

**CHARITY NO: 1071298**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NO: 3625063**

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**



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# ABINGDON SCHOOL

## DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & ADVISERS

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### DIRECTORS

All Abingdon School Governors are registered with Companies House as Directors of the Company but are hereafter referred to as Governors. They have all served in office throughout the year except where indicated

			Date of Current Appointment as Director	Date Resigned
a, f	D P Lillycrop Cllr M Badcock	Chairman Mayor of Abingdon (Appointed Governor 16/05/11)	01/12/10 30/11/11	20/6/12
a,c,d	J M Bunce		30/11/11	
b,e,f	Professor K M Burk		30/11/11	
d,e	Miss J E Cranston		30/11/11	
b	Dr O R Darbishire	Pembroke College, Oxford	30/11/11	
d	Lt Col A Douglas		16/05/12	
d	R S Farrant	Christ's Hospital	12/03/09	24/09/12
d	Mrs J Forrest		01/09/10	
a,b,d,f	J R Gabitass	Chairman Abingdon Preparatory School Committee	01/12/10	
a,c,f	Mrs M T Hawley	Mercers' Company, Chair Staff Committee	27/06/07	
d	Ms E Hohler	(Appointed Governor 24/03/11)	30/11/11	
	Cllr M Lovatt	Mayor of Abingdon	20/06/12	
d	Dr E H T Lumsden		02/12/09	
a,c	G R Morris		12/03/09	
b,c	C J W Owen		30/11/11	
a	The Hon Sir Vivian Ramsey		03/12/09	
a,f	A Saunders-Davies	Chairman F&GP	30/11/11	
a,c,f	Mrs O Senior		30/11/11	
b	Professor C Stebbings		07/09/10	
a	D Tracey	(Appointed Governor 24/09/2012)	24/09/12	

Member of the following Committee at the year end

- a) Finance and General Purposes Committee,
- b) Education Committee,
- c) Staff Committee,
- d) Abingdon Preparatory School Committee,
- e) St Helen and St Katharine Joint Liaison Committee
- f) Nomination Committee

In addition there is a Health and Safety Committee. One Governor takes a special interest in Health and Safety, and all Governors receive Health and Safety updates

### OFFICERS

F Lusk	Head Abingdon
C Hyde-Dunn	Head Abingdon Preparatory
J M C Webster	Bursar and Company Secretary
T Ayling	Clerk to the Governors

**ABINGDON SCHOOL  
DIRECTORS, OFFICERS & ADVISERS**

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**ADVISERS**

**Bankers**

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**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

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The Governors present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2012 under the Charities Act 1993, together with the audited accounts for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, and the Charities SORP 2005

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The senior school (Abingdon) and the junior school (Abingdon Preparatory School) are together referred to hereafter as Abingdon School and are registered with both Companies House and the Charity Commission as Abingdon School. In this report where specific reference to either school is necessary the senior school is referred to as "Abingdon" and the junior school as "Abingdon Preparatory"

Abingdon is known to have existed in 1256. It was re-endowed in 1563 by John Roysse, a London Mercer. It moved to its present site in 1870. Abingdon was founded by Trust Deed in 1969. In September 1998 Abingdon combined with Abingdon Preparatory School (at that time known as Josca's), forming a new Registered Charity (No. 1071298) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 3625063), which was incorporated on 2 September 1998. The Company, Abingdon School, is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

***Governing Bodies***

The structure of Abingdon School, and approximate number of meetings held annually, are as follows: Main Governing Board (3), Finance and General Purposes Committee (3), Health and Safety Committee (6), Education Committee (2), St Helen and St Katharine Joint Liaison Committee (*ad hoc*), Staff Committee (2), Abingdon Preparatory School Committee (3) and Nomination Committee (*ad hoc*).

***Recruitment and Training of Governors***

The appointment of Governors is confirmed at the Annual General Meeting of the Main Governing Board on the basis of nominations received to the Board's specifications concerning eligibility, personal competence, specialist skills and local availability. New Governors are inducted into the workings of Abingdon School, including Board Policy and Procedures. If Governors incur training costs, Abingdon offers to reimburse these.

***Organisational Management***

The Governors are legally responsible for the overall management and control of Abingdon School. The work of implementing most of their policies is carried out by the Finance and General Purposes Committee (F&GP), which meets prior to each meeting of the Main Governing Board.

The day to day running of the schools is delegated to the Head of each school, supported by their Senior Leadership Teams, together with the Bursar. The Heads, Second Master and the Bursar are invited to attend meetings of the above Committees.

***Group Structure and Relationships***

Abingdon School has a wholly owned non-charitable subsidiary, Abingdon School Enterprises Limited. Turnover for the year rose 16% to £345k (2011: £298k). Sales of uniform grew to £146k (2011: £113k), tuck shop sales fell to £28k (2011: £36k), Amey theatre lets grew to £20k (2011: £12k), and income from the Sports Centre grew to £120k (2011: £101k). Gift aid payment to the School was £157,396.

Abingdon School actively supports the attainment of the highest standards in the Independent Schools sector. The School also co-operates with local charities in its ongoing endeavours to widen public access to the schooling it can provide, to optimise the use of its cultural and sporting facilities and to awaken the pupils' awareness of the social context to the all-round education they receive at the school.

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***Risk Management***

The Main Governing Board is responsible for the management of the risks faced by Abingdon School. Detailed considerations of risk are delegated to the Senior Leadership Teams. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year. A formal review of the schools' risk management processes is undertaken on an annual basis.

The key controls used by the charity include

- formal agendas for all Committee and Board activity,
- comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting,
- established organisational structure and lines of reporting,
- formal written policies,
- clear authorisation and approval levels, and
- vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable

Through the risk management processes established for Abingdon School, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that all risks have been adequately managed.

**OBJECT, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**CHARITABLE OBJECT**

The object of Abingdon School, as set out in the Memorandum of Association, is "to advance the education of children and young people through the provision of a day and boarding school for boys known as Abingdon School and a day school for girls and boys known as Abingdon Preparatory School or such other schools as the Governors shall determine"

**AIMS AND INTENDED IMPACT**

Within this Object, Abingdon School's aim is to provide a first class independent education, both through strong academic tuition, and through developing wider skills in all its pupils via a broad range of "Other Half" activities. This is intended to provide an environment where each pupil can develop and fulfil his potential, thus to help build self-confidence and inculcate a desire to contribute to the wider community.

