FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST (Company Number 257981)

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ANNUAL REPORT

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FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST COUNCIL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2004

The Seventy Fourth Report of the COUNCIL for the year ended 31 August 2004 will be presented at the Seventy Fourth Annual General Meeting to be held at Clarence Gate on 16 March 2005.

CONSTITUTION

Francis Holland (Church of England) Schools Trust is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the charitable company continue to be the provision of education for girls, including religious instruction in accordance with the principles of the Church of England.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The following Members of the Council served during the period covered by this Report, ie 1 September 2003 to 31 August 2004:-

Lady France Mr H M Neal The Revd. J Cave Bergqu	*† iist	Chairman Vice-Chairman Representing the London Diocesan Fund
Dr C Carpenter	†	Representing the University of Cambridge
Mr M Clarfelt	*	
Mr R E Gourgey		Representing Friends of Francis Holland
Mrs A Grainger		Representing Quondam
Mrs V V R Harris	*	
Mr B J Lenon		•
Mr R Lewis	*	
Mrs C Longworth		
Mr I A N McIntosh	*	
Miss S Mahaffy		Representing Old Girls - Graham Terrace
Mrs B A R Mathews	*	
Ms A Millet	†	
Mr C J Sheridan	*	
Mrs S Singer	†	
Lady Staughton		
Dr S C Watkinson	†	Representing the University of Oxford
Mrs G Young		- · ·

The following Members of the Council retired and offered themselves for re-election:
Mrs V V R Harris, Mr R Lewis, Mrs B A R Mathews, Mr H M Neal, Lady Staughton
Other Members may offer themselves for re-election.

There have been no changes in the membership of the Council prior to the signing of the approval of the financial statements.

- † members of the Education Committee
- * members of the Finance Committee

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FINANCIAL RESULTS

There was an annual surplus on general funds of £1,387,081 (2003: £1,170,026). In addition the School raised specific funds for the development of Clarence Gate, £224,920 was raised in the year and is included in the restricted funds column.

At 31 August 2004 the General Fund amounted to £11,409,635. This is almost entirely invested in the School's land, buildings and equipment.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are managed by the Trust, with professional advice, with the intention of creating long term capital growth and reserves.

RESERVES POLICY

The Council has reviewed the Trust's need for reserves in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

RISKS

The Council have identified the major risks to which the Trust is exposed and review those risks as a matter of routine. There are systems in place to mitigate those risks.

NUMBER OF PUPILS

The average number of pupils during the year was 391 at Clarence Gate School and 477 at Graham Terrace School, as compared with 370 and 469 respectively in the previous year.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Both schools continue to enjoy high demand for places and public examination results remain very good. The schools are full to capacity.

The first phase of the Clarence Gate School redevelopment project, otherwise known as the 125th Birthday Appeal Project, is complete and the school now has the benefit of new science laboratories and a refurbished assembly hall that has a greater capacity. The second and final phase of the programme is well in hand and has already completed enlarged and much improved accommodation for the music department. Shortly, the work to the gymnasium will be complete and this will then have been enlarged and brought up to date with a fully equipped fitness suite. The appeal fund has nearly reached the £1m target.

Graham Terrace School is proceeding with the Old Library Project now entitled the Bowden Wing Development and work will commence on site in February with completion due before the start of the 2005-6 academic year in September 2005. The anticipated cost is now £1.57m. An appeal for funds has been launched and has, already, been promised £600,000. It has become apparent that the main boiler house must be completely replaced and this shall be undertaken at the same time.

Clarence Gate and Graham Terrace Schools have both continued to invest in information and communication technology and further electronic whiteboards and digital projectors have been installed in classrooms.

The Council has committed a large proportion of the funding for both appeal projects. With effect from September 2005, the Council has decided to offer three means-tested entry bursaries at each school per annum. The schools have maintained links with their respective local communities and through these offer services or facilities to neighbours and thereby also enable our pupils to gain a wider educational experience. There are also numerous fundraising events throughout the year in aid of charitable organisations.

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AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint PKF as auditors, and to authorise the Finance Committee to agree their remuneration, will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

C W Martinson Secretary

35 Bourne Street London SW1W 8JA

2 December 2004

FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Company law requires the Members of the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the surplus or deficit on income and expenditure account for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Members of the Council are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue its operations.

The Members of the Council are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and for ensuring that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Members of the Council are responsible for ensuring that the Council Report is prepared in accordance with company law in the United Kingdom.

The Members of the Council confirm their acceptance of these responsibilities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST

We have audited the financial statements of Francis Holland (Church of England) Schools Trust for the year ended 31 August 2004 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the charitable members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Members of Council and auditors

The responsibilities of the Members of Council (who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Francis Holland (Church of England) Schools Trust, and as directors for the purposes of company law) for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Responsibilities of Members of Council.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Council Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the charitable company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding council members' remuneration and transactions with the charitable company is not disclosed.

