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GRESHAM COLLEGE TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 JULY 2001

Registered Company Number 2953431
Registered Charity Number 1039962

Barnard's Inn Hall
Holborn
London EC1N 2HH



**GRESHAM COLLEGE TRUST
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2001**

The Members of the Council, who are Directors of the Company, present their Report together with the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2001.

Status

Gresham College Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in the United Kingdom and governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 28 July 1994 and is a registered charity governed by the Charities Act 1993 Charity Number 1039962.

Activity

The Company was incorporated on 28 July 1994. On 1 January 1995 it took over the assets and liabilities of Gresham College Trust, a registered charity number 283467, and responsibility for the payment of stipends to the eight Gresham Professors on behalf of the City Corporation, the Mercers' Company and the Mercers' School Memorial Trust.

The College's principal activity is the provision and administration of the Gresham Lectures given by the Gresham Professors in a tradition going back 400 years.

In addition the College organises seminars and conferences and publishes papers, instigated by the Gresham Professors or others, in pursuance of the College's policy of reinterpreting the "new learning" of Sir Thomas Gresham's day in contemporary terms.

Results

The results of the Company are shown in the statement of financial activities on page five. The company disclosed a deficit of £24,876 for the year ended 31 July 2001.

Progress during year

Expansion, based on the use of new technology, to reach a much wider audience was started during the year and development expenditure of £52,885 was incurred. The Company's sponsors have agreed to a material increase in grant for the next three years to enable this expansion to progress.

Investment and Reserve Policy

The Company aims to have reserves equal to at least three months normal expenditure. Since the level of support has been agreed to 31 July 2004, current reserves are considered satisfactory.

Risk Assessment

The Company has undertaken a study of risks including fire, public liability and risk to reputation. Procedures in place are considered satisfactory.

Members of the Company

Mr E.P.T. Roney, Mr A.D. Galloway and Mr P.P. Rigby nominated by the Corporation of the City of London; Mr F.R. Baden-Powell, Mr D.N. Vermont and Mr A.E. Hodson nominated by the Mercers' Company.

Members of Council

As nominated Council members: Messrs E.P.T. Roney, A.D. Galloway, P.P. Rigby, F.R. Baden-Powell, D.N. Vermont, A.E. Hodson, C.H. Parker, and Miss Judith Mayhew.

As co-opted members of Council:

Professor F. Close (appointed 12 October 2000)
Professor R. Floud
Sir Brian Jenkins GBE
Mr J. Naughtie
Mr John Robins
Professor H.A. Rose
Mr J. Wigglesworth

Members of the Council constitute directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985. They are also charity trustees of the Trust within the definition of Section 97 of the Charities Act 1993. Insurance cover was maintained for directors against liabilities arising from their duties, at a cost of £1050.

Responsibilities of Members of Council

Company law requires the members as directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members have 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, if appropriate.

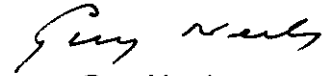
The members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets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

Auditors

HLB Kidsons will be proposed for re-appointment as auditors in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved by the members of Council on 11 October 2001.

Registered Office:-
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Holborn
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Guy Neely
Secretary

**THE AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
OF GRESHAM COLLEGE TRUST**

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 9 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective Responsibilities of the Members of Council and Auditors.

As described on page 2 the company's Members of Council 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 to report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

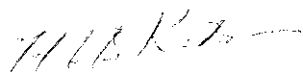
We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Members of Council 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 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs at 31 July 2001 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 provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

HLB Kidsons
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
Hanover House
18 Mount Ephraim Road
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN1 1ED



11 October 2001

GRESHAM COLLEGE TRUST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2001

	Notes	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Grants receivable	3	294,000	286,000
Other income		357	834
Bank interest		17,492	13,744
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		311,849	300,578
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RESOURCES USED			
Direct Charitable Expenditure:			
Academic expenses		114,261	121,034
Movement on provisions for approved grants		(18,995)	8,517
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		95,266	129,551
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Administration and Other Expenditure:			
Staff costs	4	131,641	115,112
Other operating costs		50,986	55,420
Equipment and furniture		5,947	1,736
New Technology expenditure		52,885	-
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		241,459	172,268
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Total Resources Expended	5	336,725	301,819
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NET RESOURCES (USED)		(24,876)	(1,241)
Balance brought forward at 1 August 2000		244,901	246,142
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Balance carried forward at 31 July 2001		220,025	244,901
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The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these accounts.

GRESHAM COLLEGE TRUST
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2001

	Notes	<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	11,260	15,465
Cash at bank and on deposit		299,785	305,814
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		311,045	321,279
 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	 7	 (91,020)	 (76,378)
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 TOTAL NET ASSETS		 220,025	 244,901
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 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	 8	 220,025	 244,901
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The notes on pages 7 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

Signed on behalf of the Members of Council by



P.P. Rigby



A.E. Hodson

11 October 2001

GRESHAM COLLEGE TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 JULY 2001

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (i) The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000) and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities.
- (ii) Interest income is accounted for when receivable.
- (iii) Academic and related expenses are charged to Income and Expenditure when approved.
- (iv) Income from grants is accounted for so as to include one annual grant entitlement in each financial year.
- (v) Fixed assets are written off on purchase in view of the uncertainty over the availability of long-term funding for the College.
- (vi) Operating leases are charged to Income and Expenditure when incurred.
- (vii) Pension benefits for eligible employees are provided for on a defined benefits basis under a separately funded scheme, The Mercers' Company Staff Pension Scheme. The pension advisers to the Trustees of the Scheme are Barnett Waddingham Consulting Actuaries. The Scheme's investments are managed by Edinburgh Fund Managers plc.

An actuarial valuation of the Fund was carried out at 31 December 1998. The report stated that, based on various assumptions, there was a surplus of the Fund's assets over the value of the members' benefits accrued to the date of the valuation. Since 1.1.95 the Gresham College Trust's contributions have been calculated at 34% of pensionable salary, in accordance with the actuary's recommendations.

2 ADMINISTRATION

The Trust was established by a deed dated 28 July 1994. On 1 January 1995 it took over the assets, liabilities and undertakings of Gresham College Trust, a registered charity number 283467, and responsibility for payment of stipends to the eight Gresham professors on behalf of the City Corporation, the Mercers' Company and the Mercers' School Memorial Trust. Under these arrangements, the accounts of the Company reflect in all respects, a continuation of the activities of the predecessor body.

3 GRANTS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	£	£
The Mercers' Company Charitable Foundation	143,000	139,000
The Corporation of The City of London	147,000	143,000
Mercers' School Memorial Trust	4,000	4,000
	<u>294,000</u>	<u>286,000</u>

In addition the Mercers' Company provides the use of Barnard's Inn Gatehouse at 50% of market rent and Barnard's Inn Hall free of charge.