

## **Grey Court Education Fund**

### **Trustees annual report for the year ended 31 August 2022**

The Board of Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2022 under the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011, together with unaudited financial statements for the year and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the companies act 2006, the company's Memorandum & Articles of Association and the Charities SORP 2005

#### **Objectives and Activities**

The charity was established to advance the wider education of pupils at Grey Court School and within the local community by providing or assisting in the provision of educational, recreational and other charitable and enriching facilities that augment such facilities financed by the Department for Education.

The Education Fund primarily collects donations from parents, wider family and former pupils of Grey Court School either as one off or regular donations to provide equipment and resources for the school and community groups that use the school facilities.

#### **Achievements and activities**

Grey Court Education Fund works together with the school and grant awarding bodies to address issues around wider educational enrichment, social mobility, breadth of opportunity, educational infrastructure and equipment.

Investing in IT played a crucial role in Lockdown as Grey Court Education Fund trustees prioritised digital inclusion. Hundreds of Chromebooks were acquired, funded by the Education Fund, local charities and government inclusion schemes. Such ubiquity has highlighted the ongoing need to replenish the school supply of devices, and new cohorts of pupils who benefit from such devices in all lessons are now having their needs increasingly met.

The import of placing IT at the centre of the students' learning journey continued with classroom-based IT improvements. In February 2022, Grey Court Education Fund embarked on the first year of a two-year programme to introduce touch screen interactive TV monitors into every classroom. The initial roll-out was in maths and science funded in collaboration with the Parents' Association, as these rooms hosted the oldest technology. Trustees are maintaining their commitment to this project by funding screens in the remainder of main school classrooms during the 2022-23 academic year.

Other commitments to existing enrichment projects remained, not least towards the Grey Court sports pavilion. This project alleviates pressure on classrooms and facilitates appropriate facilities for outdoor sports. £35,000 of Education Fund monies was committed in the 2021-22, as part of a four-year commitment totalling £140,000. Additional private donations of £250,000 have been made to the Education Fund during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years specifically towards this fundraising objective. Construction will be completed before the start of the September 2023 academic year. Trustees' final commitment of £35,000 will be made in the 2023-24 financial year.

Other plans to widen participation and alleviate barriers to education opportunity continue, including funding software for BTEC Level 3 programmes and continuing the Education Fund's support of the school's "Big Read" project, which gifts a novel, chosen by current year 7 pupils, to all incoming pupils at age 11.

### **Reserves Policy**

Donations to Grey Court Education Fund are at the discretion of the trustees. It was agreed that donations will be made on the basis of donations actually received

### **Risk Management**

The assets of the charity comprise a bank account. All payments must be signed by two signatories.

### **Plans for future periods**

The charity will continue to fundraise to provide equipment and resources that enhance the educational experience of Grey Court students and those who access the school facilities for wider community activities.