We read the Council Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Members of Council in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2004 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

London, UK

16 Deimber 2004

Registered Auditors

FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2004

Notes	Unrestri <u>General</u> £	icted Funds <u>Designated</u> £	Restricted Funds	2004 £	2003 £
Incoming resources Fees receivable Investment income and interest 13 Donations Rent receivable	9,079,006 123,950 1,651 167,340	679 - -	- 274,920 -	9,079,006 124,629 276,571 167,340	93,956
Total incoming resources	9,371,947	679	274,920	9,647,546	8,633,080
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds Fundraising Investment managers' fees	46,478 1,846	-	- -	46,478 1,846	66,784 4,916
	48,324	-	-	48,324	71,700
Charitable expenditure Teachers' salaries Visiting teachers' salaries Buildings Other educational expenditure Scholarships and remissions Domestic Rent payable Depreciation Administration and support Bursar's office expenses Total resources expended 12 Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers	4,436,400 337,717 635,837 522,644 629,754 202,440 187,868 557,137 247,991 7,757,788 7,806,112	207,681	274,920	8,013,793	3,986,444 311,974 408,443 476,723 136,118 562,552 202,440 176,615 453,667 222,291 6,937,267 7,008,967
Transfers between funds: In respect of bursaries In respect of donations for specific developments 9	(196,332)	196,332	-	-	-
Net incoming resources (Losses)/gains on investments Realised 3 Unrealised 3	1,369,503 598 16,980	(10,670) 57 1,612	274,920	1,633,753 655 18,592	1,624,113 (1,504) 38,349
Net movement in funds Funds brought forward at 1 September 2003	1,387,081 10,022,554	(9,001) 875,356		1,653,000 11,470,072	
Funds carried forward at 31 August 2004	11,409,635	866,355	847,082	13,123,072	11,470,072

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

The surplus for the year for Companies Act purposes comprises the net incoming resources for the year plus realised gains on investments and was £1,634,408 (2003: £1,622,609).

FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2004

EINED ACCOUNT	<u>Note</u>	£	<u>2004</u> £	£	<u>2003</u> £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible fixed assets Listed investments	2 3		10,928,522 455,025		10,007,313 422,250
			11,383,547		10,429,563
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Short term deposits Cash at bank and in hand	4	210,141 2,400,000 1,142,680		249,302 2,000,000 760,180	
CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,752,821		3,009,482	
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	5	(1,637,796)		(1,592,473)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			2,115,025		1,417,009
TOTAL ASSETS			13,498,572		11,846,572
CREDITORS: amount falling due after more than one year	5		(375,500)		(376,500)
			13,123,072		11,470,072
FUNDS Unrestricted General Funds	7		11,409,635		10,022,554
Unrestricted Designated Funds Restricted Funds	8		866,355 847,082	•	875,356 572,162
	10		13,123,072		11,470,072

Note: Funds include a cumulative unrealised gain of £17,370 (2003: a gain of £45,942) arising on revaluation of investments.

Approved by the Members of the Council on 2/12/2004 and signed on their behalf:-

Lady France

Members of the Council

C J Sheridan

FRANCIS HOLLAND (CHURCH OF ENGLAND) SCHOOLS TRUST CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2004

		Note	£	2004 £	£	2003 £
Net c	ash inflow from operating ities	A	_	1,839,038	~	2,242,223
servi	rns on investments and cing of finance estment income and interest			124,629		93,956
Payı Payı	tal expenditure and financial in ments to acquire fixed asset inve ments to acquire tangible fixed a eipts from sale of fixed asset inv	stments ssets	(454,798) (1,167,639) 438,122		(163,705) (971,410) 20,961	
	ash outflow from al expenditure and financial in	vestment		(1,184,315)		(1,114,154)
	ash inflow before managemen uid resources	t		779,352		1,222,025
Cash	agement of liquid resources held by investment brokers sury reserve deposit		3,148 (400,000)		131,163 (1,000,000)	
				(396,852)		(868,837)
Incre	ease/(decrease) in cash in the ye	ear C		382,500		353,188
NOT	ES TO CASH FLOW STATE	MENT		 		
A)	Reconciliation of net cash inflow from operating activit	ies				
	Net incoming resources Depreciation Investment income and interes Decrease/(increase) in debtors Increase in creditors	i.		1,633,753 187,868 (124,629) 39,161 102,885		1,624,113 176,615 (93,956) (33,943) 569,394
	Net cash inflow from operating	g activities		1,839,038		2,242,223
B)	Reconciliation of net cash flo movement in net funds	w to		= = = =		~
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in t Increase in liquid resources in Net funds at 1 September 2003	the year		382,500 396,852 2,763,328		353,188 868,837 1,541,303
	Net funds at 31 August 2004			3,542,680		2,763,328
C)	Analysis of movement in net	funds		31 August 2003 £	Cash flow	1 September <u>2004</u>
	Cash at bank and in hand			760,180	382,500	1,142,680
	Liquid resources: Cash held by investment brol Treasury reserve deposit	kers		3,148 2,000,000	(3,148) 400,000	2,400,000
				2,763,328	779,352	3,542,680

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the valuation of fixed asset investments at market value and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and the principles contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales in 2000.

