

**Company Registration Number: 08305242** (England & Wales)

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

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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<b>Members</b>	K Hill (resigned 1 December 2024) N Rutherford M Faulkner T Stephens M Foley
<b>Trustees</b>	A Daw, Chair of Trustees C Biggs M Chitty (appointed 1 June 2025) W Clarke (appointed 1 June 2025) M Gibbens D Humphreys N Spearing K Aston (resigned 31 August 2025) A Lasseter (resigned 31 August 2025) P Green (resigned 31 December 2024)
<b>Company registered number</b>	08305242
<b>Company name</b>	Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited
<b>Company secretary</b>	T Richards
<b>Accounting Officer</b>	J Malone
<b>Senior management team</b>	J Malone, Principal P Chapman, Assistant Principal K Wisken, Assistant Principal T Richards, Assistant Principal K Young, Assistant Principal
<b>Independent auditors</b>	Bishop Fleming Audit Limited Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors Brook House Winslade Park Manor Drive Clyst St Mary Exeter EX5 1GD
<b>Bankers</b>	Barclays Bank Plc 10 South Street Dorchester Dorset DT1 1TB

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 August 2025. 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 325 in the school census on May 2025.

**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 2024/25 financial year, 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	£1,345.50
Provide the total pay bill	£2,992,264
Provide the percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time, calculated as: (total cost of facility time / total pay bill) x 100	0.04%

**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 Coastland College (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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**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 2025**

Combined English and Maths at grade 4 +		39%	
Combined English and Maths at grade 5 +		14%	
<b>English and Maths</b>			
	Grade 4 AND ABOVE	Grade 5 AND ABOVE	
English	55%	23%	
Maths	44%	27%	
<b>Ebacc Subjects</b>			
Geography	38%	24%	
Science	46%	27%	
<b>Technical subjects</b>			
	% At Pass (LV2)	% At Merit (LV2)	% At Distinction (LV2)
Travel and Tourism	35%	16%	6%
Animal Care	40%	23%	8%
Land Based Studies	92%	72%	36%
<b>Overall cohort score</b>			
Attainment 8		3.5	

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**Going Concern**

The Governors have reviewed the school's financial position, including projected budgets, cash flow forecasts, and future funding commitments. On the basis of this review, and after making appropriate enquiries, the Governors have a reasonable expectation that the school has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Governors adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The Governors are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the school's ability to continue as a going concern.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The objective for the 2024/25 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 deficit, which excludes depreciation and FRS 102 pension transactions, was £140K (2024: surplus of £27K). The depreciation in the year was £119K (2024: £172K) and the non-cash FRS 102 charges relating to the Local Government Pension Scheme were £3K income (2024: £41K income). Total funds at the year-end were £2,683K (2024: £2,935K).

**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 £328,713 which all related to the restricted GAG fund and unrestricted reserves.

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 adverse 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.

**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

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- 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 DfE. 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.

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 Coastland College (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.

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**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 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 L1 / 2 qualifications
- Preparation for real work experience
- Personal, moral, social and cultural understanding
- Enrichment opportunities

In so far as the trustees are aware:

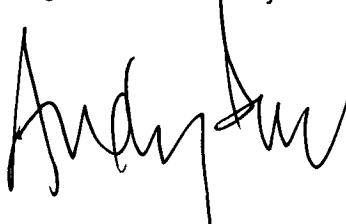
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware.
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, Bishop Fleming Audit Limited, 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:



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**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**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.

They are 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:

	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	<b>TOTAL MEETINGS HELD WHILST IN POST</b>
Nicholas Spearing	4	5
Andy Daw	5	5
Mark Gibbens	5	5
David Humphreys	5	5
Kerry Aston	3	5
Kaye Chittenden	3	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 2024/25 academic year. Full minutes of all meetings are published on the school website [www.dorsetstudioschool.co.uk](http://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 2024 to 31 August 2025 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

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**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 2024 to 31 August 2025 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 2025. The Trustees will appoint a new internal auditor to carry out a program of internal checks in 2025/26.

