

KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	K Hill (Appointed 1 December 2024) N Rutherford M Faulkner T Stephens
Trustees	K Chittenden, Vice Chair (Resigned 31 August 2024) A Daw, Chairman M Gibbens N Spearing D Humphreys R Pike (Resigned 9 February 2024) A Lassetter C Biggs K Aston
Company registered number	08305242
Company name	Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited
Company secretary	T Richards
Accounting Officer	P Green
Senior management team	P Green, Principal J Malone, Vice Principal P Chapman, Assistant Principal K Wisken, Assistant Principal T Richards, School Business Manager K Mason, Assistant Principal (appointed 01/09/2024)
Independent auditors	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter EX1 3QS
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1TB

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates a secondary academy for pupils aged 11 to 16 serving a catchment covering the Dorset area. It has a pupil capacity of 375 and had a roll of 354 in the school census on May 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Trustees of Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company operates as Dorset Studio School.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the 2023/24, and to the date the accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administration Details.

Trustees' Liability

Each Trustee 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 Trustee, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a Trustee, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a Trustee.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the Academy is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. The Members may appoint staff Governors through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Trustees (including the Principal who are employees of the Academy Trust does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.

Policies and Procedures adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

Trustees are inducted and offered training and mentorship to enable them to enact their duties to the best of their ability.

Organisational Structure

The Trustees shall exercise their powers and functions with a view to fulfilling a largely strategic role in the running of the Academy and shall consider any advice given by the Principal. The Principal is responsible for the internal organisation, management and control of the Studio School; and for advising on and implementing the Studio School's strategic framework. In particular, the Principal will formulate aims and objectives, policies and targets for the Board to consider applying.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The reimbursement of the Principal and Accounting Officer is reviewed and agreed by the Members of the Studio School.

The remuneration of the Senior Leadership Team is reviewed and agreed annually by the Trustees of the Studio School.

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Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
1	1

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	-
1%-50%	1
51%-99%	-
100%	-

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Provide the total cost of facility time	£1,300
Provide the total pay bill	£2,695,015
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as: (total cost of facility time / total pay bill) x 100	0%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as: (total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period / total paid facility time hours) x 100	1 hour per week
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Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

Kingston Maurward Studio School is jointly sponsored by Kingston Maurward College and Thomas Hardy School, both organisations are based in Dorchester.

The Studio School is located within the estate of Kingston Maurward College and operates from a school built on land leased from the College under a long-term agreement.

A Service Level Agreement has been put in place to enable Kingston Maurward Studio School to access the Kingston Maurward site and share many of its facilities.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and Aims

The Studio School's object is 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 a school offering a broad and balance curriculum in conjunction with a land-based specialism

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Studio School attracts students from a wide geographical area extending to Castle Cary in the North, Swanage & Portland in the South, Axminster in the West and Christchurch in the East. It is the preferred option for those pupils interested in land-based subjects and the outdoors.

The Studio School intends to ensure that all students go into employment, further/higher education or training. The strategy to achieve this in due course will include alumni with talks from past students inspiring current students.

Public Benefit

The vision is for students to be inspired by the relevance and challenge of solving real-life industrial and community problems. They will rapidly gain the confidence and technical and personal skills to become the creative contributors on whom our businesses and public services can rely for shaping and driving the future of our society. In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commissioner's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Summer examinations 2024

Combined English and Maths at grade 4 +			23%
Combined English and Maths at grade 5 +			8%
English and Maths			
	Grade 4 AND ABOVE	Grade 5 AND ABOVE	Progress
English	45%	27%	-0.49
Maths	24%	8%	-0.91
Ebacc Subjects			
Geography	31%	19%	-0.76
Science	26%	13%	-0.61
Technical subjects			
	% At Pass (LV2)	% At Merit (LV2)	% At Distinction (LV2)
Travel and Tourism	15%	8%	3%
Animal Care	NA	NA	NA
Land Based Studies	31%	23%	34%
Overall cohort score			
Progress 8			-0.51
Attainment 8			3.0
Progress for Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Students			
Pupil premium students			-0.77
SEND E students			-0.78
SEND K students			-0.67
Previous High Achieving students			-1.95