(b) Income and expenditure account format

The standard format for the income and expenditure account as required by the Companies Act 1985 Schedule 4 Part 1 has been adapted to provide more appropriate information which reflects the activities of the Trust.

(c) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

The Members of the Council consider that the residual values of the freehold buildings will not be materially different from their book value. Accordingly no depreciation has been provided on the grounds that it would be immaterial. The Members of the Council review the schools' freehold and long leasehold buildings for impairment at the end of each financial year, in accordance with FRS 11. Assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of other fixed assets on a straight line basis over their anticipated useful lives, which are as follows:-

Fixtures, furniture and equipment

3 years

Long leasehold

99 years

(d) Investments and investment income

Investments are included in the financial statements at market value at the financial year end.

Realised gains and losses on sales of investments during the year and unrealised gains and losses arising on revaluation of investments to market value at the financial year end are reflected in the Statement of Financial Activities.

In September 1990 all the prize fund investments and the general charitable fund investments and cash were amalgamated with the Francis Holland (Church of England) Schools Trust investments and cash held by the investment managers so that the total assets held by and income from these investments is split as follows:-

Francis Holland (Church of England) Schools I rust	91.33%
Francis Holland General Charitable Fund	8.44%
Francis Holland Prize Fund	0.23%

100.0%

Investment income is accounted for when received and is apportioned between the Funds as above.

(e) Fees receivable

School fees are accounted for on a receivable basis.

(f) Donations

Donations are accounted for when received.

(g) School expenditure

General educational expenditure is accounted for as incurred on the accruals basis.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(h) Pension costs

The Trust contributes to the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme in respect of teaching staff. Such contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Trust also makes contributions on behalf of administrative staff. A group personal pension plan is in operation.

(i) Operating leases

Instalments under operating lease agreements are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are incurred.

(j) Restricted funds

Restricted funds are certain legacies and donations to be utilised in the development of the school properties.

(k) Liquid resources

Liquid resources comprise cash balances held by Investment Managers and cash held on Short Term Deposit.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

•	Land and	buildings Long	Fixtures furniture	
	<u>Freehold</u> £	<u>leasehold</u> £	equipment £	<u>Total</u> £
Cost				
At 1 September 2003	4,031,575	5,967,088	1,469,642	11,468,305
Additions	893,480	120,124	95,474	1,109,078
At 31 August 2004	4,925,055	6,087,212	1,565,116	12,577,383
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2003	_	347,450	1,113,542	1,460,992
Provided for the year	-	62,266	125,603	187,869
At 31 August 2004		409,716	1,239,145	1,648,860
Net book value				
At 31 August 2004	4,925,055	5,677,496	325,971	10,928,522
At 31 August 2003	4,031,575	5,619,638	356,100	10,007,313
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Further capital expenditure of £221,831 is estimated to complete capital projects in progress at the year end.

3	LISTED INVESTMENTS			2004 £	2003 £
	Market value at 1 September 2003			419,102	239,513
	Additions at cost Disposals proceeds			454,798 (438,122)	163,705 (20,961)
	Current year realised gain/(loss)			655	(1,504)
	Current year unrealised gain			18,592	38,349
	Market value at 31 August 2004 Bank balances			455,025	419,102 3,148
				455,025	422,250
	Cost of investments at 31 August 2004			437,665	373,160
	All investments are listed on a recognised Stock	Exchange.			
4	DEBTORS			2004 £	2003 £
	Due within one year:			de	~
	School bills			162,809	157,172
	Other debtors			14,493	18,446
	Prepayments and accrued income			32,839	73,684
				210,141	249,302
5	CREDITORS				
	Amounts falling due within one year:			505.001	720.007
	School fees paid in advance			785,821 127,765	720,987 117,042
	Taxation and social security Other creditors			660,710	690,444
	Fee deposits retained			63,500	64,000
				1,637,796	1,592,473
	Amounts falling due after more than one year Fee deposits retained	r:		375,500	376,500
6	ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN F	UNDS		-	
	The net assets are held for the various funds as	follows:			
		Unre	stricted		
		<u>General</u> £	<u>Designated</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Total</u>
	Tangible fixed assets	10,928,522	-	-	10,928,522
	Investments	415,574 441,039	39,451 926 994	847,082	455,025 2,115,025
	Net current assets Creditors falling due after more than one year	(375,500)	826,904	-	(375,500)
		11,409,635	866,355	847,082	13,132,072
					

7 UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS

	At 1 September 2003 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers and investment gains/(losses) £	At 31 August 2004 £
General Fund	10,022,554	9,371,947	(7,806,112)	(178,754)	11,409,635

As reflected by note 6, substantially all of the unrestricted general funds of the charitable company are currently invested in Tangible Fixed Assets.