Abingdon School reviews its academic syllabuses and it benchmarks its academic standards using external public examinations and independent value-added criteria. Academic achievements are balanced by a strong emphasis on sporting and social skills. We aim to maintain the expertise of teaching staff and ensure successor planning and staff development, develop further with local junior schools in both the state and independent sectors and also facilitate wider community access to the schools' facilities.

The operational strategy of the school is to run it efficiently to allow fees to be as low as practicable, consistent with the provision of high quality teaching and facilities, and expected future needs.

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**REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR**

***Principal activities of the year***

Abingdon is a boarding and day school which provides education to boys between the ages of 11 and 18. Abingdon Preparatory provides education for pupils up to the age of 13.

The average number of pupils in the schools during the academic year 2011/2012 was 888 (2010/2011 868) for Abingdon and 248 (2010/2011 251) for Abingdon Preparatory.

***Grant-making policy***

Awards are primarily made from fee income. Recent bursary donations are being used to assist with bursary support. Where this arises, the saving in support from School funding is ring-fenced for future bursary support.

During the year there were 145 (2011 139) boys with Scholarships, and 70 (2011 77) with Bursaries at Abingdon School.

Scholarship awards are given in recognition of academic achievement at a nominal value of £300 annually. All Bursary awards are means-tested annually.

***Operational performance of the schools***

Exam candidates recorded excellent results at A2, AS and GCSE levels. At A level 144 candidates secured an overall pass-rate of 99.8%, with 92.6% awarded A\*, A and B grades.

At GCSE 153 candidates achieved splendid results, including 48% A\* grades (2011 47%).

Numerous candidates received commendation from examination boards for outstanding performance.

The "Other Half" continued to flourish with Abingdon confirming its reputation for outstanding music, drama and sport.

***Objectives.***

The broad aims of the School are

- To maintain and strengthen the school's unique identity as a high quality day and boarding school for boys strong both academically and in "Other Half" and extracurricular activities
- To encourage in each boy the development of character and the many skills they will need to flourish at school and beyond
- To maintain and extend the tradition of accessibility to boys of high ability, whatever their economic or social background, particularly through scholarship and bursary schemes
- To consolidate a position as the school of choice for those seeking education for boys in the Oxfordshire/Berkshire/Wiltshire region
- To maintain and develop further a position as one of the accepted leaders among the independent schools of Great Britain, featuring consistently in the top echelons of the examination league tables and being noticed regularly for cultural and sporting achievements
- To win recognition as a centre of excellence in educational practice and to continue to attract high quality staff
- To seek and exploit extra sources of funding
- To promote awareness of the School in the community, extend local outreach by liaison and bridging activities, and raise the profile of Abingdon regionally and nationally by judicious hosting of conferences, activities such as sporting events, and professional occasions

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**School Inspections**

Both Schools were inspected in early 2011 by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, ISI. The main summaries of the inspections are as follows

**Abingdon**

Abingdon is a school where boys can be themselves and know their talents will be developed in an encouraging and intellectually stimulating environment. Pupils' attainment in public examinations and the progress they make are excellent, and this is matched by outstanding achievement in extra-curricular activities. Pupils have exceptionally committed attitudes to learning. In their learning they combine a desire for success with a genuine curiosity and develop independent and collaborative academic skills which prepare them for adult life. Pupils' excellent standards of achievement are fostered by a high quality of teaching which, at its best, involves pupils in all aspects of their learning and challenges their intellects. The assessment of pupils' work contributes significantly to their awareness of how to reach the highest standards, but, in a few academic areas, the quality of marking serves the pupils less well.

The school's aim to ensure that each boy thrives at Abingdon is borne out in the high quality of pupils' personal development. Pupils are an interesting combination of grounded yet ambitious individuals. They are unfailingly courteous, very relaxed in their own company and the company of their teachers and are engaging conversationalists. Pupils have a strong spiritual and moral sense as well as appreciating the challenge and delights of cultural differences. Senior pupils are not only good models in their leadership roles, but give support to younger pupils in the whole gamut of school activities. In interviews and in their responses to the questionnaire, pupils voiced how much they enjoyed their life at Abingdon and valued the opportunities offered by the school.

The school aims to eschew manufacturing a child, aiming instead to encourage initiative, individuality and creativity whilst reinforcing the importance of respect and endeavour. The governors and leaders of the school ensure that this aim is met. In response to the three recommendations of the last report, appropriate time has been allocated to practical and creative subjects in Years 7 and 8, a new sports centre has been built and the appraisal system has been strengthened to include lesson observation. The monitoring of regulatory requirements, including those for safeguarding, is robust and clearly recorded. Parents are highly supportive of the school, particularly extolling the school's promotion of positive attitudes and its commitment to holistic education including high academic success. A few parents felt that they were not encouraged to be involved in the life and work of the school, but inspection evidence did not uphold this view.

**Abingdon Preparatory**

The pupils' achievement and progress throughout the school is outstanding. They are well educated in line with the school aims, and their success is strongly supported by the rich curriculum and wide-ranging programme of activities. The school is highly successful in meeting its aims. Excellent teaching enables pupils to achieve high standards and they are very well prepared for the next stage of their education. Pupils in the EYFS receive a stimulating and enjoyable start to their education which is built upon successfully as pupils move through the school. Central to the pupils' success is their eagerness to learn and their excellent relationships with each other and their teachers. Pupils are articulate and communicate effectively. They read fluently and expressively from an early age and their writing shows critical thought and creativity. They have a well-developed grasp of mathematics and are skilful users of information communication technology (ICT). Pupils show initiative and have well developed reasoning and thinking skills. Those needing additional help are given good support. Appropriate attention is paid to pupils with particular skills and talents.



