Company Registration No. 2226604

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Egerton Rothesay School Limited

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Directors' report For the year ended 30 December 1999

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 December 1999.

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the 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 profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 31 December 1998:

JR Adkins FH Adkins

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary shar	es of £ 1 each
	30 December 1999 31 D	ecember 1998
J R Adkins	5,000	5,000
FH Adkins	5,000	5,000

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of running an independent school. The principal activity of the subsidiary company, Egerton Rothesay Services Limited is to supply staff to Egerton Rothesay School Limited and to administer a PRP scheme.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

Year 2000

The 1st January 2000 has now passed and no problems have been identified. The directors will continue to moniter the situation.

Charitable contributions

During the year the company made charitable donations of £44,709 (1998: £300).

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Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Mazars Neville Russell be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

FH Adkins

Director

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25th May 2000.

Auditors' report To the shareholders of Egerton Rothesay School Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 16 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 the company's directors 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 directors 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 December 1999 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

MAZARS NEVILLE RUSSELL

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

and Registered Auditors

St Thomas House

6 Becket Street

Oxford

Profit and loss account For the year ended 30 December 1999

		1999	1998
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	2,551,631	2,241,392
Cost of sales		(1,797,483)	(1,704,334)
Gross profit		754,148	537,058
Administrative expenses		(379,815)	(269,711)
Operating profit	3	374,333	267,347
Other interest receivable and similar			40.4
income	4	606	104
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(68,482)	(84,065)
Profit on ordinary activities before			
taxation		306,457	183,386
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(75,809)	(51,609)
Profit on ordinary activities after		220 540	404
taxation	16	230,648	131,777
			

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

Balance sheet As at 30 December 1999

		19	999	1	998
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		1,591,074		1,611,699
Investments	10		100		100
			1,591,174		1,611,799
Current assets					
Stocks	11	5,452		18,994	
Debtors	12	68,329		83,211	
Cash at bank and in hand		187,526		15,920	
		261,307		118,125	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(883,933)		(727,018)	
Net current liabilities			(622,626)		(608,893)
Total assets less current liabilities			968,548		1,002,906
Creditors: amounts falling due after					
more than one year	14		(556,533)		(821,539)
			412,015		181,367
					
Capital and reserves					
Share capital	15		10,000		10,000
Share premium account	16		5,269		5,269
Profit and loss account	16		396,746		166,098
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	17		412,015		181,367

The financial statements were approved by the Board on

FH Adkins

Director

25th May 2000.

Cash flow statement For the year ended 30 December 1999

	Notes		1999 £		1998 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	18		514,739		366,212
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		606		104	
Interest paid		(59,648)		(78,540)	
Interest element of finance lease rentals		(496)		<u> </u>	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of					
finance			(59,538)		(78,436)
Taxation			(47,151)		(2,175)
Capital expenditure					
Payments to acquire tangible assets		(24,245)		(27,723)	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets		-		5,500	
Net cash outflow for capital					
expenditure			(24,245)		(22,223)
Net cash inflow before management of liquid resources and financing			383,805		263,378
Financing					
Repayment of long term bank loan		(110,105)		-	
Repayment of other long term loans		(13,057)		-	
Capital element of finance lease contract	ets	(2,605)		-	
Net cash outflow from financing			(125,767)		
Increase in cash in the year	19		258,038		263,378

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 December 1999

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings Freehold

Nil

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

12.5% straight line

Motor vehicles

25% straight line

1.4 Leasing

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.6 Stock

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

1.7 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

1.8 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

1.9 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a medium-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 December 1999

2 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

3	Operating profit	1999 £	1998 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	62,000	40,421
	Operating lease rentals		
	- Plant and machinery	41,005	37,209
	Auditors' remuneration	2,500	2,500
4	Other interest receivable and similar income	1999	1998
		£	£
	Bank interest	606	64
	Other interest	-	40
		606	104
5	Interest payable	1999	1998
	• •	£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	4,198	14,418
	On other loans wholly repayable within 5 years	63,155	5,525
	On loans repayable after 5 years	-	64,112
	Lease finance charges	496	-
	On overdue tax	633	10
		68,482	84,065

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 December 1999

6	Employees		
	Number of employees The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:	1999	1998
		Number	Number
	Teaching	99	95
	Domestic	18	17
	Administration	8	8
		125	120
		<u> </u>	====
	Employment costs		
	F0	£	£
	***	1,314,856	1 200 470
	Wages and salaries	16,825	1,299,479
	Social security costs		16,830
	Other pension costs	38,267	38,659
		1,369,948	1,357,367
7	Directors' emoluments	1999	1998
		£	£
	Emoluments for qualifying services	52,991	78,322
	Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	1,604	3,193
		54,595	81,515
		====	====
8	Taxation	1999	1998
Ü		£	£
	U.K. current year taxation		•
	U.K. corporation tax at 0% (1998 - 21%)	76,775	45,000
	Prior years	,	-,
	U.K. corporation tax	(966)	6,609
		75 900	51 600
		75,809 ———	51,609

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9	Tangible fixed assets				
		Land and buildings Freehold	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 31 December 1998	1,341,132	401,318	12,380	1,754,830
	Additions		41,375		41,375
	At 30 December 1999	1,341,132	442,693	12,380	1,796,205
	Depreciation				
	At 31 December 1998	-	140,036	3,095	143,131
	Charge for the year		58,905	3,095	62,000
	At 30 December 1999		198,941	6,190	205,131
	Net book value				
	At 30 December 1999	1,341,132	243,752	6,190	1,591,074
	At 30 December 1998	1,341,132	261,282	9,285	1,611,699

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Net book values			
At 30 December 1999	11,420	6,190	17,610
			====
At 30 December 1998	-	9,285	9,285
			
Depreciation charge for the year			
30 December 1999	5,710	3,095	8,805
			
30 December 1998	-	3,095	3,095
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10 Fixed asset investments

Shares in subsidiary undertakings

Cost

At 31 December 1998 & at 30 December 1999

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In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet.

