ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 July 1998

Registered No 1507528



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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO ASCHAM HOUSE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 July 1998 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Registered Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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23 November 1998

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET At 31 July 1998

	Note	1998			1997
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets Investment	2	1,042,400 173	1,042,573	1,063,044 173	1,063,217
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand		14,903 <u>247,358</u> 262,261		7,843 <u>164,071</u> 171,914	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	3	(82,932)		(76.695)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>179,329</u>		95,219
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,221,902		1,158,436
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	4		(149,444)		(156,548)
NET ASSETS			£1,072,458		£1.001.888
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Reserves Retained Income Music Prize Fund			702,951 369,257 250 £1,072,458		702,951 298,687 250 £1,001,888

These abbreviated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Governors on 23 November 1998.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 July 1998

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold and leasehold properties and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose were as follows:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Long leasehold property	period of the lease
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10% straight line
Floor coverings (included with	
fixtures, fittings and equipment)	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line
Computers for teaching	33% reducing balance

(c) Incoming Resources

Fees receivable represents the invoiced value of fees for educational and ancillary services provided to pupils in the accounting period.

Other income represents the invoiced value of fees for catering services provided to pupils in the accounting period.

(d) Pension Costs

The company contributes into the retirement benefits scheme operated by the Department of Education. The rates of contribution payable both by the company and by the staff are notified to the company by the Department of Education. The company's contributions are charged to the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost or valuation At 1 August 1997 Additions Disposals	1,244,207 14,834
At 31 July 1998	1,259,041
Depreciation At 1 August 1997 Charge for the year On disposals	181,163 35,478
At 31 July 1998	216,641
Net book value at 31 July 1998	£1,042,400
Net book value at 31 July 1997	£1.063,044

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3 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors include a mortgage of £7,266 (1997: £5,909) which is secured by a fixed charge over the company's freehold properties.

4 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Creditors include the following items repayable after more than five years:

 1998
 1997

 £
 £

 Mortgage
 149,444
 156,548

The mortgage is secured by a fixed charge over the company's freehold properties.

5 TAXATION

As the company is a registered charity its income and gains from its activities as an educational trust are not liable to United Kingdom corporation tax.