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The personal development of the pupils is outstanding as a result of the high quality pastoral care, welfare arrangements and health and safety procedures. Pupils are confident and self-aware. Their personal development is promoted extremely successfully through the ethos of the school. Pupils show respect and tolerance and their strong sense of community are evident throughout the school. In their responses to the pre-inspection questionnaire, parents were overwhelmingly supportive of the school. A few expressed a few concerns regarding the support provided to pupils with learning difficulties, and a few others felt they received insufficient information about the progress of their children. These concerns were not substantiated by inspection findings.

Governors are assiduous in fostering appropriate aims and values for the school and provide excellent oversight and guidance. Together, with a strong and cohesive senior leadership team, they have worked diligently to maintain strengths and to improve the areas identified in the last inspection report. Considerable progress has been made. The school now recognises that the role of middle managers is not developed sufficiently to ensure a coherent approach to planning, monitoring and evaluation throughout all subject areas. The roles and responsibilities of the EYFS staff are not sufficiently clear and the outside area is not yet fully developed as a learning environment.

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**FINANCIAL**

Net Incoming Resources were £1,438,837 (2011 £1,111,514) After depreciation is excluded, net incoming resources represent 15.2% (2011 14.4%) of gross fees

**CAPITAL DEVELOPMENTS**

In 2011/12 whilst there were no major capital projects being undertaken, the Foundation office completed the second phase of works on the Chapel Windows

At Abingdon School, initial plans for the new Science Centre have been discussed with staff, parents and the wider community, and a planning application will be submitted in November 2012

**RESERVES**

The Reserves Policy approved by the Governors is to hold liquid assets to the value of between three to six months of operational costs. Liquid assets are defined as cash, or assets that within a period of three months can be transferred to cash or the use of facilities available. The policy ensures Abingdon School can fulfil the charitable obligations and commitments it enters into.

The Governors regularly review the finances, budgets and the spending against budget as part of the effective stewardship of the Charity. In common with other independent schools, Abingdon School has invested substantial sums into new school buildings in recent years, and operates a continuing programme of refurbishment, development and investment to maintain excellent teaching and boarding facilities for pupils.

It is our view as Governors of the School and Trustees of the Charity that given the level of operating cash (£5,343,995), investment assets (£3,362,261), the stable cash flow from pupil rolls, the ongoing popularity of the School, and the available banking facility that can be called upon if need arises, that current liquidity is acceptable and falls within the Reserves Policy.

At the end of the financial year the level of reserves stood at £35,230,069 of which £18,328,192 (2011 £16,847,230) was in unrestricted funds.

**INVESTMENT POWERS AND POLICY**

The Governors are authorised by the Memorandum of Association to invest monies not immediately required for the schools' purposes in securities, property or other investments as may be thought fit. The schools' investment objective is for income and capital growth, which, over the long term, is intended at least to maintain the real value of the assets for the purposes of the schools' needs as determined by the Governors from time to time. The investment objective is to be achieved by investment in a balanced portfolio comprising equities, fixed interest and cash with a medium risk profile.

The investments were transferred to Jupiter Asset Management in April 2010. There has been an investment gain in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 of £89,842 (2011 Gain £47,700).

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**FUTURE PLANS**

Plans within the next academic year include a review of the long term strategic plan and identify clear priorities for the school

**PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Governors of Abingdon School are committed to broadening access to the School and use a wide range of opportunities. In furtherance of these objectives Abingdon School Directors, as charity trustees, have complied with their duty in s 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's published general guidance concerning the operation of the public benefit requirement under that Act.

***Education for pupils***

We support the attainment of the highest standards in the Schools sector, through networking with other schools and professional bodies. The teaching profession benefits from the training and continuous development programme and in-service training for Abingdon School staff. We continue to develop our links with local schools in both the maintained and independent sectors.

***Pupil Activities***

Over the course of the year pupils raised £11,920 (2011 £32,264). Charities that received funding include Ten for Ten (£5,000), Helen and Douglas House (£614) and Water Aid (£846).

***Use of Facilities***

We also cooperate with many local organisations and charities to optimise the use of our cultural, sporting and residential facilities and to promote, in our pupils, awareness of the social context to the all-round education they receive at School. In addition to our sports facilities being used by local club and district organisations, the residential facilities continue to be utilised during vacation periods to benefit other user groups.

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***Bursaries***

Abingdon has a range of scholarships, awards and bursaries available to boys entering the School. Scholarships and awards are given for exceptional academic, music, art and design, drama or sporting ability; they carry kudos and privileges within the School. Scholarships carry a nominal financial award of £300 plus the option to apply for a further means-tested bursary.

Bursaries are available to parents of boys who are unable to pay the full fees. All bursaries are means-tested and have a value of up to 100% of the fees. Boys must meet the usual entrance criteria but need not necessarily show exceptional ability. Abingdon offers an enormous breadth of opportunity and bursaries are aimed at those boys who will take full advantage of all the School has to offer.

All scholarships and bursaries are subject to satisfactory academic progress and behaviour, and in the case of scholarships and awards, to a continued contribution to the disciplines for which they were granted. Bursary support is means tested annually.

Each case is assessed on its own merits and awards are made accordingly, subject to the Schools' ability to fund these within the context of its' overall budgets.

Bursary provision of up to 100% of fees is offered and publicised on the Schools' websites, promotional materials, advertisements and to all examination candidates. Local feeder schools and prospective parents are also made aware of the offering.

Profile of Awards	Number of Awards	Total Amount
1-24%	15	£38,350
25-39%	20	£88,384
40-49%	2	£11,802
50-59%	16	£131,990
60-79%	11	£136,306
80% - 94%	1	£11,604
95% - 99%	2	£27,560
100%	3	£58,755
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>£504,750</b>

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)**  
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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards) and applicable law

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the surplus or deficit of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 charitable company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for ensuring that adequate accounting records are maintained that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and ensuring their proper application in accordance with charity law, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

**PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that

so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company and the Group's auditors are unaware, and

that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company and the Group's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company and the Group's auditors are aware of that information

**AUDITORS**

The Governors appointed Critchleys LLP as auditors

DAVID P LILLYCROP  
(Chairman of Governors)

28.12.12

ANDREW SAUNDERS-DAVIES  
(Chairman of F&GP)  
30.11.12

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ABINGDON SCHOOL**

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We have audited the group and parent company financial statements of Abingdon School for the year ended 31 August 2012 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 auditors' 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 its members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Auditors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 11, the directors (who are also trustees of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable parent company and of the group's affairs as at 31 August 2012 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.


## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ABINGDON SCHOOL

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### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

  
Robert Kirtland  
Senior Statutory Auditor  
for and on behalf of Critchleys LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

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Date 17/1/2013

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowed Funds £	Total Funds £	2011 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>						
<b>Income from Charitable Activities</b>						
School fees receivable	3	16,777,444	-	-	16,777,444	15,591,154
Ancillary trading income	4a	1,830,809	-	-	1,830,809	1,915,359
<b>Incoming Resources from Generated Funds</b>						
Non charitable trading income	4b	208,980	-	-	208,980	297,539
Investment income	4c	134,447	-	-	134,447	90,776
Donations	4d	8,203	59,107	-	67,310	206,499
Non ancillary trading income	4e	<u>262,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>262,594</u>	<u>166,684</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>19,222,477</b>	<b>59,107</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,281,584</b>	<b>18,268,011</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>						
<b>Costs of generating funds</b>						
Non charitable trading costs		192,553	-	-	192,553	159,852
Fundraising for voluntary resources		<u>142,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,192</u>	<u>146,892</u>
		334,745	-	-	334,745	306,744
<b>Charitable Activities</b>						
Schools and grant making	6	17,462,917	22,705	-	17,485,622	16,830,965
<b>Governance costs</b>	6	<u>22,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,380</u>	<u>18,788</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>17,820,042</b>	<b>22,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,842,747</b>	<b>17,156,497</b>
<b>NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>1,402,435</b>	<b>36,402</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,438,837</b>	<b>1,111,514</b>
Transfers	14	-	-	-	-	-
Investment Gains/(losses)		<u>78,527</u>	<u>4,497</u>	<u>6,818</u>	<u>89,842</u>	<u>47,700</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u><b>1,480,962</b></u>	<u><b>40,899</b></u>	<u><b>6,818</b></u>	<u><b>1,528,679</b></u>	<u><b>1,159,214</b></u>
<b>Balances brought forward at 1 September 2011</b>		<b>16,847,230</b>	<b>570,234</b>	<b>16,283,926</b>	<b>33,701,390</b>	<b>32,542,176</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 August 2012</b>	14	<u><b>18,328,192</b></u>	<u><b>611,133</b></u>	<u><b>16,290,744</b></u>	<u><b>35,230,069</b></u>	<u><b>33,701,390</b></u>

The notes on pages 17 to 31 form part of these accounts



**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

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	2012 £	2011 £
Gross income of continuing operations	19,281,584	18,268,011
Total expenditure of continuing operations	<u>17,840,679</u>	<u>17,165,045</u>
Net income for the year before investment asset disposals	1,440,905	1,102,966
Gain/(loss) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(2,068)	8,548
Gain/(loss) on disposal of fixed asset investments	<u>89,842</u>	<u>47,700</u>
Net income for the year	<u>1,528,679</u>	<u>1,159,214</u>

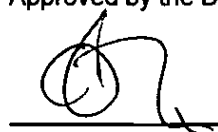
- Total income comprises £19,222,477 for unrestricted funds. A detailed analysis of income by source is provided in the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities
- Detailed analysis of the expenditure is provided in the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities and Note 6
- Gains/ (losses) on disposal of fixed asset investments exclude Endowed Funds
- The consolidated Summary Income and Expenditure Account is derived from the consolidated Statement of Financial Activities on page 13 which, together with the notes to the accounts, provides full information on the movements during the year on all funds

The notes on pages 17 to 30 form part of these financial statements

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**CHARITY AND CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012**  
**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 3625063**

		Group		School	
	Notes	2012 £	2011 £	2012 £	2011 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Other tangible assets	7	34,591,338	35,058,726	34,591,044	35,057,256
Investment assets	8	<u>3,362,259</u>	<u>3,260,619</u>	<u>3,362,260</u>	<u>3,260,620</u>
		37,953,597	38,319,345	37,953,304	38,317,876
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks		49,228	67,728	3,793	2,795
Debtors	9	617,864	781,711	755,815	896,492
Cash		<u>6,120,603</u>	<u>4,368,119</u>	<u>6,006,890</u>	<u>4,294,122</u>
		6,787,695	5,217,558	6,766,498	5,193,409
<b>CREDITORS: due within one year</b>	10	<u>(5,958,164)</u>	<u>(4,819,164)</u>	<u>(5,944,576)</u>	<u>(4,804,769)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)</b>		829,531	398,394	821,922	388,640
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		38,783,128	38,717,739	38,775,226	38,706,516
<b>CREDITORS: due after more than one year</b>					
Bank loans and borrowings	12	<u>(3,553,059)</u>	<u>(5,016,349)</u>	<u>(3,553,059)</u>	<u>(5,016,349)</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>35,230,069</u>	<u>33,701,390</u>	<u>35,222,167</u>	<u>33,690,167</u>
<b>ENDOWED FUNDS</b>	14	16,290,744	16,283,926	16,290,744	16,283,926
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	14	611,133	570,234	611,133	570,234
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
Designated & general funds	14	<u>18,328,192</u>	<u>16,847,230</u>	<u>18,320,290</u>	<u>16,836,007</u>
Inc Revaluation Reserve (£9,338,521)					
2011 £9,517,624)	14	<u>35,230,069</u>	<u>33,701,390</u>	<u>35,222,167</u>	<u>33,690,167</u>

Approved by the Board of Governors of Abingdon School on 28 November 2012



DAVID P LILLYCROP  
(Chairman of Governors)

28/11/12

ANDREW SAUNDERS-DAVIES  
(Chairman of F&GP)