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:

<b>NAME OF TRUSTEE</b>	<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	<b>TOTAL MEETINGS HELD WHILST IN POST</b>
Andy Daw	4	4
Jason Malone	2	4
Nicholas Spearing	3	4
Mark Gibbens	4	4

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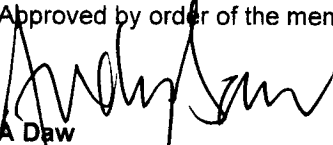
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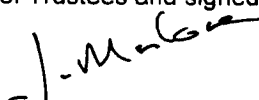
The accounting officer will be advised of the implications of the result of the review of the system of internal control by the audit & risk committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system will be put in place.

**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:

  
J Malone  
Accounting Officer  
Date:

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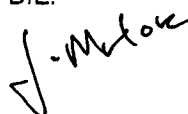
**STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE**

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As accounting officer of Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited, I confirm that I have had due regard to the framework of authorities governing regularity, propriety and compliance, including the Academy Trust's funding agreement with DfE, and the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including responsibilities for estates safety and management. I have also considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and DfE of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding, including 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 framework of authorities.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or 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 DfE.



**J Malone**  
Accounting Officer  
Date:

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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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 Department for Education, 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 year. 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 2024 to 2025;
- 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.

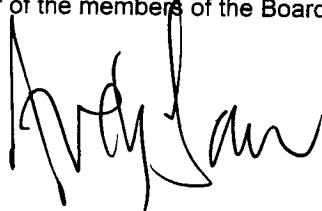
The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from DfE have been applied 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:



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

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**OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 and 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 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education.

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 2025 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 2024 to 2025 issued by the Department for Education.

**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.

**CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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**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.

**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, which includes the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Strategic Report and Directors' 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 Directors' 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 Statement of trustees' responsibilities, the Trustee(s) (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.

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**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 non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- how the Academy Trust ensured it met its obligations arising from it being financed by the Department for Education 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 Academy Trust 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, the Academy Trust Handbook, the Companies Act 2006 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.

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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.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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**USE OF OUR REPORT**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Bishop Fleming Audit Limited*

**Mark Munro BA FCA (Senior statutory auditor)**

for and on behalf of

**Bishop Fleming Audit Limited**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditors

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Date: 22/12/2025

**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**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 29 August 2024 and further to the requirements of the Department for Education (DfE) as included in the extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts , we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether anything has come to our attention that would suggest, in all material respects, the expenditure disbursed and income received by Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited during the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Kingston Maurward Studio School Limited and the Secretary of State for Education 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 the Secretary of State for Education 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 the Secretary of State for Education, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED**

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 2024, 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 extant Framework and Guide for External Auditors and Reporting Accountants of Academy Trusts . 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 2024 to 31 August 2025 have not been applied for the 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 DfE. 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.

The work undertaken to draw conclusions include:

An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across all of the Trust's activities.

Further testing and review of all areas identified through the risk assessment including enquiry, identification of control process and examination of supporting evidence across all areas identified as well as additional verification work where considered necessary.

Consideration of evidence obtained through the work detailed above and the work completed as part of our audit of the financial statements in order to support the regularity conclusion

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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 2025, we have not performed any additional procedures regarding the Trust's compliance with safeguarding, health and safety and estates management.

**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 2024 to 31 August 2025 has not been applied for the purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

*Bishop Fleming Audit Limited*

Mark Munro BA FCA  
Reporting Accountant  
for on and behalf of  
**Bishop Fleming Audit Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
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Date: 22/12/2025

