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BELMONT SCHOOL (FELDEMORE)

EDUCATIONAL TRUST LIMITED

GOVERNORS REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997



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GOVERNORS' REPORT

The Governors present their report together with the audited accounts for the year ended 31st August 1997.

Status and Administration

Belmont School (Feldemore) Educational Trust Limited was formed in 1965 as a company limited by guarantee. It is a registered charity, number 312077.

Governors

The Governors of the Company are also the charity trustees. The Governors who served during the year were:-

Mr R.J.K. Salter (Chairman)

Mr D.S. Baker

Mr A.H. Beadles

Mrs A. Borrowdale

Mr M.A. Cowdry

Mr N.F. Maltby

Mr R.C.F. Shanks

Mrs P. Sutton

Mr D.H. Bradley (retired 5th July 1997)

Mrs A Borrowdale is also a member of the General Purposes Committee.

Professional advisers and key personnel

The Headmaster

Mr D. St.C. Gainer

The Bursar and Trust Secretary:

Mr A.R. Tolputt

Address:

Belmont School

Feldemore

Holmbury St. Mary

Dorking RH5 6LQ

Auditors

Spofforths

Courtyard House 30 Worthing Road

Horsham West Sussex RH12 1SL

Bankers

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GOVERNORS' REPORT

The Objective of the School

The objective as set out in the Memorandum of Association is the academic, physical, moral and religious education of boys and girls.

Organisation

The Board of Governors determine the general policy of the school. The day-to-day management is delegated to the Headmaster and the Bursar.

Policy

In accordance with the Memorandum, Belmont School operates as a Preparatory and Pre-preparatory day and boarding school for boys and girls.

Review

The average numbers of pupils were:-

Pre prep 58 pupils Main School Day 96 pupils Main School Boarders 11 pupils Moon Hall Boarders 29 pupils

No major building projects were undertaken during the year but an adventure playground was constructed, computer equipment was upgraded and a third minibus was purchased.

The Financial Results

Fee income increased by 2.4%, in line with expectations. The Net Incoming Resources for the year, after including the write-back of a provision of £18,000 no longer required, was £119,467. The Governors consider that the results are satisfactory.

Investment Powers

These are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association, which permit surplus funds to be invested in any investments, security or property as may be thought fit and as may be prescribed by law.

Resources

As stated in the notes to the accounts, the reserves are split between those designated for specific purposes and those available for the day-to-day requirements of the School. Designated reserves are the amounts invested in Land and Buildings. The School's assets are sufficient to meet its obligations.

Fixed Assets

These are as stated in the Notes to the Accounts.

Auditors

The company's previous auditors, Hakim Fry, resigned with effect from 24th November 1997 and Spofforths Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor, were appointed in their stead. In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing their reappointment will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on 12th February 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

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A.R. Tolputt (Company Secretary)

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The purpose of this statement is to distinguish the Governors' responsibilities for the accounts from those of the auditors as stated in their report.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Governors 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 and explained in the accounts:
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

BELMONT SCHOOL (FELDEMORE) EDUCATIONAL TRUST LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's governors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of the company, are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 judgements made by the governors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the 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 mis-statement, 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 company's affairs as at 31st August 1997 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Courtyard House 30 Worthing Road HORSHAM West Sussex, RH12 1SL

12th February 1998

SPOFFORTHS

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997

		Unrestricted	<u>1997</u>	1	<u>1996</u>
,	Notes	Funds	Restricte Funds	a <u>Total</u>	T-4-1
<u>*</u>	10103	£	£	£	<u>Total</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES		~	~	£	Į.
	. 2	1,017,031	_	1,017,031	993,273
Banks and other interest		21,618	-	21,618	14,951
Donations		280	7,002	7,282	1,974
Other Income	3	29,009	-	29,009	31,480
Total Incoming Income		1,067,938	7,002	1,074,940	1,041,678
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	4				
Teaching Costs		508,105	7,002	515,107	472,802
Welfare		123,158	-	123,158	125,275
Premises		152,666	_	152,666	192,505
Support Costs		162,708	-	162,708	154,140
		946,637	7,002	953,639	944,722
Other Expenditure					
Management and Administration	n				
of the Charity		4,766	-	4,766	5,513
Finance Costs		1,444	-	1,444	4,341
Total Resources Expended		952,847	7,002	959,849	954,576
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	8	115,091	_	115,091	87,102
Balance brought forward					
1 st September 1996		1,296,371	-	1,296,371	1,209,269
Balance carried forward					
31 st August 1997		1,411,462	-	1,411,462	1,296,371

The company had no other recognised gains or losses for the year. All operations were ongoing.

BALANCE SHEET

31ST AUGUST 1997

	Notes	£	<u>1997</u> £	£	1996 £
FIXED ASSETS			,	~	↓
Tangible Assets	7		1,224,593		1,209,751
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash in hand and at bank Building society deposits	8 9	14,142 30,959 33,001 289,883		12,800 24,657 36,008 184,882	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	367,985 181,116		258,347 171,727	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	-	**	186,869		86,620
NET ASSETS		;	£1,411,462	å	£1,296,371
FUNDS					
Unrestricted: General Reserve 1989/90 Appeal Fund Revaluation Reserve Restricted: Donations	12		678,803 55,806 676,853 £1,411,462	£	563,892 55,626 676,853

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P. SUTTON (GOVERNORS)

Date approved by the Council: 12th February 1998

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards under the historical cost convention, and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land by equal annual instalments or by reducing balance method over their expected useful lives. The rates and periods generally applicable are:

Leasehold land - 2.5% Straight line

Motor vehicles - 25% Reducing balance

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 15% Reducing balance

Computer equipment - 25% Straight line

In the opinion of the Governors, the Trust's freehold land and buildings would realise the amount at which they are stated in the accounts and, therefore, no amortization is necessary. Furthermore, the Governors will maintain the buildings in their current state and charge such costs against revenue.