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

	Notes	2012 £	2011 £
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATIONS</b>	17	<b>3,263,031</b>	<b>2,534,752</b>
<b>RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE</b>			
Investment income receipts	4c	134,447	90,776
Bank interest paid		<u>(266,007)</u>	<u>(288,620)</u>
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE</b>		<b>(131,560)</b>	<b>(197,844)</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT</b>			
Payment for tangible fixed assets	7	(778,617)	(583,633)
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets		-	-
Payments for investments	8	(174,934)	(414,644)
Proceeds from sale of investments	8	<u>261,247</u>	<u>463,809</u>
<b>NET CASH INFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT</b>		<b><u>(692,304)</u></b>	<b><u>(534,468)</u></b>
<b>NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING</b>		<b>2,439,167</b>	<b>1,802,440</b>
<b>FINANCING</b>			
New loans		776,607	73,500
Repayment of loans		<u>(1,463,290)</u>	<u>(1,453,882)</u>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	18	<b><u>1,752,484</u></b>	<b><u>422,058</u></b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT</b>			
Increase in cash at bank		1,752,484	422,058
New loans		(776,607)	(73,500)
Repayment of loans		<u>1,463,290</u>	<u>1,453,882</u>
<b>Change in net debt</b>		<b>2,439,167</b>	<b>1,802,440</b>
<b>Net (Debt) at 1 September 2011</b>		<b><u>(1,778,152)</u></b>	<b><u>(3,580,592)</u></b>
<b>Net (Debt) at 31 August 2012</b>	19	<b><u>661,015</u></b>	<b><u>(1,778,152)</u></b>

**Note**

Charity law requires separate administration of the cashflows of endowed and other restricted funds of the charity. This constraint has not adversely affected group cashflows as stated above.

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

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**1 COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

The School is a company limited by guarantee, and is a Registered Charity. Each Director's liability would be limited to an amount not exceeding £10 in the event of the School winding up.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Accounting Convention**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except that certain fixed assets and investment assets are carried at market value), applicable accounting standards, the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act, and the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005 'Accounting by Charities'.

**b) Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated (group) accounts comprise the charity and its subsidiary Abingdon School Enterprises Limited. A summary of the profit and loss account for the subsidiary is shown in note 4. No separate Statement of Financial Activities has been presented for the charity as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. The surplus of income and expenditure for the charity for the year was £1,031,797.

**c) Fees and Similar Income**

Fees receivable and charges for services and use of premises are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees receivable are stated after deducting allowances, scholarships and other remissions allowed by the School.

**d) Donations and Grants**

Donations and grants received for the general purposes of the Schools are credited to 'unrestricted funds'. Donations subject to specific wishes of the donors are carried to relevant restricted funds, or to endowed funds where the amount is required to be held as permanent capital.

**e) Resources Expended**

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Certain expenditure is apportioned to cost categories based on the estimated amount attributable to that activity in the year. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included with the item of expense to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income as well as costs incurred liaising with alumni.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services 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.

Governance costs comprise the cost of running the charity, including external audit, Governors' legal advice and constitutional and statutory compliance costs.

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

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**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**f) Investments**

Listed investments are carried at their mid-market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and market value at the start of the year or subsequent cost and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities in the year of disposal. Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in the market values during the year and are credited or charged to the statement of financial activities based on the market value at the year end.

Freehold property investments are shown at market value. In accordance with SSAP19, no depreciation is provided in respect of freehold properties or leasehold properties with over 20 years to expiry. This is a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, which requires all properties to be depreciated.

The properties of the charitable company are not held for consumption but for investment and the directors consider that to depreciate them would not give a true and fair view. Depreciation is only one of many factors reflected in the valuation of properties and, accordingly, the amount of depreciation which might otherwise have been charged cannot be separately identified or quantified.

The directors consider that this policy results in the accounts giving a true and fair view. Investment properties are revalued annually with any surplus or deficit transferred to an investment revaluation reserve.

**g) Investment Income**

Income from these investments is accounted for on a received basis. Interest is accounted for on an accruals basis.

**h) Tangible Assets**

Tangible assets are stated at historical cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis as follows:

Buildings	-	up to 50 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years
Boats	-	4 years
Equipment	-	4 to 10 years

Items of £500 or less are written off.

The buildings were revalued in the year ended 31 August 1999, see note 7. The company has adopted the provisions of FRS 15 in respect of these assets and will not revalue them in the future. The carrying values of fixed assets are reviewed for impairment only when events indicate the carrying value may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

**i) Stocks**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**j) Pension Costs**

The School operates two types of pension schemes for their employees

**Teaching Staff**

The School contributes to the Teachers' Pension Defined Benefits Scheme at rates set by the Scheme Actuary and advised to the Board by the Scheme Administrator. The scheme is a multi employer pension scheme and it is not possible to identify the assets and liabilities of the scheme, which are attributable to the School. In accordance with FRS17 therefore, the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

**Non Teaching Staff Scheme**

There are five different schemes all of which operate on a defined contribution basis. As with both schemes, the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Schools. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities Account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees working lives with the School, and are determined by a qualified actuary.

**k) Operating Leases**

Operating lease rentals are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**l) Fund accounting**

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of overheads and support costs.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the Trust.

Endowment funds consist of fixed assets donations where the capital is held to provide income for bursaries. The purpose to which these assets may be applied is restricted in accordance with the terms of the endowment trust.

**3 FEES RECEIVABLE**

	2012 £	2011 £
Fees receivable consist of		
Gross fees	17,597,759	16,411,270
Less Scholarships, Bursaries, Grants and Allowances	<u>(820,315)</u>	<u>(820,116)</u>
	<u>16,777,444</u>	<u>15,591,154</u>

**4. OTHER INCOME**

**a) ANCILLARY TRADING INCOME**

	2012 £	2011 £
Insurance administration	38,615	52,414
Coaches, trips and other rechargeables	1,709,851	1,779,690
Registration fees	<u>82,343</u>	<u>83,255</u>
	<u>1,830,809</u>	<u>1,915,359</u>

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**4 OTHER INCOME (CONTINUED)**

**b) TRADING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The school owns Abingdon School Enterprises Limited, which operates as a retail business. It donates any taxable profits to the school under Gift Aid. Trading results, excluding lettings, for the period of operation to 31 August 2012 are shown below

	2012 £	2011 £
Turnover	208,980	180,948
Cost of sales	<u>(121,327)</u>	<u>(103,563)</u>
Gross profit	87,653	77,385
Cost of administration	<u>(71,226)</u>	<u>(56,289)</u>
Net profit	<u><u>16,427</u></u>	<u><u>21,096</u></u>

The above figures are before gift aid payable to the school of £157,396 (2011 £129,769). Included within cost of administration is £10,000 charged by the Charity to Abingdon School Enterprises for use of the Amey Theatre and the School Shop. This charge has been eliminated on consolidation.

