

Sports fixtures and trips continue to be a valued enhancement to the curriculum, however the increase in transport costs have continued to be a strain on the School Fund. During the year the Fund was able to contribute to a number of areas across the school including substantial IT enhancements.

## ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

### Contributions to the Fund

Contributions to the Fund were £41,044 in 2024/25 with Gift Aid still to be claimed on some donations; these donations help to maintain support for future school trips and sporting fixtures.

Additionally, the fund received £362 in photo commission, and £1,992 of interest. The Foundation Governors continue to fund the cost of the school minibus.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Reserves policy

The reserves include an Endowment Fund. Due to continued low rates, any interest earned on the account has not been transferred as a contribution towards prizes for Prizegiving.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

J M Webb – Chair and Trustee



Date: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025



**Ripon Grammar School General Fund**  
**Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>				
Charity	-	7,902	7,902	17,898
Donations and Fundraising	42,430	8,091	50,521	114,609
Interest	1,992	-	1,992	1,537
Student Activities	8,718	5,686	14,404	24,539
Sundry Income	18	-	18	6
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>53,158</b>	<b>21,679</b>	<b>74,837</b>	<b>158,589</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Charity	-	7,902	7,902	27,680
Donations and Fundraising	-	70,483	70,483	6,659
School Projects	23,066	-	23,066	-
Student Activities	34,207	5,533	39,740	61,325
Sundry Expenditure	311	-	311	-
	-	-	-	-
	<b>57,584</b>	<b>83,918</b>	<b>141,502</b>	<b>95,664</b>
Variation in Trip Suspense	-	-	30,769	-
Variation in Duke of Edinburgh Suspense	-	-	15,241	-
Operating Surplus/Deficit for the year	-	4,426	-	66,665
Cash Funds last year end	42,434	216,691	259,125	130,378
Cash funds this year end	<b>38,008</b>	<b>108,442</b>	<b>146,450</b>	<b>259,125</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities at 31st March 2025**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£		
<b>Cash Funds</b>			
Lloyds Bank Current Account			1,922
Lloyds Bank Deposit Account			137,838
CCLA Prize Fund Account			6,065
Petty Cash			625
Total			<b>146,450</b>
<b>Reserves</b>			
Trip Suspense Account	-	83,340	<b>83,340</b>
Duke of Edinburgh Suspense Account	-	3,675	<b>3,675</b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF RIPON GRAMMAR SCHOOL GENERAL FUND**  
**Registered Charity No 512105**

I report on the Accounts of the Fund for the year to 31 March 2025, which are set out in the attached statement.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Report**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 or the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29th August 2025