

**WEST HERTS COMMUNITY FREE SCHOOL TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

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**WEST HERTS COMMUNITY FREE SCHOOL TRUST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

Members	<p>J Harris K Ma (Hertfordshire County Council) R Renton (Dean of Students, University of Hertfordshire) G Worgan (Principal, West Herts College) L Gilbert (Head of Francis Combe Academy) (Resigned 12th June 2013) J Kavakeb (Squirrels Day Nursery) A Nightingale</p>
Trustees	<p>J Harns (Chair) G Jones (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013</i>) C Tallis (Hertfordshire County Council) (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013</i>) E Greening (University of Hertfordshire) (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013</i>) C Gunn (West Herts College) (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013</i>) L Gilbert (Francis Combe Academy) (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013, Resigned 12th June 2013</i>) C Beckham (Squirrels Day Nursery) (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013</i>) A Nightingale T Jessa (<i>Appointed 27th February 2013</i>) S Poole (<i>Appointed 18th January 2013</i>)</p>
Company Secretary	Not appointed
Principal and Registered Office	<p>12 Brewhouse Lane Hertford Hertfordshire SG14 1TZ</p>
Company Registration Number	08324782 (England and Wales)
Independent Auditor	Not appointed
Bankers	<p>Lloyds Bank 1 Bircherley Street Herford Hertfordshire, SG14 1BU</p>
Solicitors	Not appointed

WEST HERTS COMMUNITY FREE SCHOOL TRUST

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the period commencing on 10th December 2012 and ending on 30th June 2012

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

West Herts Community Free School (WHCFST) is a company limited by guarantee WHCFST is an exempt Charity WHCFST is a Charitable Company governed by its memorandum and articles of association which are the primary governing documents

The directors act as trustees for the charitable activities of WHCFST Board directors are the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law

Details of the directors who served throughout the period are included in the reference and administrative details on page 1

Members' Liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member

Principal Activities

WHCFST's principal activity is specifically restricted to the following

To advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools offering a broad and balanced curriculum

WHCFST intends to establish non-selective schools which provide education for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 4 and 11 For each school we will build up the aged groups from age 4 each year with 60 admitted into the cohort Our pupils are drawn from the local area in accordance with the local authority's admission arrangements to which we have committed

As at 30 June 2013 the board of directors currently comprises 9 people who are appointed as directors under Companies Act 2006

Connected Organisations including related party relationships

There are no related parties which either control or significantly influence the decisions and operations of West Herts Community Free School Trust There are no sponsors

The Trust does work closely with its strategic partners of Hertfordshire County Council, University of Hertfordshire, West Herts College and Francis Combe Academy

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is the establishment and operation of Free Schools in the West Herts Area

In accordance with the articles of association the charitable company has adopted a 'Scheme of Government' approved by the Secretary of State for Education The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting pupils to the School the catchment area from which the students are drawn, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum but not be bound by it

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The vision for the school clearly establishes the strapline 'for a better future' and the main drivers for

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the curriculum

- a strong drive on improving learning and engagement in the local community underpinned by the principles of equality and diversity, respect for local people, local culture and local values, citizenship in the local, national and global context,
- building children's repertoire of spoken and written language so that they become confident and effective communicators,
- specialism in science and technology (including IT) to develop skills for learning, life and the future economy,
- aspiration and enterprise so that every child wants to succeed, knows how to achieve well academically and become socially competent, participates, is creative, is able to express their voice, contributes responsibly and has a sense of what it means to be a democratic citizen, believes that they are on the road to college, university or a good job,
- a strong focus on the whole child and their physical, social, spiritual, cultural and emotional wellbeing that means that they are well placed to learn, will make good progress, will develop the emotional resilience to succeed even in the face of adversity

To achieve this vision the main objectives of the Trust during the period ended 30 June 2013, all of which have been achieved, are summarised below:

- Secure DfE approval to proceed to pre opening stage,
- Develop project plan for pre opening stage,
- Continue community and parental engagement activities,
- Secure DfE commitment to fund Project Development phase

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives. All our charitable activities will be undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Financial Review

During the period to 30th June 2013 the Trust received no income and incurred no expenditure and so was for the purposes of financial reporting dormant for the period. From July 2013 onwards the Trust has been financially active, receiving Project Development Grant from the DfE and beginning to incur project costs in the preparation for school openings in September 2014.

At 30 June 2013 the net book value of fixed assets was nil and the Trust held no balances.

This report was approved by the Directors on 12 February 2014 and signed on their behalf by



Gill Jones
Trustee

**WEST HERTS COMMUNITY FREE SCHOOL TRUST
STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors (who act as trustees for charitable activities of WHCFST and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the governors' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Requirements issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. 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 Charitable Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the governors are required to

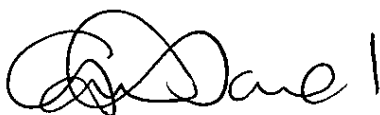
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- 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 keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company 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 Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the Charitable Company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the EFA/DfE are applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the directors on 12 February 2014 and signed on its behalf by



G Jones
Trustee

**WEST HERTS COMMUNITY FREE SCHOOL TRUST
BALANCE SHEET and NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	2013 £	2013 £
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		nil
Current assets	nil	
Liabilities	nil	
Net current assets		nil
Total assets less current liabilities and net assets excluding pension liability		nil
Pension scheme liability		nil
Net assets including pension liability		nil
Funds of the academy trust:		
Restricted funds		nil
Unrestricted income funds		nil
Total funds		nil

As the Company did not exist prior to incorporation on 12 the December 2012 no comparative information can be shown for previous years

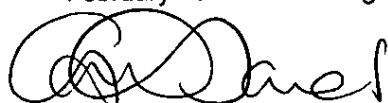
For the year ending 30 June 2013 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to dormant companies

Directors' responsibilities

- the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006
- the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

The financial statement on page 7 was approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 12 February 2014 and are signed on their behalf by


G Jones
Trustee