**KINGSTON MAURWARD STUDIO SCHOOL LIMITED**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	As restated Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	4,907	4,907	10,016
Other trading activities	5	60	-	-	60	328
Investments	6	-	3,000	-	3,000	119
Charitable activities		242,446	3,799,924	-	4,042,370	3,837,409
<b>Total income</b>		<b>242,506</b>	<b>3,802,924</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>4,050,337</b>	<b>3,847,872</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Charitable activities	8	345,866	3,794,208	120,265	4,260,339	3,941,689
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>345,866</b>	<b>3,794,208</b>	<b>120,265</b>	<b>4,260,339</b>	<b>3,941,689</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(103,360)</b>	<b>8,716</b>	<b>(115,358)</b>	<b>(210,002)</b>	<b>(93,817)</b>
Transfers between funds	19	-	(79,864)	79,864	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		<b>(103,360)</b>	<b>(71,148)</b>	<b>(35,494)</b>	<b>(210,002)</b>	<b>(93,817)</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	286,000	-	286,000	26,000
Pension surplus not recognised	25	-	(328,000)	-	(328,000)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(103,360)</b>	<b>(113,148)</b>	<b>(35,494)</b>	<b>(252,002)</b>	<b>(67,817)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		(88,816)	634,037	2,389,993	2,935,214	3,003,031
Net movement in funds		(103,360)	(113,148)	(35,494)	(252,002)	(67,817)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>(192,176)</b>	<b>520,889</b>	<b>2,354,499</b>	<b>2,683,212</b>	<b>2,935,214</b>

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

The notes on pages 26 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025**

	Note	2025 £	As restated 2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	14	4,106	5,475
Tangible assets	15	2,341,898	2,378,349
		<u>2,346,004</u>	<u>2,383,824</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	16	-	883
Debtors	17	351,029	256,086
Cash at bank and in hand		266,688	689,412
		<u>617,717</u>	<u>946,381</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(280,509)	(391,991)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>337,208</u>	<u>554,390</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,683,212</u>	<u>2,938,214</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset / liability</b>		<u>2,683,212</u>	<u>2,938,214</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / (liability)	25	-	(3,000)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>2,683,212</u></u>	<u><u>2,935,214</u></u>
<b>Funds of the Academy Trust</b>			
<b>Restricted funds:</b>			
Fixed asset funds	19	2,354,499	2,389,993
Restricted income funds	19	520,889	637,037
Restricted funds excluding pension liability	19	2,875,388	3,027,030
Pension reserve	19	-	(3,000)
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	19	<u>2,875,388</u>	<u>3,024,030</u>
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>	19	<u>(192,176)</u>	<u>(88,816)</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>2,683,212</u></u>	<u><u>2,935,214</u></u>

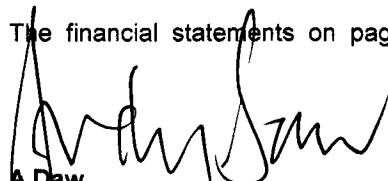
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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2025**

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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 22 to 51 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf, by:



**A Daw**  
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 26 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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	<b>Note</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<b>21</b>	<b>(345,186)</b>	190,639
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>(77,538)</b>	6,287
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(422,724)</b>	196,926
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<b>689,412</b>	492,486
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>23, 24</b>	<b>266,688</b>	689,412

The notes on pages 26 to 51 form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025**

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**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 2024 to 2025 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 assess the use of going concern as appropriate, and are therefore comfortable that there are no material uncertainties that may cast a significant doubt on the ability of the Trust to continue as a going concern.

**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.

• **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.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.3 INCOME (CONTINUED)**

• **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  
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**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
Motor vehicles	- 20% 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.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**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.

**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.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.15 PENSIONS (CONTINUED)**

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

Under FRS102 an entity shall only recognise a plan surplus as a defined benefit plan asset only to the extent that it is able to recover the surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan. Therefore when a pension scheme is valued at a surplus, it is recognised at a £Nil value.

**1.16 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 change in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25 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 pension's liability at 31 August 2025. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact the amount of the pension liability

As detailed in note 25 the Academy Trust have not recognised a Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit pension asset as the Academy Trust consider that this asset is not recoverable due to the unlikelihood of reduced contributions or refunds from the scheme in the future.

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**2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT (CONTINUED)**

Critical areas of judgement:

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.