Stocks

Stocks of text books, stationery, school bags and other items for resale are included at estimated value.

Fee Income

Fee income represents fees charged by the trust for the school year ending 31st August, less bursaries and allowances.

Expenditure

Expenditure is allocated to expense headings either on a direct cost basis or apportioned according to time spent. The assessable amount of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Teaching Costs

Supplies of games equipment, books, stationery and sundry materials are written off when the expenditure is incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

Contributions to Pension Funds

The trust makes pension contributions for teaching staff through the scheme operated by the Teachers Pensions agency; costs are charged to profits for the period in which they are incurred. Contributions are made to personal pension plans for other staff at the discretion of the Governors.

Taxation

The trust is exempt from taxation for so long as it maintains its educational objectives and accordingly no provision is made for taxation, including deferred taxation on the revaluation of the freehold land and buildings.

1989/90 Appeal Fund

The fund includes covenanted income received together with the attributable taxation recoverable thereon. All of the covenants have now expired.

2. FEES RECEIVABLE

Fees are stated net of bursaries, family discounts and staff discounts, which totalled £61,798.

3. OTHER INCOME

3.	OTHER INCOME		
		<u> 1997</u>	<u> 1996</u>
		£	£
	Registration fees	1,089	1,615
	Hire of school facilities	11,362	12,472
	Casual meals and accommodation	15,301	14,268
	Sundry income	1,257	3,125
		29,009	31,480
4	EXPENDITURE		
4.	EAFENDITURE	<u>1997</u> £	<u>1996</u> £
	Direct charitable expenditure includes:		
	Ex Gratia and redundancy costs	-	2,722
	Loss/(profit) on sale of fixed assets	(213)	-
	Premises expenditure includes:		
	Provision no longer required	(18,000)	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997

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STAFF COSTS		<u>1997</u> £	<u>1996</u> £
Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Pension Contributions Other Costs		571,348 43,576 33,702	543,918 41,703 31,760 2,722
		648,626	620,103
The average number of employe Teaching: Full time Part time Domestic Administration	es during the year was:-	18 6 13 7 ——————————————————————————————————	20 7 10 7 ———————————————————————————————
The Governors received no remu	uneration during the year.		
ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESO	OURCES EXPENDED Staff Costs Other Costs I	Total Depreciation <u>1997</u> £ £	<u>1996</u> £
Direct Charitable Expenditure			

	Staff Costs Other Costs Depreciation 1997				<u> 1996</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Charitable Expenditure					
Teaching costs	446,037	54,720	14,350	515,107	472,802
Welfare costs	41,689	74,172	7,297	123,158	125,275
Premises costs	52,246	102,401	125	154,772	192,505
Administration of the school	107,979	36,168	16,455	160,602	154,140
	647,951	267,461	38,227	953,639	944,922
Other Expenditure					
Administration of the charity	-	4,766	-	4,766	5,513
Finance costs	-	1,444	-	1,444	4,341
	647,951	273,671	38,227	959,849	954,576
					

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings	Motor Vehicles	Furniture and Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£		£
Cost At 1 st September 1996 Additions Disposals	1,066,126	5,000 - -	37,683 12,337 (1,500)	179,327 27,481	43,883 13,519	1,332,019 53,337 (1,500)
At 31st August 1997	1,066,126	5,000	48,520	206,808	57,402	1,383,856
Depreciation At 1 st September 1996 Charge for the year Disposals At 31 st August 1997	-	1,710 125 - 1,835	10,293 7,297 (1,233) 16,357	89,391 16,455 -	20,875 14,350 - 35,225	122,269 38,227 (1,233) 159,263
Net Book Value At 31 st August 1997	1,066,126	3,165	32,163	100,962	22,177	1,224,593
At 31 st August 1996	1,066,126	3,290	27,390	89,936	23,008	1,209,750
						

The freehold land and buildings were revalued on 3 May 1990 by Stewart Gore, Chartered Surveyors, at an existing use value of £800,000. Fixtures and fittings include items valued by the Governors at £60,000 at 31 August 1993.

		<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
8.	STOCK		
	Consumables and goods for resale	£14,142	£12,800
9.	DEBTORS		
	Fees Other debtors Prepayments	312 18,601 12,046	318 16,311 8,028
-		30,959	24,657

REVENUE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1997

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

, and the second	1997 £	<u>1996</u> £
Trade creditors Other taxes and social security Accruals Other creditors Loan from Moon Hall School	101,597 13,560 3,770 4,189 58,000	73,470 13,926 21,680 4,651 58,000
	181,116	171,727

11. FUNDS

The school funds are held to cover the fixed assets and provide working capital. Restricted funds were Nil (1996 – Nil)

12. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

		_	Resources Expended £	
General Reserves 1989/90 Appeal Fund Revaluation Reserve	563,892 55,626 676,853	1,067,758 180	(952,847) - -	678,803 55,806 676,853
	1,296,371	1,067,938	(952,847)	1,411,462

13. CHANGE OF FORMAT

The format of the accounts has been changed in order to comply with the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.

14. CONTRACTS AND COMMITMENTS

	1997	1996
	£	£
Expenditure authorised by the Governors		
and contracted for	Nil	Nil

15. SHARE CAPITAL

The company has no share capital, being a company limited by guarantee.