

Parkstone Grammar School Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
Annual Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 August 2024

Company Registration Number:
07461209 (England and Wales)

Parkstone Grammar School Trust

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Ann Simmons *
Dawn Stark, Chair
Rodney Woodford *
Andrew Burn (resigned 5 December 2023)
Nicholas Stebbing * (resigned 3 March 2024)
Robert Wilsher * (resigned 26 January 2024)

*Denotes member of Finance and Premises Committee

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Parkstone Grammar School Trust

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Reference and Administrative Details

Company Registration Number
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Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is to provide education for eligible girls between the ages of 11 and 18. As the school is a selective school, selecting on the grounds of academic ability, eligibility relates to the meeting of a particular academic standard measured by performance in set tests. The school aims to offer a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of its students.

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 Parkstone Grammar School Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as Parkstone Grammar School Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served during the year and to the date these accounts are approved are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' Liability

Each Member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the charitable company in the event of it being wound up while they are a Member, or within one year after they cease to be a Member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a Member.

Trustees' Indemnities

The Academy Trust has taken out appropriate indemnity insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 in any membership year.

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Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Trustees, known as Governors, are appointed under the terms of the Articles of Association as follows:

- up to one Governor appointed by the Trustees
- up to one LA Governor appointed by the LA
- up to seven Parent Governors elected by parents
- up to four Staff Governors (including the Headteacher)
- up to four Partnership Governors appointed by the Governing Body
- up to two Community Governors appointed by the Governing Body
- any Additional Governors appointed by the Secretary of State for Education
- up to three co-opted Governors co-opted by the Governing Body

The term of office for all Governors (except the Headteacher) is four years. The Headteacher's term of office runs parallel with his/her contract of employment. The Governors who were in office at 31 August 2024 and who served throughout the year are listed on page 1.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

Governors undergo an induction and mentoring process. The training and induction provided for new Governors will depend on their existing experience and is tailored to their individual requirements but would always include a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet with staff and students. An annual evening training session is held each autumn term as part of the Governors' self-review and training process.

All Governors are provided with or given electronic access to copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Governors. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the local authority and other bodies. The school also subscribes to The Key Governor Support providing all Governors with up-to-date online support and guidance.

Organisational Structure

The Governors are responsible for setting the direction of the school, general policy, the School Development Plan and the Budget. They are also responsible for monitoring the work of the school and providing support and challenge.

All Governors are members of at least one committee – Steering Group, Curriculum and Student Matters, Finance and Premises, Personnel and Training each of which has its own Terms of Reference. They work closely with the school's Leadership Group to whom leadership and management of the school on a daily basis is delegated.

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Organisational Structure (continued)

The Leadership Group is responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff. However, the interview panels for all middle leaders will normally involve a Governor and for senior appointments a Governor must be involved. Some spending control is devolved to members of the Middle Leadership (for example Heads of Department) with limits above which a Senior Leader must countersign. Spending above certain limits (as defined in the school's Financial Procedures Manual) must be countersigned by either the Chair of Governors or the Chair of Finance and Premises. The Leadership Group comprises the Headteacher, one Deputy Headteacher and four Assistant Headteachers. The Headteacher is the Academy's Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

Pay and remuneration of key management personnel is determined by a number of contributory factors including the pay scales for each role determined by the Trustees and published in the Whole School Pay Policy; for example, Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher, the level of experience of the staff member and the annual appraisal outcome. Levels of pay may be affected by any nationally agreed pay awards, the ability to recruit key management personnel and retain them in post. All amendments to key management personnel's pay and remuneration is discussed and agreed by the Personnel and Training committee.

Whilst the school, as an Academy, can set its own pay scales, the Trustees are mindful of the statutory pay ranges published in the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STPCD) and stay within the recommendations of the STPCD.

Within the STPCD a "unit score" determines the Headteacher group and pay range determined by the number of pupils at each key stage on the school register.

Trade union facility time

The school does not have any members of staff who are engaged as union officials.

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Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Academy is not part of wider network such as a soft federation whereby the relationship involved impacts on the operating policies. The Academy has not established any relationships with related parties and any other charities/organisations with which it cooperates in the pursuit of charitable activities such that they have influence over operational policies.

However, the school has a wide range of links with other educational establishments within the area. The school works very closely with Poole Grammar School with which we have a joint Sixth Form timetable, enabling the better use of resources and the widening of opportunities for the students.