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Going Concern

As described in note 1.2 to the financial statements, the Trustees expect a merger of Kingston Maurward Studio School with Wessex MAT to take place within 12 months of the date of this report, having received approval by the South-West Advisory Board. At that date, Kingston Maurward Studio School will transfer its academy, together with all its assets and liabilities, to the Wessex MAT. From that date, the Trust will cease activities. Accordingly, these accounts are prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The objective for the 2023/24 financial year was to establish the Studio School in its main building and operating a split site on the Poundbury estate. This arrangement provided sufficient accommodation for the number of students but is not a sustainable solution for the future as numbers continue to increase. In addition, travel between sites makes constraints on the timetable, which will not be sustainable over time.

For the year the operating surplus, which excludes depreciation and FRS 102 pension transactions, was £194K (2023- surplus £167K). The depreciation in the year was £172K (2023 - £180K) and the non-cash FRS 102 charges relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme were £41K income (2023 - £11K cost). Total funds at the year-end were £3,102K (2023 - £3,003K).

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Trustees is that the Academy plans to spend the vast majority of its revenue income each year on the pupils in its care; but also, to maintain a level of free reserves that will be adequate to provide a stable base for the continuing operation of the academy whilst ensuring that excessive funds are not accumulated. The level of reserves required will be reviewed each year by the Trustees.

The overall contingency funds include the Unrestricted Reserve and the amount available from Restricted GAG fund. The school will seek to maintain total unrestricted reserves plus GAG funds of between 8 – 10% of annual revenue. The Trustees review the reserve levels of the academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

As at the Balance Sheet date the contingency funds were £715,747 which all related to Restricted GAG fund.

These reserves will provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance, as well as sums that are set aside from this year for planned replacement of capital items.

Investment Policy

The Trustees are firmly committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are administered under a risk averse investment strategy. As such the Trustees do not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity, but rather a requirement for the effective management of the various funds entrusted to the Board.

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
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PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

During the financial year there were the following risks and risk management strategies relating to the school.

1. Health, Safety and Welfare

The School has a good health and safety record, however the type and range of activities undertaken means that this remains an area of focus for the School. This risk is mitigated by:

- Health, Safety and Welfare policies and procedures implemented
- Roles of the Health and Safety management team clearly defined
- Ensuring all staff have completed health & safety and E&D training

2. Failure to avoid a breach of Safeguarding

The School has a very good safeguarding record; however, a significant incident could have a high impact in respect of the School's reputation. This risk is mitigated by:

- Safeguarding policy and procedures being implemented
- Role of Safeguarding Officer clearly defined
- An increase in the number of safeguarding officers to incorporate the split site arrangements.
- Ensuring all staff have completed safeguarding training

3. Failure to increase the school buildings resources

Although the School started in new buildings in 2015, the size of the original building accommodates 170 students but the Funding Level Agreement is for 375. A second site was opened in 2021, which has enabled the school to continue to operate. However, the issue of overcrowding still exists and the combined accommodation over both sites still does not provide the necessary capacity to accommodate the expected growth in student numbers. This risk is mitigated by:

- Development of a coherent explanation as to why the current buildings are not fit for purpose
- Identifying building expansion solutions in conjunction with The DfE.
- Continued Application to Complex Capital Team to address the need for expansion
- Adapting the timetable to enable staff to travel between sites, for the benefit of the students.

4. Student Recruitment

Failure to recruit planned number of students would affect funding received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency. This risk is mitigated by:

- A comprehensive marketing strategy
- School liaison activities
- The provision of county wide transport
- Continuing to develop a specialist provision that meets the needs of a rural community.

5. Failure to Maintain Financial Viability

In common with all public sector organisations the School faces challenges in respect of its funding. However, the school remains financially viable. This risk is mitigated by:

- A rigorous budget setting process;
- Timely reporting of financial information and management accounts;
- Regular cash flow reporting;
- Adherence to financial regulations and procedures.