**3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS**

	<b>Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Capital Grants	4,907	<b>4,907</b>	10,016
TOTAL 2024	10,016	<b>10,016</b>	

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**4. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>As restated Total funds 2024 £</b>
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
<b>DFE GRANTS</b>				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	2,580,889	<b>2,580,889</b>	2,426,406
<b>OTHER DFE GRANTS</b>				
Pupil Premium	-	129,107	<b>129,107</b>	133,525
Teachers Pay Grant	-	42,357	<b>42,357</b>	-
Teachers Pension Grant	-	52,415	<b>52,415</b>	-
Core Schools Budget Grant	-	90,380	<b>90,380</b>	-
Poundbury Reclaim	-	724,059	<b>724,059</b>	689,572
Other Grants	-	4,624	<b>4,624</b>	147,442
	-	3,623,831	<b>3,623,831</b>	3,396,945
<b>OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS</b>				
SEN Funding	-	180,811	<b>180,811</b>	134,860
Other Local Authority Grants	-	(4,718)	<b>(4,718)</b>	19,615
	-	176,093	<b>176,093</b>	154,475
<b>Other income from the Academy Trust's education</b>	<b>242,446</b>	-	<b>242,446</b>	248,001
<b>COVID-19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING (DFE)</b>				
Other DfE COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	37,988
	-	-	-	37,988
	<b>242,446</b>	<b>3,799,924</b>	<b>4,042,370</b>	<b>3,837,409</b>
<b>TOTAL 2024 AS RESTATED</b>	<b>248,001</b>	<b>3,589,408</b>	<b>3,837,409</b>	

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**5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Other Income	60	60	328
	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>328</u>

**6. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Bank interest	-	-	-	119
Pension income	-	3,000	3,000	-
<b>TOTAL 2025</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>119</u>
<b>TOTAL 2024</b>	<u>119</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119</u>	

**7. EXPENDITURE**

	<b>Staff Costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Premises 2025 £</b>	<b>Other 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2024 £</b>
<b>EDUCATION:</b>					
Direct costs	2,430,604	389,922	98,619	2,919,145	2,611,590
Support costs	561,660	415,216	364,318	1,341,194	1,330,099
<b>TOTAL 2025</b>	<u>2,992,264</u>	<u>805,138</u>	<u>462,937</u>	<u>4,260,339</u>	<u>3,941,689</u>
<b>TOTAL 2024</b>	<u>2,695,015</u>	<u>749,270</u>	<u>497,404</u>	<u>3,941,689</u>	

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**8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

**Summary by fund type**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Education	345,866	3,914,473	<b>4,260,339</b>	3,941,689
TOTAL 2024	<u>337,264</u>	<u>3,604,425</u>	<u>3,941,689</u>	

**9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES**

	Direct costs 2025 £	Support costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Education	2,919,145	1,341,194	<b>4,260,339</b>	3,941,689
TOTAL 2024	<u>2,611,590</u>	<u>1,330,099</u>	<u>3,941,689</u>	

**ANALYSIS OF DIRECT COSTS**

	Education 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	2,379,965	<b>2,379,965</b>	2,090,808
Depreciation and amortisation	96,608	<b>96,608</b>	131,033
Educational supplies	72,744	<b>72,744</b>	54,021
Examination fees	38,719	<b>38,719</b>	39,301
Staff development	14,193	<b>14,193</b>	9,474
Other costs	266,277	<b>266,277</b>	267,485
Supply teachers	50,639	<b>50,639</b>	19,468
TOTAL 2025	<u>2,919,145</u>	<u>2,919,145</u>	<u>2,611,590</u>

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**9. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)**

**ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Education 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
Staff costs	561,660	<b>561,660</b>	604,207
Depreciation and amortisation	23,657	<b>23,657</b>	41,259
Recruitment and other staff costs	1,073	<b>1,073</b>	456
Maintenance of premises and equipment	41,318	<b>41,318</b>	22,034
Cleaning	63,685	<b>63,685</b>	59,633
Rent and rates	294,774	<b>294,774</b>	269,872
Energy costs	74,104	<b>74,104</b>	63,708
Insurance	20,961	<b>20,961</b>	17,654
Security and transport	24,608	<b>24,608</b>	23,199
Catering	30,399	<b>30,399</b>	31,849
Technology costs	37,479	<b>37,479</b>	47,746
Office overheads	109,814	<b>109,814</b>	103,200
Non-education contracts	32,113	<b>32,113</b>	24,568
Bank interest and charges	4,302	<b>4,302</b>	4,216
Auditors' remuneration	21,247	<b>21,247</b>	16,498
<b>TOTAL 2025</b>	<b>1,341,194</b>	<b>1,341,194</b>	<b>1,330,099</b>