The school is an active member of the South West Academic Trust, a group of grammar schools in the South West, working in association with Exeter University to promote opportunities for both staff and pupils to meet together and share good practice. Heads and Directors meetings are held annually, with Heads meeting three times a year and Subject Conferences held annually. The Trust also organises a Teaching and Learning Conference each year.

The school was a strategic partner of the South-Central Teaching School Hub.

Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the charitable company is to provide education for eligible girls between the ages of 11 and 18. As the school is a selective school, selecting on the grounds of academic ability, eligibility relates to the meeting of a particular academic standard measured by performance in set tests. The school aims to offer a broad and balanced curriculum which meets the needs of its students.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The main objectives of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2024 are summarised below:

- to continue the development of independent learners through high-quality learning experiences;
- to enhance the impact of provision and intervention for our SEND, PP, and all other vulnerable groups;
- to refine educational systems to deliver greater consistency in leadership activities and classroom practice;
- to scrutinise route to transitioning to a MAT;
- to continue to prioritise staff well-being;
- to continue the process of effective resource management and use;
- to ensure students embody our school values, positively contributing to our community;
- to develop responsible, respectful, and active citizens; and
- to enhance our academic ethos with a focus on excellence, commitment and aspiration.

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Objectives, Strategies and Activities (continued)

To achieve our objectives, we provide:

- outstanding teaching and learning opportunities for all students to attain the highest academic qualifications;
- an outstanding pastoral support system that helps our students achieve;
- training opportunities for all staff;
- an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities for all students that enrich and extend;
- support for students in terms of careers and higher educations; and
- continued links with BCP, South-Central School Hub and the South-West Academic Trust.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The admissions policy of Parkstone Grammar School aims to reflect the underlying ethos of the school which is to provide a selective education for girls from the historic Borough of Poole and its environs. The school is heavily oversubscribed, and places are offered to those who have achieved the required standard in testing, in an agreed priority order. The most up-to-date admissions oversubscription criteria can be found on the school's website.

The school is involved with the local community through the programme of fundraising and outreach activities that the students undertake.

Community and sports groups have use of the school facilities through the lettings programme.

Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

The school has achieved and performed exceptionally in a wide range of areas inside and outside of the classroom. The core business of achieving excellent results at GCSE, A level and University entrance for those pupils leaving the school is complemented with pupil performance in a diverse spectrum of the arts, music and sport.

The school is once again very proud of its excellent levels of academic success, but equally proud of its outstanding pastoral care, through the commitment of our staff and our continuing partnership work with other agencies.

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Key Performance Indicators

Academic

In October 2017, the school was inspected by Ofsted as a Section 5 inspection and was judged as outstanding in all areas. In May 2024 the school had an ungraded Section 8 inspection. As of the school Summer Census the school had 1,219 pupils, including 15 pupils with an Educational Health Care Plan.

Key Stage 4 Results

The school is delighted with the results obtained by students at Key Stage 4. The results are exceptional and a testament to the hard work and effort from students, coupled with the expertise and dedication of staff. In 2024 100% (2023: 99%) of students achieved 5 standard passes, including English and Mathematics, with 870 GCSE grades at grades 7-9. 98% of students obtained "standard" pass in English and Mathematics (2023: 98%), and 90% obtained a "good" pass in English and Mathematics (2023: 89%). The indicative Progress 8 figure for 2024 is again positive with a score of 0.26 (2023: 0.27).

Year 13 Advanced Level Results

The school is also delighted with this year's Key Stage 5 results. The Year 13 students excelled across a wide range of subjects with 73% (2023: 70%) of all grades at A* to B, 40% at A*-A (2023: 38%). The A* to E pass rate is 99% (2023: 99%). 77% of Year 12 students returned an A-B result (2023: 74%).

Financial

The monthly management accounts include a set of key performance indicators which are reported to the Leadership Team and to Governors and discussed within the context of the financial review at Finance and Premises meetings.

Most significantly, the level of reserves is reported to the Governors monthly. The free level of reserves is kept under review, with the Governors considering the future capital plans for the school alongside the nature and size of the reserves being held.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

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Financial Review

The principal source of income is grants from the Department of Education (DfE) via the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

During the year the school received additional DfE grants to pay for the increase in Teacher Pay Awards, and the additional employer Teacher Pension contributions which came into effect from April 2024.

The school fire alarm project was completed over the year, ensuring linking the system to gas and sound systems for maximum effectiveness in the result of alarm activation. As part of the project a new school bell system was implemented throughout the school, enabling the school more control of bell operation. This will be particularly important during exams, where the bells can be easily removed to ensure exams are not disturbed, while and fire activations will still raise the alarm.

