

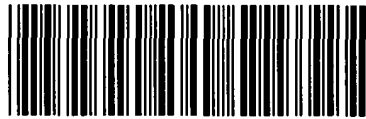
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**REPORT OF THE BOARD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Board is pleased to submit its report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS 102).

Reference and administrative details

Directors	Martyn Bond Dr Paul Dakin Elizabeth Cooke Eva Dvorakova Ann Lewis Jakub Kohout Janet Gunn Barbora Simkova Denis Keefe (appointed 4 May 2020)
Secretary	Dr Paul Dakin
Treasurer	Jakub Kohout
Company Number	02677741
Charity Number	1015053
Registered Office	138 Tolmers Road, Cuffley, Potters Bar, EN6 4JR
Principal Office	138 Tolmers Road, Cuffley, Potters Bar, EN6 4JR
Accountants	UHY Hacker Young, Quadrant House, 4 Thomas More Square, London E1W 1YW
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc, London Corporate Banking United Kingdom House, 180 Oxford Street, London, BX3 2BB

Structure, governance and management

The English College Foundation is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee with no share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which were revised on 22 January 2003. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

In accordance with the governing document, there shall be not less than six or more than eleven directors at any one time. The directors, who are also the charity Trustees, are normally elected by the members of the company in a general meeting. The Board may appoint any member of the company as a director either as an additional director or to fill a casual vacancy. Any member so appointed must retire at the next annual general meeting but is eligible for re-election. At every annual general meeting one-third of the directors of the company retire from office and are eligible for re-election.

The Board meets three times a year. No member receives remuneration from the charity.

Risk management

The directors have considered the major risks that may affect the organisation and have taken steps as far as possible to mitigate those risks.

Objectives and activities

The English College Foundation's objectives in 2020 were:

- to provide support and advice to The English College in Prague as needed;
- to raise funds to assist the College;
- to increase awareness of and support for the College in the UK; and
- to help form a network of ECP alumni studying or working in the UK, to assist them and foster their long-term commitment to the College.

In the year under review the Foundation continued its moral and financial support for the English College. It responded to requests for assistance from the Headmaster, sought or offered advice when needed, and worked hard to strengthen the alumni network.

Elizabeth Cooke continued as Chairman of the Foundation, with Ann Lewis and Martyn Bond as Deputies. Denis Keefe, Chairman-designate of Governors of the English College in Prague, was elected a Director of the Foundation.

The Foundation's AGM was held on 3 March. Two alumni spoke about their experiences, Anne-Marie Maskova (2015), interior architect, and Chavvi Maggu (2011), who works on climate change at Accenture. The Headmaster gave an update on the College. Photos were on display of the LED lights for the Drama Studio which the ECF donated to the College in 2020. The event was followed by a drinks party and was attended by many alumni.

Immediately after this the COVID-19 pandemic meant all activities had to stop unless they could be transferred on-line. ECF Directors' meetings continued online, but the annual reception at the Czech Embassy was cancelled, and the usual October drinks party for newly-arrived alumni at British universities could not be held. UK-based ECP Governors were not able to attend Graduation in May or Founders' Day in November in Prague.

Additionally, the work experience programme which the College values so much could not take place in 2020 and is unlikely to take place, at least on the recent scale, in 2021.

Despite the absence of fund-raising events this year, the Foundation decided to make a donation to the College from its reserves. This is to be spent on VR headsets and used on an experimental basis mainly for history and geography teaching.

In Prague, the Headmaster, Dr Nigel Brown, has had a successful fourth year in the post. It has been a particularly challenging time for the College, with teaching switching between on-the-spot lessons and distance learning, or a mixture for different classes, throughout the pandemic. The school has risen magnificently to the challenge, with many grateful comments from parents.

Following another exceptionally successful marketing effort, applications for the College have remained well above the average for the last 5 years. This means that the school was able to be more selective, so that all new students should be able to deal with the challenging IB course without undue strain.

The IB exams were suspended this year, results based instead on submitted coursework and teacher prediction and further adjusted by the IB's own algorithm. The initial ECP results were disappointing, but after a major revision of markings by the IBO, the average IB point score was of 34.75, a big improvement on last year's 31.70 and the best for many years. 77% (up from 69% last year) of students got into their first-choice universities. The number opting for British (mainly Russell Group) universities, having almost halved last year, rose by 16% to 43%, possibly because it is the last year in which EU students will pay lower tuition fees before Brexit. One student won a place and a scholarship at Oxford. 31% opted for Czech universities (24% last year) and 9.8% for universities in the Netherlands (up from 6%). The rest will be studying in other European countries or North America, with one going to Singapore and one to China.