**c) INVESTMENT INCOME**

	2012 £	2011 £
Dividends received	13,314	12,982
Bank interest received	<u>121,133</u>	<u>77,794</u>
	<u><u>134,447</u></u>	<u><u>90,776</u></u>

**d) DONATIONS AND GRANTS**

	2012 £	2011 £
Appeal and donations	67,310	171,249
Sodexo dining hall donation	<u>-</u>	<u>35,250</u>
	<u><u>67,310</u></u>	<u><u>206,499</u></u>

**e) OTHER NON ANCILLARY TRADING INCOME**

	2012 £	2011 £
Lettings	220,921	78,370
Other income	<u>41,673</u>	<u>88,314</u>
	<u><u>262,594</u></u>	<u><u>166,684</u></u>

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**5. EXPENDITURE**

	2012 £	2011 £
Other expenditure includes		
Auditors remuneration - Audit	13,250	12,900
- Other services	-	-
	<u>13,250</u>	<u>12,900</u>
	2012 £	2011 £
Total Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	8,387,222	8,095,937
Social security costs	703,563	680,321
Pension contributions	<u>955,979</u>	<u>943,824</u>
	<u>10,046,764</u>	<u>9,720,082</u>

The average number of employees in the year was 306 (2011 308) of which 147 (2011 146) were teaching staff. In addition to the above there were 32 (2011 37) music teachers.

Neither the Directors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration or other benefits from the Schools or any connected organisation.

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was

	2012 No.	2011 No.
£60,000 - £70,000	2	3
£70,000 - £80,000	1	-
£80,000 - £90,000	1	1
£90,000 - £100,000	1	-
£150,000 - £160,000	1	1

Pension costs for staff earning over £60,000 were £74,186 (2011 £68,462). This relates to Defined Contribution schemes for 1 staff (2011 1) and Defined Benefit schemes for 5 staff (2011 4).



**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**6. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	<b>Staff Costs £</b>	<b>Other £</b>	<b>Depreciation £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure:</b>				
Teaching costs	7,696,655	1,023,418	248,460	8,968,533
Welfare	585,549	1,125,176	-	1,710,725
Premises	649,565	1,763,586	996,068	3,409,219
Support	972,497	595,269	-	1,567,766
Coaches, trips and other rechargeables	-	1,557,928	-	1,557,928
Grants, awards and prizes	-	5,444	-	5,444
Finance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>266,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,007</u>
Charity and group	<u>9,904,266</u>	<u>6,336,828</u>	<u>1,244,528</u>	<u>17,485,622</u>
<b>Cost of Generating Funds.</b>				
Fundraising costs	101,863	40,329	-	142,192
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>22,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,380</u>
	101,863	62,709	-	164,572
Total for the School	10,006,129	6,399,537	1,244,528	17,650,194
Trading costs of Subsidiary	<u>40,635</u>	<u>150,742</u>	<u>1,176</u>	<u>192,553</u>
<b>Total for group</b>	<b><u>10,046,764</u></b>	<b><u>6,550,279</u></b>	<b><u>1,245,704</u></b>	<b><u>17,842,747</u></b>

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**7 TANGIBLE ASSETS – GROUP**

	Land & Buildings £	Buildings Under Construction £	Sports Equipment £	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>COST/VALUATION</b>						
At 1 September 2011	37 213 678	66 167	402 293	3,950,758	390 491	42 023 387
Disposals			(3 076)			(3 076)
Additions	188,340	326,961	59,315	374,849	51,320	778,617
Transfers	150,871	(222,168)	-	71,297	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2012	<u>37,402,018</u>	<u>170,960</u>	<u>458,532</u>	<u>4,325,607</u>	<u>441,811</u>	<u>42,798,928</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>						
At 1 September 2011	4,538,257	-	269,628	1,878,718	278,058	6,964,661
Charge for the period	625 661	-	60 019	499,765	60 259	1 245 704
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	(2,775)	-	-	(2,775)
At 31 August 2012	<u>5,163,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>326,872</u>	<u>2,378,483</u>	<u>338,317</u>	<u>8,207,590</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUES</b>						
31 August 2012	<u>32,238,100</u>	<u>170,960</u>	<u>131,660</u>	<u>1,947,124</u>	<u>103,494</u>	<u>34,591,338</u>
31 August 2011	<u>32,675,421</u>	<u>66,167</u>	<u>132,665</u>	<u>2,072,040</u>	<u>112,433</u>	<u>35,058,726</u>

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**7. TANGIBLE ASSETS – GROUP (CONTINUED)**

The above assets are all used in the furtherance of the Charity's objects, besides assets with a net book value of £294 (2011 £1,470) which are held for use by the trading subsidiary

Land and Buildings previously included a property known as Beverley House which the Charity used in the furtherance of its objects. From 1 September 2007 the property has not been held for consumption but for investment. As such the property has been transferred to investment properties under the provisions of SSAP19. The property was transferred at a value of £2,100,042.

The directors consider that this policy results in the accounts giving a true and fair view.

The School's freehold land and buildings were revalued on 31 August 1999 at £17,626,529. The company has adopted the provisions of FRS 15 in respect of these assets and will not revalue them in the future.

The revaluation gave rise to a revaluation reserve of £12,575,746.

The valuations were carried out by external valuers, GVA Grimley International Property Advisers, who prepared Existing Use Valuations on each of the two Schools, adopting a Depreciated Replacement Cost basis for the Abingdon site and boathouses.