The Academy has generated unrestricted income of £717k, £429k of which is income from trips and educational activities, £107k from music lessons and £65k from lettings.

In total, significant expenditure has been spent on staff salaries and supply and agency costs (£6,681k), water and energy (£224k), examinations (£146k), and premises maintenance and compliance checks (£164k).

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit scheme (Local Government Pension Scheme) which is set out in a note to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However, the existence of the pension scheme deficit does not mean an immediate liability crystallises. There may be a cashflow effect with fluctuating pension contributions recommended by the scheme's pension actuaries during the subsequent triennial valuations for the scheme. The Academy is able to meet the known commitments to annual contributions for the foreseeable future. The risk arising from this liability is further minimised given that, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, a guarantee has been given that, in the event of an Academy Trust closure, outstanding local government pension scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. This guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

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Reserves Policy

The school plans its expenditure so that grant funding should be expended each year to support the delivery of education provision to its students. However, given the prudent use of resources and the stable workforce at the school, a healthy level of reserves has been accumulated.

At 31 August 2024 these reserves are as follows:

- Unrestricted (free) reserves of £886,973 (2023: £900,329)
- A restricted fixed asset fund of £22,003,108 (2023: £23,356,547), which can only be realised through disposal of tangible fixed assets
- A pension deficit of £857,000 (2023: £964,000)
- Other restricted funds of £nil (2023: £159,269)
- Total funds of £22,033,081 (2023: £23,452,145)

The school policy is to retain, as a minimum, one month's net payroll and any funds committed to specific initiatives. This is either to cover the expenditure identified as a commitment or to act as a contingency for unexpected in-year additional costs over budget. The remainder of the reserves are to support the school's specific strategic development or specific improvements.

Reserves were released this year to meet the school's contribution for the previous year's successful CIF projects which were completed in 2023-24. Next year the school will release further funds for annex refurbishment and security systems at the school.

Investment Policy

The Governors' Investment policy provides full information on how cash balances are held in order to:

- be as secure as possible;
- give access as and when required; and
- earn as much interest as possible to help fund improvements to the school.

The aim of this policy is to ensure that funds, which the school does not immediately need to cover anticipated expenditure, are invested in such a way as to maximise interest, but without risk. The Academy Trust has limited options for investment as it is bound by ESFA rules. The Academy has chosen to put available funds into an interest-bearing savings bank account. The cash is available after a short period of notice but without penalty.

However, the aim is always to spend the public monies with which we are entrusted, for the direct educational benefit of students as soon as is prudent. The Academy does not consider the investment of surplus funds as a primary activity, rather it is the result of good stewardship as and when circumstances allow.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Academy maintains a Risk Register which identifies the risks under the following categories:

- Financial
- Premises Health and Safety
- Unexpected partial or full school closure
- Staffing
- ICT
- GDPR
- Compliance
- Governance
- Examinations

Financial

The Academy has reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In excess of 90% of incoming resources are funded this way. Although this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. The financial risk of failing to be a going concern is met through the due diligence of the Accounting Officer (the Headteacher) and the Chief Financial Officer (the Business Manager) together with the scrutiny of the Finance and Premises Committee.

The school continually looks to manage and reduce costs where possible and endeavours to maximise its funding by making the most of opportunities to bid or generate additional sources of funding. Best value monitoring is embedded into the school's ordering procedures.

There is an ongoing identified risk that increases in ESFA funding do not match the increases to both staffing costs and the costs of non-staffing expenditure due to inflationary pressures, especially as from September 2024 BCP Council are top-slicing 0.5% of the school's 11-16 budget. Scrutiny of the 5-year budget is ongoing to ensure that a balanced budget can be maintained, together with the prudent use of reserves.

Premises Health and Safety and IT

The Academy's compliance with all known Health and Safety guidance is monitored routinely and regularly reported to the Finance and Premises Committee. As part of this the new fire alarm system throughout the school has been completed. Both premises and IT areas implement replacement, management, and resilience strategies where appropriate to reduce risks associated with any possible failure of IT and physical assets serving the school. The school has comprehensive and extensive risk protection cover in both these areas.