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The Board is responsible for ensuring that the Trust's Estate is compliant with relevant legislation, safe and well maintained. Risks arising from estates are managed by the estates team at Kingston Maurward College and the risks are documented on the Risk Register which is regularly reviewed by Trustees at the Board meetings. The key risks identified in relation to Estates are overcrowding, the rural location and planning constraints. As part of the Estates Risk Management, a set of controls are put in place to mitigate and lower the risk and impact of the individual risks identified on the register including monitoring of the in year school admissions within KS3.

Plans for Future Periods

The Studio School seeks to increase the choice, relevancy and economic value of learning and skills development for young people aged 11 to 16. Dorset possesses a highly valued environment which is a significant economic strength that needs to be sustained whilst providing a context for growth.

Located in the heart of this rural county, the Studio School specialises in Environment and Land- based curriculum areas, exploring how the land works to deliver educational excellence and opportunity by making the most of our rich natural resources, while responding to employer and wider community needs.

This will be achieved by implementing a curriculum offer that includes:

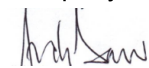
- GCSE English Language, Literature, Maths, Geography and double/triple Sciences
- 3 Vocational L2 qualifications
- Preparation for real work experience
- Personal, moral, social and cultural understanding
- Enrichment opportunities

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware.
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

The Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on and signed on its behalf by:



A Daw
Chair of Trustees

Date: 19.12.24

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**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Kingston Maurward Studio School Ltd has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Kingston Maurward Studio School Ltd and the Secretary of State for Education. He is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 5 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

	MEETINGS ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS HELD WHILST IN POST
Nicholas Spearing	5	5
Andy Daw	5	5
Mark Gibbens	5	5
David Humphreys	5	5
Kerry Aston	4	5
Kaye Chittenden	4	5
Chris Biggs	4	5

The Studio School has endeavoured to conduct its business:

- In accordance with the Articles of Association agreed 14 November 2012;
- In accordance with the seven principles identified by the Committee in Standards in Public Life as detailed in the Code of Conduct adopted on 9 July 2015 and reviewed on 5 December 2019;
- In accordance with the DSS Standing Orders adopted on 24 September 2015 and reviewed on 5 December 2019;
- Having due regard to the UK Corporate governance Code insofar as it is applicable to the Academy sector.

The governing board has met five times during the year and observed the following core strategic functions:

Establishing the strategic direction, by:

- Setting the vision, values, and objectives for the school;
- Agreeing the school improvement strategy with priorities and targets;
- Meeting statutory duties.

Ensuring accountability, by:

- Appointing the Principal;
- Monitoring progress towards targets;
- Performance managing the Principal;
- Engaging with stakeholders;
- Contributing to school self-evaluation.

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Ensuring financial probity, by:

- Setting the budget;
- Monitoring spending against budget;
- Ensuring value for money is obtained;
- Ensuring risks to the organisation are managed.

Every Member and Trustee of the Dorset Studio School has access to an online portal Governors' Virtual Office (GVO) where they have been provided with regular and timely information on the financial performance of the Studio School together with other information such as performance against funding targets, quality, curriculum and personnel matters. Formal papers and reports are supplied to the Trustees in a timely manner, prior to Board meetings via the GVO system.

The Trustees have agreed to fulfil all their duties as a Full Board, rather than any delegation to Committees, which will be reviewed as the Studio School grows. An Audit & Finance Committee has been established for and met 3 times within 2023/24 academic year. Full minutes of all meetings are published on the school website www.dorsetstudioschool.co.uk and are also available from the Clerk to the Studio School at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8PY.

The Clerk has maintained a register of financial and personal interests of the Trustees, and it is available for inspection at the above address.

Governance Review

Review of Value for Money

As Accounting Officer, the Executive Principal has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The accounting officer for the Academy Trust ensures value for money is delivered adopting the following principles:

Challenge - why, how and by whom and activity is carried out; Compare - performance against other schools;
Consult - involving stakeholders, pupils and parents;
Compete - as a means of securing efficient and effective services.

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Capacity to Handle Risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

The Academy trust's system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties of delegation and accountability. In particular it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees;
- regular reviews by the Responsible Officer of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

A specific ICT Follow up Review was carried out by Internal Auditors, European Electronique in 2024. The Trustees will appoint a new internal auditor to carry out a program of internal checks in 2024/25.