The College has a plethora of societies and clubs, but activities this year have been severely curtailed by the pandemic, though some continue online.

September 2019 marked the 25th anniversary of the opening of The English College, and celebrations were planned throughout year. Sadly, the main event, including a reception at the British Embassy, could not take place as planned in May. A more modest but enjoyable Graduation ceremony took place instead in the courtyard of St Agnes Convent. Founders' Day in November was an online event celebrating the Prague English Grammar School which partly inspired the creation of the ECP. A former PEGS student, Jan Kovarovic, spoke movingly of his old school.

After several years of negotiation with the local authority of Prague 9 the College finally signed a contract to buy the freehold of the school building. It subsequently emerged that this was not valid as the City of Prague had not given the necessary consent. Their go-ahead is still awaited. Meanwhile three architects have drawn up proposals to extend the school building, once purchased.

Ann Lewis retired as Chairman of Governors of the English College at the end of 2020. The new Chairman is Denis Keefe, who has served two terms at the British Embassy in Prague before and after the Velvet Revolution, on the latter occasion acting also as a Governor of the College. As a result, he knows Prague, the College (and Czech) well.

Although this year has been non-standard for both the Foundation and the College, we hope that things will look up in 2021, with teaching back to normal, resumption of live events, and our building finally secured.

The Foundation's role in providing a gateway to an international future for young Czechs depends on the expansion of its network of support. Conditions for fundraising are difficult, particularly in a period of economic stringency, when the College is well established and the novelty of the Foundation's aims has lost some of its original appeal to potential benefactors. We are all the more grateful to those companies, foundations, trusts and individuals who contribute to our work, and welcome others who wish to join us in supporting the continuing and future success of the English College in Prague.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

How the Charity delivered public benefit

The Foundation raises funds to support The English College in Prague as needed, including to raise funds to assist the College fund bursaries and to increase awareness of and support for the College in the UK and to help form a network of ECP alumni studying or working in the UK to assist them and foster their long-term commitment to the College.

Fundraising

The Foundation's principal sources of income are donations from individuals, trusts and corporates, and the profits from holding various events. Events are considered particularly attractive activities because in addition to generating surpluses in their own right, they raise awareness of the Foundation's activities.

Financial review

The Board has planned activity levels and is pleased to report that these financial statements reflect the success of those plans. Incoming resources slightly increased from those raised in the prior period at £17,442 for the 12 months to 31 August 2020 (2019: £16,282).

The Board believes that the financial position at 31 August 2020 and the performance to date is satisfactory. Net current assets at 31 August 2020 were £24,829 (2019: £23,989), which means the Charity has sufficient liquidity to continue to manage its operations efficiently.

As with all charities, fundraising in the current economic climate remains a challenge. During this period of transition the Board has been prudent in the expenditure incurred.

Reserves policy

The Board reviews annually the reserves policy and the level of free reserves, which are shown in the financial statements as "unrestricted funds". The unrestricted funds, being the net assets, are freely available for the Foundation's general purposes and were £24,829 at 31 August 2020 (2019: £23,939). The Foundation does not hold any restricted reserves (2019: £Nil).

**REPORT OF THE BOARD (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Trustees' responsibilities for the financial statements

The Directors (who are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice FRS 102).

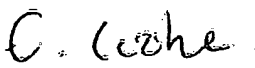
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2nd edition October 2019;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and Statements of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2019 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and breaches of law and regulations.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on any charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By order of the Board


Elizabeth Cooke
Director

Registered office:

138 Tolmers Road, Cuffley, Potters Bar, EN6 4JR

04 May 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE ENGLISH COLLEGE FOUNDATION ('the Company')
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2020, which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

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.



Colin Wright FCCA
UHY Hacker Young
London

S May 2021

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Incoming and endowments from:				
Donations and grants	3	17,387	17,387	16,071
Finance income	4	55	55	211
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Total income and endowments		17,442	17,442	16,282
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Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	16,602	16,602	14,661
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Total expenditure		16,602	16,602	14,661
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income		840	840	1,621
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Fund balances brought forward at 1 September 2019		23,989	23,989	22,368
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Fund balances carried forward at 31 August 2020		24,829	24,829	23,989
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The statement of financial activities incorporates the income and expenditure account.

The results for the year are derived from continuing operations. There were no restricted funds in the current and prior years.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020

	Notes	£	2020	£	£	2019	£
Current assets							
Debtors	8	7,093			13,860		
Cash at bank and in hand		18,869			21,262		
		25,962			31,908		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,133)			(11,133)		
Net current assets			24,829		23,989		
Net assets			24,829		23,989		
Reserves							
Unrestricted funds			24,829		23,989		

For the financial year ended 31 August 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 Companies Act 2006. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 04 May 2021.