**10. NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME**

Net (expenditure)/income for the year includes:

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Depreciation and amortisation of tangible fixed assets & intangibles	<b>120,265</b>	170,896
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	<b>15,500</b>	13,000
- other services	<b>2,925</b>	2,690

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**11. STAFF**

**a. STAFF COSTS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>2,149,459</b>	2,037,347
Social security costs	<b>248,464</b>	208,579
Pension costs	<b>543,702</b>	449,089
	<b>2,941,625</b>	2,695,015
Supply staff costs	<b>50,639</b>	19,468
	<b>2,992,264</b>	2,714,483

**b. STAFF NUMBERS**

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Teachers	<b>33</b>	28
Administration and Support	<b>40</b>	42
Management	<b>5</b>	5
	<b>78</b>	75

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Teachers	<b>31</b>	28
Educational Support	<b>22</b>	17
Admin	<b>5</b>	5
Management	<b>5</b>	5
	<b>63</b>	55

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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:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**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 £400,712 (2024 - £435,382). 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 £40,000 - £50,000 (2024: £50,000 - £60,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2024: £10,000 - £15,000), J Malone: Remuneration £70,000 - £80,000 (2024: £Nil), Employer's pension contributions £20,000 - £25,000 (2024: £Nil).

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

During the year ended 31 August 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £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 2025 was £8,975 (2024 - £8,142). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

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**14. INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<b>Website design £</b>
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 September 2024	7,073
At 31 August 2025	<u>7,073</u>
<b>AMORTISATION</b>	
At 1 September 2024	1,598
Charge for the year	1,369
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,967</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2025	<u>4,106</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>5,475</u>

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**15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>					
At 1 September 2024	2,825,793	74,236	577,834	-	3,477,863
Additions	16,677	10,919	24,859	29,990	82,445
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,842,470</u>	<u>85,155</u>	<u>602,693</u>	<u>29,990</u>	<u>3,560,308</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 September 2024	505,019	57,177	537,318	-	1,099,514
Charge for the year	56,785	12,308	43,969	5,834	118,896
At 31 August 2025	<u>561,804</u>	<u>69,485</u>	<u>581,287</u>	<u>5,834</u>	<u>1,218,410</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 August 2025	<u>2,280,666</u>	<u>15,670</u>	<u>21,406</u>	<u>24,156</u>	<u>2,341,898</u>
At 31 August 2024	<u>2,320,774</u>	<u>17,059</u>	<u>40,516</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,378,349</u>

**16. STOCKS**

	2025 £	2024 £
Stock	<u>-</u>	<u>883</u>

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**17. DEBTORS**

	<b>2025</b>	As restated
	£	2024
		£
<b>DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</b>		
Other debtors	<b>6,595</b>	6,596
	<u>6,595</u>	<u>6,596</u>
<b>DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		
Trade debtors	-	8,552
Other debtors	<b>5,164</b>	5,244
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>300,236</b>	223,536
Tax recoverable	<b>39,034</b>	12,158
	<u>351,029</u>	<u>256,086</u>

**18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	<b>111,478</b>	93,339
Other taxation and social security	<b>59,414</b>	96,686
Other creditors	<b>66,490</b>	117,064
Accruals and deferred income	<b>43,127</b>	84,902
	<u>280,509</u>	<u>391,991</u>