The Audit and Risk Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to ensure the integrity of the financial reporting and audit process and to oversee the maintenance of sound internal control and risk management systems.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

NAME OF TRUSTEE	MEETINGS ATTENDED	TOTAL MEETINGS HELD WHILST IN POST
Andy Daw	3	3
Mark Gibbens	3	3
Nicholas Spearing	3	3

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal, and external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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The accounting officer will be advised of the implications of the result of the review of the system of internal control by the audit & risk committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system will be put in place.

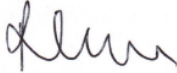
Conclusion

Based on the advice of the audit and risk committee and the accounting officer, the board of trustees is of the opinion that the academy trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



A Daw
Chair of Trustees
Date: 19.12.24



P Green
Accounting Officer
Date: 19.12.24

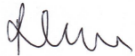
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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.



P Green
Accounting Officer
Date: 19.12.24

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period . Under company law, the Trustees 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 Trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- 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 Trustees 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 Trustees 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 ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees 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 members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:



A Daw
Chair of Trustees

Date: 19.12.24

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2024 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, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

EMPHASIS OF MATTER - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PREPARED ON A BASIS OTHER THAN GOING CONCERN

We draw attention to note 1.2 in the financial statements, which explains that the Academy Trust expects to cease to operate within 12 months of the date of signing of this report and will transfer all of its assets, liabilities and activities to Wessex MAT within this time period. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a basis other than a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

OTHER INFORMATION

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust 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, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the Academy sector, control environment and the Academy Trust's performance;
- results of our enquiries of management and the Trustee board, including the committees charged with governance over the Academy Trust's finance and control, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the Academy Trust's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to: identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance; detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulations;
- how the Academy Trust ensured it met its obligations arising from it being financed by the ESFA and other funders, and as such material compliance with these obligations is required to ensure the Academy Trust will continue to receive its public funding and be authorised to operate, including around ensuring there is no material unauthorised use of funds and expenditure;
- how the Academy Trust ensured it met its obligations to its principal regulator, the Secretary of State for Education; and
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team and involving relevant internal Academy specialists regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud, which included incorrect recognition of revenue, management override of controls using manual journal entries, procurement and payroll. We identified the greatest potential for fraud as incorrect recognition of revenue and management override using manual journal entries.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that the Academy Trust operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the Academies Accounts Direction, Academies Financial Handbook, UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the Academy Trust's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty. These included safeguarding regulations, data protection regulations, occupational health and safety regulations, education and inspections legislation, building legislation and employment legislation.

**KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess the recognition of revenue;
- enquiring of Trustees and management and those charged with governance concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing procedures to confirm material compliance with the requirements of its regulators;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing internal control reports; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; and assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from an error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Bishop Fleming LLP

Mark Munro FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bishop Fleming LLP

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Date: 20/12/2024

**KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 29 August 2024 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 28 January 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

APPROACH

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountant of Academy Trusts issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the Academy Trust's income and expenditure.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the academy complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

In line with the Framework and guide for external auditors and reporting accountants of academy trusts issued March 2024, we have not performed any additional procedures regarding the Trust's compliance with safeguarding, health and safety and estates management.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO KINGSTON
MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY
(CONTINUED)**

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

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Date: *20/12/2024*

KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	10,016	10,016	65,239
Other trading activities	5	328	-	-	328	3,005
Investments	6	119	-	-	119	81
Charitable activities	4	248,001	3,756,934	-	4,004,935	3,623,143
Total income		248,448	3,756,934	10,016	4,015,398	3,691,468
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	8	337,264	3,432,133	172,292	3,941,689	3,983,714
Total expenditure		337,264	3,432,133	172,292	3,941,689	3,983,714
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		(88,816)	324,801	(162,276)	73,709	(292,246)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	26	-	26,000	-	26,000	87,000
Net movement in funds		(88,816)	350,801	(162,276)	99,709	(205,246)
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		-	450,762	2,552,269	3,003,031	3,208,277
Net movement in funds		(88,816)	350,801	(162,276)	99,709	(205,246)
Total funds carried forward		(88,816)	801,563	2,389,993	3,102,740	3,003,031

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 25 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER:08305242