Unexpected partial or full closure

Specific planning to identify risk of school closure has been identified in the school's Risk Register and back-up systems, personnel and contingencies have been put in place where appropriate.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties (continued)

Staffing

The success of the Academy is reliant on the quality of its staff. There are therefore stringent recruitment and vetting procedures and continued development and training of staff. This includes the appropriate and statutory safeguarding training for all staff to ensure that child protection is paramount. There is an ongoing risk that, as the recruitment of staff becomes tougher due to market conditions, it becomes harder to attract enough good quality staff.

GDPR, Compliance and Governance

Risks in these areas are likely to be a failure to comply with legislation or completion of statutory returns or the inadequate involvement of Trustees in challenging school governance. Risks are mitigated by appointing a Data Protection Officer to focus on GDPR compliance, ensuring that the Steering Group has an overview on compliance and providing clear terms of reference for Governing body committees. The roles of both external and internal auditors, monitored by the Audit and Risk Committee further mitigate risks identified.

Examinations

The reputation of the Academy is dependent on attracting students in sufficient numbers and this is achieved by maintaining the very highest educational standards. The risks associated with the examinations process have been identified in the school's Risk Register and back-up systems, personnel and contingencies have been put in place where appropriate.

Fundraising

As part of its work within the community, the Academy Trust undertakes fundraising activities, for example through fetes, cake sales, non-uniform days etc. The Academy Trust raises funds in order to support its own operations and also to make donations to local and national charities. The Academy Trust undertakes all such activities itself, with the help of its students and their families. We confirm that when fundraising:

- No unsolicited approaches are made to members of the public.
- No commercial participators are used.
- No regularity schemes or standards are applicable.
- No complaints were made to the Academy Trust during the year.

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Plans for Future Periods

The school's aims and objectives in terms of providing the best educational experience possible will continue and be at the forefront of all the school does. Its priorities are those laid down in the School Development Plan:

- Maintain and sustain educational progress, embedding structures to enhance the quality of teaching and learning and closing the gaps in outcomes for our vulnerable students.
- Continue effective resource management, sustaining a balancing budget. This will require efficiency in internal procedures and systems and external promotion of the school to attract the best teaching talent and student applications.
- Consistently reward students and apply school standards.
- Continue to develop and implement wellbeing initiatives for students and staff.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

Not relevant to the Academy Trust.

Auditor

Insofar 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 Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 10 December 2024 and signed on the Board's behalf by:



Dawn Stark
Chair of Trustees

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Governance Statement

Scope of Responsibility

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Parkstone Grammar School Trust 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.

As Trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and Competency Framework for Governance.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, 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 Parkstone Grammar School Trust 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 four times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Meetings attended</u>	<u>Out of a possible</u>
Caroline Amey	2	4
Christopher Benn	3	4
Simon Bowden	2	3
Andrew Burn	1	2
Martin Copsy	4	4
David Hallsworth	4	4
Alison Holme	4	4
Victoria Roscorla	3	4
Ann Simmons	4	4
Dawn Stark	4	4
Nicholas Stebbing	2	2
Robert Wilsher	0	2
Rod Woodford	3	4

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Governance (continued)

The Governors are responsible for setting the direction of the school, general policy, the School Development Plan and the Budget. They are also responsible for monitoring the work of the school and providing support and challenge.

All Governors are members of at least one committee – Steering Group, Curriculum and Student Matters, Finance and Premises, Personnel and Training each of which has its own Terms of Reference. These committees all report into the Full Board of Trustees, but the committee structure allows time to discuss and reflect on matters in more depth. The Curriculum and Student Matters committee has met five times, Finance and Premises five times and the Personnel and Training committee three times this year. Andrew Burn, Robert Wilsher and Nicholas Stebbing left their governor posts during the school year. Ann Simmons started a new term of office.

Conflicts of interest:

A conflict of interest may arise where a Trustee has a financial or other interest arising from their outside activities which influences, or might reasonably be perceived to influence, their impartiality or independence in performing their duties. To identify conflicts of interest, an up-to-date register of interests is maintained, and each committee has a standing item on the agenda which raises the query whether any attending Trustee has any conflict of interest arising with any item of business on the agenda. If any Trustee is identified with a conflict of interest, they would sit out or abstain from the discussion for that particular agenda item.

Governance reviews:

Regular training is undertaken with Governors invited to utilise resources like The Key or to attend speaker led training.

The Finance and Premises Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to provide financial scrutiny and oversight of school finances and resources to ensure that:

- robust financial plans are in place and monitored to safeguard ongoing financial health;
- school funds are spent in line with strategy and achieve value for money;
- internal controls operate effectively, and that sufficient rigour and scrutiny is undertaken to understand and address variances; and
- oversight of the operation and maintenance of Academy buildings and grounds with a scrutiny of Health and Safety.