Elizabeth Cooke
Director



Jakub Kohout
Director

Company Registration Number 02677741

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income for the year	840	1,621
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Interest received	-	(211)
Decrease in debtors	6,767	251
Decrease in creditors	(10,000)	-
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,393)	1,661
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	-	211
Net cash from investing activities	-	211
Cash flows from financing activities		
Repayments of borrowings	-	(10,000)
Net cash used in financing activities	-	(10,000)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	(2,393)	(8,128)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	21,262	29,390
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	18,869	21,262

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. Statutory information

The English College Foundation is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales with a registration number 02677741 and registered under the Charities Act 1993, No. 1015053.

2. Accounting policies**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (2nd edition October 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The English College Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The Board consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Cost of generating voluntary income

These costs are included in the financial statements on an accruals basis.

Grants to the English College Foundation

The company was responsible for the pre-opening costs of the College, which had been set up in Prague in the financial year ended 31 January 1994. During 1995 the College was registered as a charity in its own right (in the Czech Republic) with its own Board of Administrators responsible for its operation. Financial assistance afforded to the College is recognised in the company's income and expenditure account as grants on the date the grant is awarded and communicated, and support costs on an accruals basis.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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Governance costs

Governance costs comprise the costs of the daily running of the company and are included in the accounts on an accruals basis.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable that the income will be received. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations (received and pledged) and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity has entitlement to the income, the amounts can be quantified with reasonable accuracy and it is probable that the income will be received. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes entitled to the grant and it is probable that the grant will be received.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. Gifts-in-kind have been included at market value. The value of service of volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Finance income consists of bank interest, which is included when receivable.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Expenditure on raising funds includes the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. This includes fundraising events and the associated costs.

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and service for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Charitable activities include grants payable which are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. The grants are accounted for in the period when formally awarded by the Board and communicated to the recipient irrespective of the period covered by the grant as they are regarded by the Board as financial obligations and the recipients have an expectation that they will receive the grants when due.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly or apportioned between grants awarded as scholarships and grants awarded as partnerships on a percentage of total grants made in the period. Support costs are allocated against the different activities based on staff time.

VAT

Where appropriate, expenditure includes irrecoverable value added tax.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**
Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year-end.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity.

Financial instruments

The charity only had financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value. Grants payable in more than one year are measured at present value and are discounted using a rate that reflected the cost of money to the charity.

Fund accounting

Restricted Funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor. There were no restricted funds.

The Unrestricted Funds comprise those funds which the Board are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Board, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

3. Donations and grants	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
General donations	17,387	17,387	16,071
	<u>17,387</u>	<u>17,387</u>	<u>16,071</u>
4. Finance income	Unrestricted funds	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Bank interest received	55	55	211
	<u>55</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>211</u>
5. Expenditure on Charitable Activities		2020 £	2019 £
Grants payable:			
Donations to the English College in Prague		13,990	13,206
Governance costs (see note 6)		2,612	1,455
		<u>16,601</u>	<u>14,661</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**
6. Governance costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Insurance	902	552
Examiner's fee	600	600
Office costs	1,110	303
	<u>2,662</u>	<u>1,455</u>

7. Directors' remuneration

None of the directors were reimbursed for expenditure incurred in the year and none received any remuneration for their services to the Foundation.

8. Debtors

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts advanced to the English College in Prague	-	10,000
Prepayments and accrued income	7,093	3,860
	<u>7,093</u>	<u>13,860</u>

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Scholarship grants payable	-	10,000
Other creditors	533	533
Accruals and deferred income	600	600
	<u>1,133</u>	<u>11,133</u>

10. Company limited by guarantee

The limit of the total guarantees of the members of the company amounted to £97.

11. Employees

On a day to day basis, the administration of the charity is undertaken on a voluntary basis by the Directors and other volunteers.

**THE ENGLISH COLLEGE FOUNDATION
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12. Taxation

The company is a registered charity within the definition of section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. The company's income is therefore exempt from taxation on its charitable activities. Accordingly, there is no corporation tax charge in these financial statements.

13. Related party transactions

During the year donations from Trustees amounted to you £12,904 (2019: £12,302). No conditions or restrictions were attached to the donations.

**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and functions		17,387		16,071
Interest received		55		211
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		17,442		16,282
Expenditure				
Donations to the English College in Prague	13,990		13,206	
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	13,990		13,206	
Administration:				
Insurance	902		552	
Examiner's fee	600		600	
Office costs	1,110		303	
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	2,612		1,455	
		(16,602)		(14,611)
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Surplus for the year		<u>840</u>		<u>1,621</u>