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	14	5,475	3,024
Tangible assets	15	2,378,349	2,549,245
		<u>2,383,824</u>	<u>2,552,269</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	16	883	883
Debtors	17	423,612	262,011
Cash at bank and in hand		689,412	492,486
		<u>1,113,907</u>	<u>755,380</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(391,991)	(234,618)
		<u>721,916</u>	<u>520,762</u>
Net current assets		<u>721,916</u>	<u>520,762</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,105,740</u>	<u>3,073,031</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		<u>3,105,740</u>	<u>3,073,031</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	26	(3,000)	(70,000)
Total net assets		<u><u>3,102,740</u></u>	<u><u>3,003,031</u></u>
Funds of the Academy Trust			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	19	2,389,993	2,552,269
Restricted income funds	19	804,563	520,762
		<u>3,194,556</u>	<u>3,073,031</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension liability	19	3,194,556	3,073,031
Pension reserve	19	(3,000)	(70,000)
		<u>3,191,556</u>	<u>3,003,031</u>
Total restricted funds	19	<u>3,191,556</u>	<u>3,003,031</u>
Unrestricted income funds	19	<u>(88,816)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u><u>3,102,740</u></u>	<u><u>3,003,031</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

The financial statements on pages 21 to 50 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 19.12.24 and are signed on their behalf, by:



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Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 25 to 50 form part of these financial statements.

**KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	21	190,639	(93,837)
Cash flows from financing activities	22	6,287	(491)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		196,926	(94,328)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		492,486	586,814
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	23, 24	689,412	492,486

The notes on pages 25 to 50 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted (which have been applied consistently, except where noted), judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty, is set out below.

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements.

The Trustees expect a merger of Kingston Maurward Studio School with Wessex MAT to take place within 12 months of the date of this report, having received approval by the South-West Advisory Board. From that date, the Academy Trust will cease all activities. Accordingly, these accounts are prepared on a basis other than as a going concern.

However, given that the academy will be carried on by Wessex MAT and all assets and liabilities will be transferred at net book value, no adjustment to, or reclassification of, the amounts included in these accounts has been required.

1.3 INCOME

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy Trust has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

• **Grants**

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of financial activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the year is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the Balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 INCOME (CONTINUED)

• **Sponsorship income**

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of financial activities in the year in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions) where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

• **Other income**

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the year it is receivable and to the extent the Academy Trust has provided the goods or services.

• **Donated fixed assets (excluding transfers on conversion or into the Academy Trust)**

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as 'Income from Donations and Capital Grants' and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

1.4 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

• **Charitable activities**

These are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy Trust apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Academy Trust; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 TAXATION

The Academy Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the Academy Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11, chapter 3 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable, and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life.

Amortisation is provided on the following basis:

Website design	-	25 % reducing balance
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1.8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Assets costing £500 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities and carried forward in the Balance sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land and assets under construction, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property	-	2% per annum
Furniture and equipment	-	25% per annum
Computer equipment	-	33% per annum

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.9 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.10 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

1.12 LIABILITIES

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Academy Trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

1.13 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

1.14 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of financial activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.15 FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy Trust at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Department for Education Group.

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 26, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgment:

The Academy Trust obtains the use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance leases requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

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3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Capital Grants	10,016	10,016	65,239
	<u>10,016</u>	<u>10,016</u>	
TOTAL 2023	<u>65,239</u>	<u>65,239</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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4. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
EDUCATION				
DFE/ESFA GRANTS				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	2,426,406	2,426,406	2,335,488
OTHER DFE/ESFA GRANTS				
Pupil Premium	-	133,525	133,525	128,715
Schools Supplementary Grant	-	-	-	66,352
Earmarked Annual Grant (EAG)	-	857,098	857,098	650,750
Other Grants	-	147,442	147,442	39,981
	-	3,564,471	3,564,471	3,221,286
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS				
SEN Funding	-	134,860	134,860	76,220
Other Local Authority Grants	-	19,615	19,615	12,889
	-	154,475	154,475	89,109
Other income from the Academy Trust's education	248,001	-	248,001	264,382
COVID-19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING (DFE/ESFA)				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	37,988	37,988	48,366
	-	37,988	37,988	48,366
	248,001	3,756,934	4,004,935	3,623,143
	248,001	3,756,934	4,004,935	3,623,143
TOTAL 2023	264,382	3,358,761	3,623,143	