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**19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Balance at 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2025 £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General funds	(88,816)	242,506	(345,866)	-	-	(192,176)
<b>RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS</b>						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	637,037	2,580,889	(2,617,173)	(79,864)	-	520,889
Pupil Premium	-	129,107	(129,107)	-	-	-
Poundbury Reclaim	-	724,059	(724,059)	-	-	-
Other DfE Grants	-	4,624	(4,624)	-	-	-
SEN Funding	-	180,811	(180,811)	-	-	-
Teachers Pay Grant	-	42,357	(42,357)	-	-	-
Teachers Pension Grant	-	52,415	(52,415)	-	-	-
Core Schools Budget Grant	-	90,380	(90,380)	-	-	-
Other Local Authority Grants	-	(4,718)	4,718	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(3,000)	3,000	42,000	-	(42,000)	-
	<u>634,037</u>	<u>3,802,924</u>	<u>(3,794,208)</u>	<u>(79,864)</u>	<u>(42,000)</u>	<u>520,889</u>
<b>RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS</b>						
DfE capital grants	2,381,498	4,907	(119,838)	-	-	2,266,567
Other capital grants and donations	7,999	-	(403)	-	-	7,596
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	496	-	(24)	79,864	-	80,336
	<u>2,389,993</u>	<u>4,907</u>	<u>(120,265)</u>	<u>79,864</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,354,499</u>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<u>3,024,030</u>	<u>3,807,831</u>	<u>(3,914,473)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,000)</u>	<u>2,875,388</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,935,214</u>	<u>4,050,337</u>	<u>(4,260,339)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,000)</u>	<u>2,683,212</u>

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**19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

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.

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

General Annual Grant (GAG) - Income from the DfE 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 DfE 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 - DfE additional funding to meet the costs of teacher pay awards and increases in teachers employer pension contribution rates.

Other DfE Grants - Other income from the DfE 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.

Core Schools Budget Grant - Income for the DfE to help support schools with increased costs following the teachers pay award and support staff pay offer.

Poundbury Reclaim - This is funding from the DfE to help with costs for the Trust's second site at Poundbury.

Other Local Authority Grants - This is maths education funding, and a clawback of funding from the National Tutoring Programme

**RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS**

DfE Capital Grants - These funds are received from the DfE 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 2025.

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**19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)**

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

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	As restated Balance at 31 August 2024 £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>					
General funds	-	248,448	(337,264)	-	(88,816)
<b>RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS</b>					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	520,762	2,426,406	(2,310,131)	-	637,037
Pupil Premium	-	133,525	(133,525)	-	-
Poundbury Reclaim	-	857,098	(857,098)	-	-
Other DfE Grants	-	185,430	(185,430)	-	-
SEN Funding	-	134,860	(134,860)	-	-
Teachers Pension Grant	-	19,615	(19,615)	-	-
Pension reserve	(70,000)	-	41,000	26,000	(3,000)
	<u>450,762</u>	<u>3,756,934</u>	<u>(3,599,659)</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>634,037</u>
<b>RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS</b>					
DfEcapital 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>
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<u>3,003,031</u>	<u>3,766,950</u>	<u>(3,771,951)</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>3,024,030</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>3,003,031</u></u>	<u><u>4,015,398</u></u>	<u><u>(4,109,215)</u></u>	<u><u>26,000</u></u>	<u><u>2,935,214</u></u>

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**20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT YEAR**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	2,341,898	2,341,898
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	4,106	4,106
Debtors due after more than one year	-	6,595	-	6,595
Current assets	(192,176)	794,793	8,495	611,112
Creditors due within one year	-	(280,499)	-	(280,499)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>(192,176)</u>	<u>520,889</u>	<u>2,354,499</u>	<u>2,683,212</u>

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR - AS RESTATED**

	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)	1,022,432	6,169	939,785
Creditors due within one year	-	(391,991)	-	(391,991)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(3,000)	-	(3,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>(88,816)</u>	<u>634,037</u>	<u>2,389,993</u>	<u>2,935,214</u>

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**21. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2025 £	As restated 2024 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of financial activities)	<b>(210,002)</b>	(93,817)
<b>ADJUSTMENTS FOR:</b>		
Amortisation	1,369	1,397
Depreciation	118,896	170,896
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(4,907)	(10,016)
Interest receivable	-	(119)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(42,000)	(41,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance income	(3,000)	-
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	883	-
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(94,943)	5,925
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(111,482)	157,373
<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(345,186)</b>	190,639

**22. CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES**

	2025 £	2024 £
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(82,445)	(3,848)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	4,907	10,016
Interest received	-	119
<b>NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(77,538)</b>	6,287

**23. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand and at bank	266,688	689,412
<b>TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>266,688</b>	689,412

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**24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT**

	<b>At 1 September 2024 £</b>	<b>Cash flows £</b>	<b>At 31 August 2025 £</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	689,412	(422,724)	266,688
	<u>689,412</u>	<u>(422,724)</u>	<u>266,688</u>

**25. 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 £66,480 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2025 (2024 - £114,296) 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.