8 UNRESTRICTED DESIGNATED FUNDS

1	At September 2003 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers and investment gains/(losses)	At 31 August 2004
Contingency fund Bursaries and scholarships fund	500,000 i 375,356	679	(207,681)	198,001	500,000 366,355
	875,356	679	(207,681)	198,001	866,355

Contingency fund provides funds as a general contingency.

<u>Bursaries and scholarships fund</u> provides funds for awards for bursaries and remissions, scholarships and for prizes and awards. The fund was previously represented by three separate funds: the Bursaries fund, Prize and other special funds and the General Charitable Fund.

9 RESTRICTED FUNDS

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Donations received towards the cost of specific building developments at the Schools are credited to restricted funds. On completion of the specific building developments, the funds are released to General Fund.

10	OVERALL FUNDS RECONCILIATION	<u>2004</u> £	2003 £
	Funds at 1 September 2003 Net movement in funds for the year	11,470,072 1,653,000	9,809,114 1,660,958
	Funds at 31 August 2004	13,123,072	11,470,072

As reflected by note 6, £10,928,522 of the total funds of the charitable company are invested in tangible fixed assets.

STAFF COSTS AND NUMBERS EMPLOYED	2 <u>004</u> £	2003 £
Salaries	4,182,015	3,812,995
Social security Pension contributions	372,857 498,974	322,031 379,465
	5,053,846	4,514,491
Visiting teachers salaries Visiting lecturers	337,717 31,295	311,974 30,242
	5,422,858	4,856,707
Equivalent full-time staff:	Number	Number
Teaching Administrative and support staff	95.49 18.82	93.70 16.24
	114.31	109.94
The number of employees whose annual emoluments exceeded £50,000 was:		
£50,001 - £60,000	3	2
£60,001 - £70,000 £70,001 - £80,000	1 2	1 2
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	6	5

Five higher paid staff participate in the defined benefit scheme and one in the defined contribution scheme. Employer's contributions to the defined benefit scheme were £42,584 and to the defined contribution scheme were £8,532.

The Members of the Council received no remuneration for their services during the year (2003: £nil). Travelling and other expenses reimbursed to 5 (2003: 6) Members of the Council during the year amounted to £229 (2003: £179).

12	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	<u>2004</u>	2003 f
	This includes the following:	~	~
	Depreciation (see note 2) Payments made under operating leases Auditors' remuneration - for audit services - for other services	187,868 229,089 14,000 4,000	176,615 225,018 13,500 4,380
13	INVESTMENT INCOME		
	Listed investments Other interest	18,237 106,393	11,477 82,479
		124,629	93,956
14	OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS		
	The charitable company had operating lease commitments to pay during the next year in respect of land and buildings:-		
	Expiring between two and five years Expiring in more than five years	74,490 127,950	74,490 127,950
		202,440	202,440
	The charitable company had operating lease commitments to pay during the next year in respect of equipment:-		
	Expiring between two and five years	26,649	22,578

15 LIMITED LIABILITY

The charitable company is limited by guarantee. Liability is limited to £1 due from each Member of the Council on the dissolution of the charitable company.

16 PENSION COSTS

The pension cost for the Teachers' Pension Scheme is assessed in accordance with the advice of the Government Actuary, who conducts an actuarial review of the Scheme not less than every 5 years.

The pension cost for the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme is assessed in accordance with the advice of a qualified actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations, the latest covering the five year period ended 31 March 2001. The Government Actuary report assumed real rates of return on 3.5% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings, and a gross rate of return on investments of 7%. It is not possible to identify the School's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of this scheme. The scheme is therefore accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

The pension cost charged in the accounts for this Scheme was £461,390 (2003: £350,280) which were the contributions for the year.

16 PENSION COSTS (Continued)

The Francis Holland Schools Trust also contributes to a money purchase pension scheme which aims to produce a targeted benefit. The Scheme is called Flexi Plan 1 and the administrator and Trustee for the scheme is FPS Trustee Company Limited.

At the most recent actuarial valuation (31 March 2002), the scheme was funded to 128% of its Minimum Funding Requirement liabilities based on the target benefits. Subsequent changes in investment values may have eroded this surplus, and the Trust's contribution has been increased by 1% in the light of this factor.

The Trust also makes contributions to a Shareholder Pension Scheme which is a defined contribution scheme.

The pension cost charge for these two defined contribution schemes represents the amounts payable by the Trust for the year and amounted to £37,584 (2003: £29,185).