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5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Other Income	328	328	3,005

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank interest	119	119	81

7. EXPENDITURE

	Staff Costs 2024 £	Premises 2024 £	Other 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
EDUCATION:					
Direct costs	2,090,808	380,088	140,694	2,611,590	2,721,334
Support costs	604,207	369,182	356,710	1,330,099	1,262,380
TOTAL 2024	2,695,015	749,270	497,404	3,941,689	3,983,714
TOTAL 2023	2,730,323	495,756	757,635	3,983,714	

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8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Education	337,264	3,604,425	3,941,689	3,983,714
TOTAL 2023	297,208	3,686,506	3,983,714	

9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Direct costs 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Education	2,611,590	1,330,099	3,941,689	3,983,714
TOTAL 2023	2,721,334	1,262,380	3,983,714	

ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS

	Education 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Pension finance costs	-	-	4,000
Staff costs	2,090,808	2,090,808	2,136,563
Depreciation and amortisation	131,033	131,033	143,464
Educational supplies	54,021	54,021	77,302
Examination fees	39,301	39,301	22,523
Staff development	9,474	9,474	5,512
Other costs	267,485	267,485	299,923
Supply teachers	19,468	19,468	32,047
TOTAL 2024	2,611,590	2,611,590	2,721,334

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9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Education 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	604,207	604,207	561,713
Depreciation and amortisation	41,259	41,259	36,946
Recruitment and other staff costs	456	456	405
Maintenance of premises and equipment	22,034	22,034	23,849
Cleaning	59,633	59,633	55,385
Rent and rates	269,872	269,872	273,248
Energy costs	63,708	63,708	47,945
Insurance	17,654	17,654	18,948
Security and transport	23,199	23,199	21,971
Catering	31,849	31,849	26,485
Technology costs	47,746	47,746	34,446
Office overheads	103,200	103,200	117,809
Non-education contracts	24,568	24,568	19,478
Bank interest and charges	4,216	4,216	4,557
Governance costs	-	-	1,000
Auditors' remuneration	16,498	16,498	18,195
TOTAL 2024	1,330,099	1,330,099	1,262,380

10. NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME

Net (expenditure)/income for the year includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation and amortisation of tangible fixed assets	170,896	180,209
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	13,000	12,000
- other services	2,690	2,560

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11. STAFF

a. STAFF COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,037,347	2,037,513
Social security costs	208,579	208,446
Pension costs	449,089	452,317
	<u>2,695,015</u>	<u>2,698,276</u>
Supply staff costs	19,468	32,047
	<u>2,714,483</u>	<u>2,730,323</u>

b. STAFF NUMBERS

The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teachers	28	28
Administration and Support	42	44
Management	5	6
	<u>75</u>	<u>78</u>

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teachers	28	27
Educational Support	17	14
Admin	5	7
Management	5	6
	<u>55</u>	<u>54</u>

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11. STAFF (CONTINUED)

c. HIGHER PAID STAFF

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	3	1
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	-
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	-	1
	=====	=====

d. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £435,382 (2023 - £521,337). Key management personnel remuneration is lower in the year ended 31 August 2024 due to there being one less member of staff included in the disclosure.

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy Trust. The principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: T D Humphries: Remuneration £50,000 - £60,000 (2023: £50,000 - £60,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2023: £10,000 - £15,000), A Minard: Remuneration £Nil (2023: £90,000 - £100,000), Employer's pension contributions £Nil (2023: £20,000 - £25,000).

No other trustees were paid remuneration or received other benefits from an employment with the Trust.