**25. 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 2025. 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 £451,191 (2024 - £353,969).

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 2025 was £186,000 (2024 - £166,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £150,000 (2024 - £135,000) and employees' contributions totalled £36,000 (2024 - £31,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.60 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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**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**PRINCIPAL ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	<b>3.60</b>	3.80
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	<b>2.60</b>	2.80
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	<b>6.15</b>	5.10
Inflation assumption (CPI)	<b>2.60</b>	2.80

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

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	Years	Years
<b>RETIRING TODAY</b>		
Males	<b>22.2</b>	21.8
Females	<b>23.0</b>	23.9
<b>RETIRING IN 20 YEARS</b>		
Males	<b>23.8</b>	23.1
Females	<b>24.8</b>	25.3

**SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS**

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	<b>(16)</b>	(20)
Discount rate -0.1%	<b>16</b>	21
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	<b>14</b>	21
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	<b>(14)</b>	(21)
CPI rate +0.1%	<b>16</b>	19
CPI rate -0.1%	<b>(16)</b>	(19)

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**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**SHARE OF SCHEME ASSETS**

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

	<b>At 31 August 2025</b>	<b>At 31 August 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Equities	<b>656,000</b>	507,000
Bonds	<b>66,000</b>	53,000
Property	<b>68,000</b>	62,000
Cash and other liquid assets	<b>25,000</b>	13,000
Investment funds	<b>66,000</b>	53,000
Infrastructure and alternative assets	<b>75,000</b>	59,000
Multi asset credit	<b>72,000</b>	57,000
<b>TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS</b>	<b>1,028,000</b>	<b>804,000</b>

The actual return on scheme assets was £76,000 (2024 - £77,000).

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Current service cost	<b>(108,000)</b>	(94,000)
Net interest	<b>44,000</b>	34,000
Interest cost	<b>(41,000)</b>	(34,000)
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT RECOGNISED IN THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(105,000)</b>	<b>(94,000)</b>

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

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>AT 1 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>807,000</b>	634,000
Current service cost	<b>108,000</b>	94,000
Interest cost	<b>41,000</b>	34,000
Employee contributions	<b>36,000</b>	31,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	<b>(255,000)</b>	17,000
Benefits paid	<b>(37,000)</b>	(3,000)
<b>AT 31 AUGUST</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>807,000</b>

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**25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>AT 1 SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>804,000</b>	564,000
Interest income	45,000	34,000
Actuarial gains	31,000	43,000
Employer contributions	150,000	135,000
Employee contributions	36,000	31,000
Benefits paid	(37,000)	(3,000)
Administration expenses	(1,000)	-
<b>AT 31 AUGUST</b>	<b>1,028,000</b>	<b>804,000</b>

The Academy Trust has an unrecognised surplus of £328,000 (2024 - £Nil) in respect of its defined benefit pension scheme as it does not expect to recover the plan surplus either through reduced contributions in the future or through refunds from the plan.

**26. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 August 2025 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Not later than 1 year	12,743	168,264
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	34,464	133,526
	<b>47,207</b>	<b>301,790</b>

**27. 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.

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**28. 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 DfE 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.

**29. 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.

**30. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS**

During the year, the Trust identified an error in the prior year financial statements relating to a duplication of accrued income. The error has been corrected by restating the comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The effect of this adjustment on the prior year's financial statements is a reduction in the surplus of £167,526 and a reduction in debtors of £167,526.

The adjustment has no impact on the current year's financial performance other than the restatement of comparatives.