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Governance (continued)

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Meetings attended</u>	<u>Out of a possible</u>
Christopher Benn	3	5
David Hallsworth	5	5
Victoria Roscorla	5	5
Ann Simmons	3	5
Dawn Stark	5	5
Nicholas Stebbing	1	3
Robert Wilsher	2	2
Rod Woodford	5	5

The Audit and Risk Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to provide independent assurance to the Board of Trustees that its financial and non-financial controls and risk management procedures are operating effectively. The Committee will:

- oversee and approve the programme of internal scrutiny;
- ensure that risks are being addressed appropriately through internal scrutiny;
- report to the Board on the adequacy of the internal control framework; and
- consider the scope, approach, effectiveness and reports of external auditors.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

<u>Trustee</u>	<u>Meetings attended</u>	<u>Out of a possible</u>
Christopher Benn	2	3
Victoria Roscorla	3	3
Ann Simmons	2	3
Dawn Stark	3	3
Nicholas Stebbing	1	2
Robert Wilsher	1	2
Rod Woodford	3	3

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Governance Statement

Review of Value for Money

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher 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 Academy 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 has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Recruiting, deploying and managing staff actively ensuring that they are adequately trained for their roles;
- Challenging automatic replacement of staff leaving and reviewing existing staff structures;
- Monitoring KPIs on the proportion of grant income spent on staff salaries;
- Competitive tendering of services (the school energy services and reprographics services were tendered during this period);
- Increasing income from the Local Authority to support pupils with Educational Health Care Plans;
- Ensuring that adequate resources are allocated to planned maintenance and projects which enhance the teaching and working environment. This also ensures safety is paramount and preserves the longevity of buildings and school assets
- Allocation of curriculum budgets based on student numbers and curriculum cost demands. Those facing national curriculum changes or requiring critical teaching resources can bid for centrally controlled curriculum contingency.
- Consider demonstrating how funding has been used to ensure the Trust's estate is safe, well-maintained, and complies with regulations.

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 Parkstone Grammar School Trust for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust 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 Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

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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 and a system 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 Finance and Premises Committee 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
- identification and management of risks

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has appointed a non-employed Governor to co-ordinate a programme of internal scrutiny. The school was in its final year of a three year programme of audits to examine the mitigation of risks identified on the school's Risk Register. The risks considered are both financial and non-financial risks and where necessary expert audit opinion is sought from independent bodies.

The Governor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial and other systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- testing of payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control account/bank reconciliations
- testing of compliance with the Academy Trust Handbook

In examination of the non-financial risks, the Board of Trustees has commissioned audits from independent bodies examining:

- Health and Safety
- GDPR processes

On a termly basis, this Governor reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Audit and Risk Committee, on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities and annually prepares an annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

Following the extensive programme of internal scrutiny, using expert audit opinion where necessary, remedial work was completed during the year and summer holidays, or is scheduled for completion.

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Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher 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 audit function
- the work of the external auditor
- the school resource management self-assessment tool
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Audit and Risk Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is 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 on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dawn Stark
Chair of Trustees



David Hallsworth
Accounting Officer

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Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

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

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

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

David Hallsworth

David Hallsworth
Accounting Officer
10 December 2024

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial 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 in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 10 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dawn Stark
Chair of Trustees

Parkstone Grammar School Trust

Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements to the Members of Parkstone Grammar School Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Parkstone Grammar School Trust ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including the Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019, and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024.

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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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 Trustees' 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 charitable company'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 Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. It includes the Reference and Administrative Details, the Trustees' Report (including the Strategic Report), and the Governance Statement. 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 for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit.

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Responsibilities of the Trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company 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 charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our 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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Academy Trust, and the sector in which it operates. These include but are not limited to compliance with the Companies Act 2006, 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, the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Academy Trust is complying with these frameworks through discussions with management.

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- We enquired with management whether there were any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or whether they had knowledge of actual or suspected fraud. These enquiries are corroborated through follow-up audit procedures including but not limited to a review of legal and professional costs, correspondence and a review of board minutes.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Academy Trust's financial statements to material misstatement, including the risk of fraud and management override of controls. We designed our audit procedures to respond to this assessment, including the identification and testing of any related party transactions and the testing of journal transactions that arise from management estimates, that are determined to be of significant value or unusual in their nature.
- We assessed the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team, including consideration of the engagement team's knowledge and understanding of the sector in which the Academy Trust operates in, and their practical experience through training and participation with audit engagements of a similar nature.