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or	Shares held	
	incorporation	Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings			
Egerton Rothesay Services Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Egerton Rothesay Services Limited	Capital and Proreserves 16,704	ofit for the year 6,727
11	Stocks	1999 £	1998 £
	Raw materials and consumables Finished goods and goods for resale	3,908 1,544	16,941 2,053
		5,452	18,994

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12	Debtors	1999	1998
		£	£
	Trade debtors	50,495	61,004
	Corporation tax	-	3,517
	Other debtors	-	159
	Prepayments and accrued income	17,834	18,531
		68,329	83,211

Trade debtors are stated net of a provision for bad and doubtful debts of £163,276 (1998 : £101,558).

13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1999	1998
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	191,145	133,320
	Payments received on account	401,027	320,177
	Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	12,112	-
	Trade creditors	55,800	40,614
	Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	72,920	80,464
	Amounts owed to participating interests	497	-
	Corporation tax	76,775	51,634
	Directors' current accounts	12,000	5,431
	Other creditors	47,866	82,235
	Accruals and deferred income	13,791	13,143
		883,933	727,018

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 December 1999

14	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	1999 £	1998 £
	Bank loans	388,473	638,835
	Other loans	7,000	11,000
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	8,815	6,402
	Directors current account	152,245	165,302
		556,533	821,539
	Analysis of loans		
	Wholly repayable within five years	586,473	696,578
		586,473	696,578
	Included in current liabilities	(191,000)	(46,743)
		395,473	649,835
	Loan maturity analysis		
	Between one and two years	137,000	137,000
	Between two and five years	246,269	512,835
	The loan is secured by a fixed charge over the freehold property. The rate which fluctuates in line with the inter-bank rate.	bank loan bears	interest at a
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		
	Repayable within one year	12,112	-
	Repayable between one and five years	8,815	6,402
		20,927	6,402
	Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(12,112)	
		8,815	6,402

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15	Share capital	1999 £	1998 £
	Authorised		
	10,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	10,000	10,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	10,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	10,000	10,000
16	Statement of movements on reserves		
		account	Profit and loss account
		£	£
	Balance at 31 December 1998	5,269	166,098
	Retained profit for the year	-	230,648
	Balance at 30 December 1999	5,269	396,746
17	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	1999	1998
17	Reconcination of movements in shareholders funds	£	£
	Profit for the financial year	230,648	131,777
	Opening shareholders' funds	181,367	49,590
	Closing shareholders' funds	412,015	181,367
18	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from	1999	1998
	operating activities	£	£
	Operating profit	374,333	267,347
	Depreciation of tangible assets	62,000	40,421
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets	-	1,725
	Decrease in stocks	13,542	7,006
	Decrease in debtors	11,365	15,733
	Increase in creditors within one year	53,499	40,382
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	514,739	372,614

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19	Analysis of net debt	31 December 1998	Cash flow c	Other non-3 ash changes	30 December 1999
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				_
	Cash at bank and in hand	15,920	171,606		187,526
	Bank overdrafts	(86,577)	86,432		(145)
		(70,657)	258,038		187,381
	Debt:				
	Finance leases	(6,402)	2,605	(17,130)	(20,927)
	Debts falling due within one year	(46,743)	(144,257)	-	(191,000)
	Debts falling due after one year	(649,835)	254,362	-	(395,473)
		(702,980)	112,710	(17,130)	(607,400)
	Net debt	(773,637)	370,748	(17,130)	(420,019)
20	Reconciliation of net cash flow to n	novement in net de	ebt	1999 £	1998 £
	Increase in cash in the year			258,038	159,898
	Cash outflow from decrease in debt and	l lease financing		112,710	97,957
	Change in net debt resulting from cash	flows		370,748	257,855
	New finance lease			(17,130)	-
	Movement in net debt in the year			370,748	257,855
	Opening net debt			(773,637)	(1,031,492)
	Closing net debt			(420,019)	(773,637)

21 Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £38,268 (1998 - £39,726). Contributions totalling £3,215 (1998 - £3,875) were payable to the fund at the year end and are included in creditors.

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22 Financial commitments

At 30 December 1999 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	1999	1998
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	-	1,425
Between two and five years	26,020	14,444
	26,020	15,869

23 Related party transactions

The subsidiary undertaking, Egerton Rothesay Services Limited, supplies teaching, administration and domestic staff to the school. A charge of £989,859 was made to the school by the service company for these services in the year ended 30 December 1998 (1997: £993,962). At 30 December 1998 Egerton Rothesay School Limited owed £72,919 to Egerton Rothesay Services Limited. £1,429 were paid for by the school on behalf of PACT, a company for which J Adkins is a director. Egerton Rothesay School Limited pay the audit fee for The Rothesay Trust as a donation each year. This amounts to approximately £800.

24 Control

Ultimate control is held by Mr J R Adkins and Mrs F H Adkins by virtue of them each holding 50% of the issued share capital.