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

13. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides unlimited cover on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £8,142 (2023 - £7,434). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

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14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Website design £
COST	
At 1 September 2023	3,225
Additions	3,848
At 31 August 2024	<u>7,073</u>
AMORTISATION	
At 1 September 2023	201
Charge for the year	1,397
At 31 August 2024	<u>1,598</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2024	<u>5,475</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>3,024</u>

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1 September 2023	2,825,793	74,236	577,834	3,477,863
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,825,793</u>	<u>74,236</u>	<u>577,834</u>	<u>3,477,863</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2023	448,503	40,108	440,007	928,618
Charge for the year	56,516	17,069	97,311	170,896
At 31 August 2024	<u>505,019</u>	<u>57,177</u>	<u>537,318</u>	<u>1,099,514</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,320,774</u>	<u>17,059</u>	<u>40,516</u>	<u>2,378,349</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>2,377,290</u>	<u>34,128</u>	<u>137,827</u>	<u>2,549,245</u>

16. STOCKS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Stock	<u>883</u>	<u>883</u>

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17. DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
Other debtors	6,596	6,595
	<u>6,596</u>	<u>6,595</u>
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	8,552	440
Other debtors	5,244	3,569
Prepayments and accrued income	391,062	243,906
Tax recoverable	12,158	7,501
	<u>423,612</u>	<u>262,011</u>

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	93,339	85,046
Other taxation and social security	96,686	54,162
Other creditors	117,064	52,442
Accruals and deferred income	84,902	42,968
	<u>391,991</u>	<u>234,618</u>

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	-	248,448	(337,264)	-	(88,816)
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	520,762	2,426,406	(2,142,605)	-	804,563
Pupil Premium	-	133,525	(133,525)	-	-
Earmarked Annual Grant (EAG)	-	857,098	(857,098)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	185,430	(185,430)	-	-
SEN Funding	-	134,860	(134,860)	-	-
Other local authority funding	-	19,615	(19,615)	-	-
Pension reserve	(70,000)	-	41,000	26,000	(3,000)
	<u>450,762</u>	<u>3,756,934</u>	<u>(3,432,133)</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>801,563</u>
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS					
DfE/ESFA capital grants	2,543,128	10,016	(171,646)	-	2,381,498
Other capital grants and donations	8,607	-	(608)	-	7,999
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	534	-	(38)	-	496
	<u>2,552,269</u>	<u>10,016</u>	<u>(172,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,389,993</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>3,003,031</u>	<u>3,766,950</u>	<u>(3,604,425)</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>3,191,556</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>3,003,031</u></u>	<u><u>4,015,398</u></u>	<u><u>(3,941,689)</u></u>	<u><u>26,000</u></u>	<u><u>3,102,740</u></u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted funds represent funds which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objectives of the Trust at the discretion of the Trustees

19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

RESTRICTED FUNDS

General Annual Grant (GAG) - Income from the ESFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the Academy, including education and support costs.

Pupil Premium - Pupil premium represents funding received from the ESFA for children that qualify for free school meals to enable the Academy to address the current underlying inequalities between those children and their wealthier peers.

Teachers' Pay/ Pension - ESFA additional funding to meet the costs of teacher pay awards and increases in teachers employer pension contribution rates.

Other DfE/ESFA Grants - Other income from the ESFA including the Earmarked Annual Grant, Rates Reclaim and Mainstream School Additional Grant.

SEN Funding - Funding received by the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Pension reserve - This represents the Academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy.

RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS

DfE/ESFA Capital Grants - These funds are received from the DfE/ESFA for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The fixed asset fund balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Other capital grants and donations - These funds were received from third parties for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The fixed asset fund balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Fixed assets purchased from GAG - This represents assets purchased that have been funded from the school's GAG funding allocation.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding year is as follows:

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General funds	29,740	267,468	(297,208)	-	-	-
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	657,669	2,335,488	(2,471,823)	(572)	-	520,762
Pupil Premium	-	128,715	(128,715)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	818,338	(818,338)	-	-	-
SEN Funding	-	76,220	(76,220)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(146,000)	-	(11,000)	-	87,000	(70,000)
	511,669	3,358,761	(3,506,096)	(572)	87,000	450,762
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
DfE/ESFA capital grants	2,657,653	65,239	(179,764)	-	-	2,543,128
Other capital grants and donations	9,215	-	(608)	-	-	8,607
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	-	-	(38)	572	-	534
	2,666,868	65,239	(180,410)	572	-	2,552,269
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	3,178,537	3,424,000	(3,686,506)	-	87,000	3,003,031
TOTAL FUNDS	3,208,277	3,691,468	(3,983,714)	-	87,000	3,003,031