Had the land and buildings been included in the accounts at historical cost, the net book value would have been as follows:

	2012 £	2011 £
Cost	28,150,988	27,375,447
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,389,662)</u>	<u>(3,632,591)</u>
Net book value	<u>25,761,326</u>	<u>23,742,856</u>

**8. INVESTMENTS**

a) The charity's investments are held as follows:

	2012 £	2011 £
Listed investments (at market value)	1,222,118	1,115,347
Nigel Hammond shares	<u>42,029</u>	<u>40,952</u>
Total listed investments (at market value)	1,264,147	1,156,299
Cash awaiting re-investment	<u>98,111</u>	<u>104,319</u>
	1,362,258	1,260,618
Investment Property	2,000,000	2,000,000
Abingdon School Enterprises Ltd	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3,362,259</u>	<u>3,260,619</u>

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**8. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

b) The movement during the year on the listed investments is shown below

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Permanent Endowment £	Total £
At 1 September 2011	1,101,857	63,100	95,661	1,260,618
Additions	152,903	8,756	13,275	174,934
Disposals/Dividends/charges	(228,346)	(13,076)	(19,825)	(261,247)
Revaluation	<u>78,527</u>	<u>4,497</u>	<u>6,818</u>	<u>89,842</u>
<b>Listed Investments 31/8/12</b>	<b><u>1,104,941</u></b>	<b><u>63,277</u></b>	<b><u>95,929</u></b>	<b><u>1,264,147</u></b>
Cash awaiting re-investment	<u>85,755</u>	<u>4,911</u>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>98,111</u>
<b>Total Investments 31/8/12</b>	<b><u>1,190,696</u></b>	<b><u>68,188</u></b>	<b><u>103,374</u></b>	<b><u>1,362,258</u></b>

The historic cost of the investments (including cash) is £1,229,789 (2011 £1,200,252)

Included in the investments are overseas investments with a market value of £587,510 (2011 £456,468)

At the year end the following investments represent more than 5% of the total investments -

Jupiter Strategic Bond	- 22.57%
Jupiter Growth & Income fund	- 10.30%
Jupiter UK Special sits Fund units	- 5.60%
Jupiter Global Managed ACC	- 34.90%

**ABINGDON SCHOOL**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012**

**8. INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

c) The movement during the year on the investment property is shown below

	2012 £	2011 £
Freehold Land and Buildings	2,000,000	2,000,000
Revaluation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>2,000,000</u>

Tangible fixed assets previously included a property known as Beverley House which the Charity used in the furtherance of its objects. From 1 September 2007 Beverley House has not been held for consumption but for investment. As such the property has been reclassified as an investment property under the provisions of SSAP19.

In accordance with SSAP19, no depreciation is provided in respect of freehold properties or leasehold properties with over 20 years to expiry. This is a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, which requires all properties to be depreciated.

The property of the charitable company is not held for consumption but for investment and the directors consider that to depreciate it would not give a true and fair view. Depreciation is only one of many factors reflected in the valuation of properties and, accordingly, the amount of depreciation which might otherwise have been charged cannot be separately identified or quantified.

The directors consider that this policy results in the accounts giving a true and fair view.

Investment properties are revalued annually with any surplus or deficit transferred to an investment revaluation reserve. This is in accordance with the official valuation undertaken by Thomas Merrifield Estate Agents on 22 September 2012.

d) Investment in subsidiary

The investment in Abingdon School Enterprises Limited represents 100% of the share capital of that company. The company is registered in the UK and operates a retail business. The results of this entity are consolidated into these financial statements. The investment in the subsidiary is eliminated on consolidation.

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**9. DEBTORS**

	<b>GROUP</b>		<b>SCHOOL</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Staff loan accounts	1,880	2,180	1,880	2,180
Fees and extras	173,789	139,500	173,789	139,500
Amounts due from subsidiary	-	-	177,404	145,132
Sundry debtors and prepayments	<u>442,195</u>	<u>640,031</u>	<u>402,742</u>	<u>609,680</u>
	<u>617,864</u>	<u>781,711</u>	<u>755,815</u>	<u>896,492</u>

**10. CREDITORS** Amounts due within one year

	<b>GROUP</b>		<b>SCHOOL</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank loan and overdraft	1,906,529	1,129,922	1,906,529	1,129,922
Fees received in advance	1,004,398	842,509	1,004,398	842,509
Advanced Fees	103,224	293,055	103,224	293,055
Purchase ledger balances	481,153	585,813	475,726	572,250
Deposits	1,481,822	1,386,000	1,481,822	1,386,000
Sundry creditors and accruals	768,250	381,549	764,927	376,400
Social Security & Other Taxes	<u>212,788</u>	<u>200,316</u>	<u>207,950</u>	<u>204,633</u>
	<u>5,958,164</u>	<u>4,819,164</u>	<u>5,944,576</u>	<u>4,804,769</u>

**11. ADVANCED FEES**

Parents may pay lump sums to the school as advance payment of future fees. Assuming pupils will remain in the school, advance fees received will be applied as follows -

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within 2 to 5 years	-	58,902
Within 1 year	<u>103,244</u>	<u>234,153</u>
	<u>103,244</u>	<u>293,055</u>

The balance represents the accrued liability. The movements during the year were -

	<b>£</b>
Balance at 1 September 2011	293,055
Amounts received	<u>62,102</u>
	355,157
Amounts utilised in the payment of fees	<u>(251,933)</u>
Balance at 31 August 2012	<u>103,224</u>

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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS DUE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Development Bank Loan	2,803,457	3,967,087
Beverley House Loan	749,602	1,028,411
Sodexo loan	<u>-</u>	<u>20,851</u>
	<u><b>3,553,059</b></u>	<u><b>5,016,349</b></u>

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within five years as follows

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Within 2 to 5 years	1,463,290	1,463,290
Within 1 year	<u>2,089,769</u>	<u>3,553,059</u>
	<u><b>3,553,059</b></u>	<u><b>5,016,349</b></u>

Development Bank Loan – the interest rate being charged is 0.55 % above Bank of England base rate repayable within ten years of the drawing of the loan. To protect itself against increases in interest rates a hedging instrument has been put in place whereby £6m of this loan has been fixed at 5.59% until September 2017.

Beverley House Loan – the interest rate being charged is 0.55 % above Bank of England base rate repayable within ten years of the drawing of the loan.