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20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,378,349	2,378,349
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	5,475	5,475
Debtors due after more than one year	-	6,596	-	6,596
Current assets	(88,816)	1,189,958	6,169	1,107,311
Creditors due within one year	-	(391,991)	-	(391,991)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
TOTAL	<u>(88,816)</u>	<u>801,563</u>	<u>2,389,993</u>	<u>3,102,740</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	2,549,245	2,549,245
Intangible fixed assets	-	3,024	3,024
Debtors due after more than one year	6,595	-	6,595
Current assets	748,785	-	748,785
Creditors due within one year	(234,618)	-	(234,618)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(70,000)	-	(70,000)
TOTAL	<u>450,762</u>	<u>2,552,269</u>	<u>3,003,031</u>

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21. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the period (as per Statement of financial activities)	73,709	(292,246)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Amortisation	1,397	201
Depreciation	170,896	180,209
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(10,016)	(65,239)
Interest receivable	(119)	(81)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(41,000)	7,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	-	4,000
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	-	(883)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(161,601)	32,974
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	157,373	40,228
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	190,639	(93,837)

22. CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

	2024 £	2023 £
Purchase of intangible assets	(3,848)	(3,225)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	-	(62,586)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	10,016	65,239
Interest received	119	81
NET CASH PROVIDED BY/(USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	6,287	(491)

23. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand and at bank	689,412	492,486
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	689,412	492,486

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24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	492,486	196,926	689,412
	<u>492,486</u>	<u>196,926</u>	<u>689,412</u>

25. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2024 £	2023 £
CONTRACTED FOR BUT NOT PROVIDED IN THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS		
Acquisition of intangible assets	-	7,740
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,740</u>

26. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Academy Trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Dorset County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £114,296 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023 - £51,650) and are included within creditors.

TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

VALUATION OF THE TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies the level of future contributions.

Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

- Employer contribution rates set at 28.60% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.
- Total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million

The result of this valuation will be implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £353,969 (2023 - £329,738).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website.

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the Academy Trust has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The Academy Trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £166,000 (2023 - £150,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £135,000 (2023 - £120,000) and employees' contributions totalled £31,000 (2023 - £30,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 23.68 per cent for employers and 5.5 to 12.5 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

PRINCIPAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

	2024	2023
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.80	3.90
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.80	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.10	5.30
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.80	2.90

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2024	2023
	Years	Years
RETIRING TODAY		
Males	21.8	21.8
Females	23.9	23.9
RETIRING IN 20 YEARS		
Males	23.1	23.1
Females	25.3	25.3

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

	2024	2023
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	(20)	(20)
Discount rate -0.1%	21	16
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	21	15
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(21)	(15)
CPI rate +0.1%	19	15
CPI rate -0.1%	(19)	(14)

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

SHARE OF SCHEME ASSETS

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2023
	£	£
Equities	507,000	349,000
Bonds	53,000	37,000
Property	62,000	49,000
Cash and other liquid assets	13,000	8,000
Infrastructure and alternative assets	169,000	121,000
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS	804,000	564,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £77,000 (2023 - £9,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current service cost	(94,000)	(127,000)
Net interest	34,000	23,000
Interest cost	(34,000)	(27,000)
TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	(94,000)	(131,000)

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	634,000	625,000
Current service cost	94,000	127,000
Interest cost	34,000	27,000
Employee contributions	31,000	30,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	17,000	(161,000)
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(14,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	807,000	634,000

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26. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
AT 1 SEPTEMBER	564,000	479,000
Interest income	34,000	23,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	43,000	(74,000)
Employer contributions	135,000	120,000
Employee contributions	31,000	30,000
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(14,000)
AT 31 AUGUST	804,000	564,000

27. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2024 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2022
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	168,264	184,551
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	133,526	274,405
	301,790	458,956

28. 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 £NIL for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

29. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

No related party transactions took place in the year other than certain Trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 12.

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30. GENERAL INFORMATION

Kingston Maurward Studio School is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Dorset Studio School, Kingston Maurward, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8PX.