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**13. ALLOCATION OF THE CHARITY NET ASSETS**

The net assets are held for the various funds as follows

	<b>Fixed Assets £</b>	<b>Investments £</b>	<b>Current Assets Less Total Liabilities £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Permanent Endowment</b>				
Hammond legacy	-	42,029	555,971	598,000
Prize Funds	-	103,374	312,176	415,550
Land and Buildings	11,892,184	-	-	11,892,184
<b>Expendable Endowment</b>				
Land and Buildings	<u>3,385,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,385,010</u>
<b>Total Endowed</b>	15,277,194	145,403	868,147	16,290,744
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	-	68,188	542,945	611,133
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<u>19,314,144</u>	<u>3,148,668</u>	<u>(4,302,270)</u>	<u>18,160,542</u>
School	34,591,338	3,362,259	(2,891,178)	35,062,419
Subsidiary Reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,650</u>	<u>167,650</u>
<b>Group</b>	<u><u>34,591,338</u></u>	<u><u>3,362,259</u></u>	<u><u>(2,723,528)</u></u>	<u><u>35,230,069</u></u>



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**14. FUNDS**

	As at 31 August 2011 £	Transfers £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Investment Gain/(Loss) £	As at 31 August 2012 £
<b>Endowment</b>						
Permanent						
Hammond						
Legacy	596,924	-	-	-	1,076	598,000
Prize Funds	409,808	-	-	-	5,742	415,550
Land & Buildings	<u>11,811,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,892,184</u>
	12,818,449	-	-	80,467	6,818	12,905,734
<b>Expendable</b>						
Land and Buildings	<u>3,465,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(80,467)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,385,010</u>
	<u>16,283,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,818</u>	<u>16,290,744</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Other	<u>570,234</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,107</u>	<u>(22,705)</u>	<u>4,497</u>	<u>611,133</u>
<b>Designated Funds</b>						
Beaton Legacy - science centre	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
Revenue Account	<u>16,836,007</u>	<u>107,396</u>	<u>18,873,497</u>	<u>(17,627,489)</u>	<u>78,527</u>	<u>18,267,938</u>
Total School	<u>33,690,167</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,932,604</u>	<u>(17,650,194)</u>	<u>89,842</u>	<u>35,219,815</u>
Subsidiary Reserves	<u>11,223</u>	<u>(157,396)</u>	<u>348,980</u>	<u>(192,553)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,254</u>
Group	<u>33,701,390</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,281,584</u>	<u>(17,842,747)</u>	<u>89,842</u>	<u>35,230,069</u>

The Hammond legacy is an endowment invested to provide income for bursary support. The brought forward restricted funds are to provide for the long term future for the School and to provide funds for scholarships at the Governors discretion. The additions in the year are either for bursaries or areas specified by the donors.

**15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS – GROUP AND SCHOOL**

There were capital commitments of £Nil (2011 £Nil) contracted for at the year-end

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**16 OPERATING LEASES – GROUP AND SCHOOL**

At 31 August 2012 annual commitments under non cancellable operating leases were as follows

	2012 £	2011 £
Other assets		
Operating leases which expire		
within one year	19,961	-
between two and five years	<u>-</u>	<u>39,922</u>
	<u>19,961</u>	<u>39,922</u>

**17. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOMING RESOURCES TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2012 £	2011 £
Net incoming resources	1,438,837	1,111,514
Interest payable	266,007	288,620
Interest received and investment income	(134,447)	(90,776)
Depreciation charges	1,245,704	1,256,385
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	18,500	(5,708)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	163,847	(262,684)
Increase in creditors	266,651	228,853
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	<u>(2,068)</u>	<u>8,548</u>
	<u>3,263,031</u>	<u>2,534,752</u>

**18. ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET**

	2012 £	2011 £	Change in the year £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,120,603	4,368,119	1,752,484
Bank overdraft	<u>(776,607)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(776,607)</u>
	<u>5,343,996</u>	<u>4,368,119</u>	<u>975,877</u>

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**19. ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT**

	31 August 2011 £	New loans £	Cash flow £	31 August 2012 £
Cash at bank and in hand	4,368,119	-	1,752,484	6,120,603
Bank overdraft	-	-	(776,607)	(776,607)
Bank loans due				
Within one year	(1,129,922)	-	-	(1,129,922)
Due after one year	<u>(5,016,349)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,463,290</u>	<u>(3,553,059)</u>
	<u>(1,778,152)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>2,439,167</u>	<u>(661,015)</u>

**20 PENSION SCHEMES**

**Teachers' Pension Defined Benefits Scheme**

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (England and Wales) ("the Scheme"), for its teaching staff. This is a multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme and it is not possible or appropriate to identify the assets and liabilities of the Scheme which are attributable to the School.

The latest actuarial valuation of the Scheme by the Government Actuary issued in October 2006 relating to the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004 revealed that the total liabilities of the Scheme (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) exceeded the value of the Scheme's assets (estimated future contributions together with the proceeds from the notional investments held at the valuation date) by 2.0%.

From 1 January 2007, and as part of the cost-sharing agreement between employers' and teachers' representatives, the standard contribution rate has been assessed at 19.75%, and the supplementary contribution rate has been assessed to be 0.75% (to balance the Scheme's assets and liabilities within 15 years as required by the regulations), a total contribution rate of 20.5%. This translates into an employer contribution rate of 14.1% and an employee contribution rate of 6.4%. The cost-sharing agreement has also introduced - effective for the first time for the 2008 valuation - a 14% cap on employer contributions payable. The Teachers' Pension Scheme is subject to a valuation by the scheme actuary every four years. The Government Actuary's Department has been working on the current valuation (as at 31 March 2008) but this has been suspended pending the final report by the IPSPC and full consideration of the Spending Review announcements.

The superannuation charge represents contributions payable to the Scheme for the year ended 31 August 2012 £1,070,947.42 (2011 £1,070,947).

The Charity also runs a scheme for its non-teaching staff, which is a defined contributions scheme. The cost for the year represents the Charity's contributions to that scheme of £212,158 (2011 £212,158).

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**21. RELATED PARTIES**

Advantage has been taken of the FRS8 exemption from disclosure of intragroup transactions