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

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 auditor's 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.



G Brown FCCA (Senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of Hopper Williams & Bell Limited
Statutory Auditor
Highland House, Mayflower Close, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 4AR

16 Dec 2024
Date

Parkstone Grammar School Trust

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Parkstone Grammar School Trust and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 1 September 2022 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Parkstone Grammar School Trust during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of Parkstone Grammar School Trust's Accounting Officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Parkstone Grammar School Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 17 December 2010 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Parkstone Grammar School Trust and the Education & Skills Funding Agency

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Consideration as to whether prior approval was sought from the Secretary of State where it is required by the Academy Trust Handbook (effective from 1 September 2023) (ATH).
- Review of any special payments to staff, including compromise agreements, to consider whether prior approval was sought where required by the ATH and that any payments are in line with the severance guidance published by ESFA.
- Consideration as to whether any borrowings have been made in accordance with the ATH.
- Review of any 'minded to' letters or Notices to Improve which have been issued to the Academy Trust.
- Review of any transactions with related parties to ensure that they have been carried out in accordance with the ATH.
- Review of governance arrangements to determine whether the requirements of the ATH have been met.
- Review of the Academy Trust's internal controls, including whether the general control environment has regard to the regularity of underlying transactions, including fraud management.
- Review of the Academy Trust's procurement policies to determine effectiveness and testing a sample of purchases to confirm that the policies have been correctly implemented.
- Identifying any conditions associated with specialist grant income and determining whether it has been spent as the purposes intended.

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Conclusion

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



G Brown FCCA
Reporting Accountant
Hopper Williams & Bell Limited
Chartered Accountants
Highland House, Mayflower Close, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 4AR

Date 16 Dec 2024

Parkstone Grammar School Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024 (including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Un- restricted funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Pension Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and capital grants	2	5,176	7,085	-	(7,188)	5,073	418,031
Other trading activities	4	116,845	38,621	-	-	155,466	138,513
Investments	5	10,944	-	-	-	10,944	8,241
Charitable activities:							
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	583,953	7,426,725	-	-	8,010,678	7,486,364
Total		716,918	7,472,431	-	(7,188)	8,182,161	8,051,149
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	6	-	5,382	-	-	5,382	6,892
Charitable activities:							
Academy trust educational operations	7	589,597	7,698,732	(3,000)	1,414,514	9,699,843	9,179,293
Total		589,597	7,704,114	(3,000)	1,414,514	9,705,225	9,186,185
Net income / (expenditure)		127,321	(231,683)	3,000	(1,421,702)	(1,523,064)	(1,135,036)
Transfers between funds	14	(140,677)	72,414	-	68,263	-	-
Other recognised gains / (losses):							
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	23	-	-	104,000	-	104,000	605,000
Net movement in funds		(13,356)	(159,269)	107,000	(1,353,439)	(1,419,064)	(530,036)
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		900,329	159,269	(964,000)	23,356,547	23,452,145	23,982,181
Total funds carried forward		886,973	-	(857,000)	22,003,108	22,033,081	23,452,145

The notes on pages 32 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Company Number 07461209

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		22,003,108		23,330,759
Current assets					
Debtors	12	404,385		660,928	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,072,928		1,517,123	
		<u>1,477,313</u>		<u>2,178,051</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(590,340)</u>		<u>(1,092,665)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>886,973</u>		<u>1,085,386</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			22,890,081		24,416,145
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	23		(857,000)		(964,000)
Total net assets			<u>22,033,081</u>		<u>23,452,145</u>
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds					
Fixed asset fund	14	22,003,108		23,356,547	
Restricted income fund	14	-		159,269	
Pension reserve	14	<u>(857,000)</u>		<u>(964,000)</u>	
Total restricted funds			21,146,108		22,551,816
Unrestricted income funds	14		886,973		900,329
Total funds			<u>22,033,081</u>		<u>23,452,145</u>

The financial statements on pages 29 to 53 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 10 December 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Dawn Stark
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 32 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	18	(492,070)	541,672
Cash flows from investing activities	19	47,875	(709,005)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(444,195)</u>	<u>(167,333)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2023		1,517,123	1,684,456
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2024	20	<u>1,072,928</u>	<u>1,517,123</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

1 Accounting policies

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

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical 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 (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the Academy Trust and are rounded to the nearest £1.

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 company 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 and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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.

- Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

- 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 period 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.

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Income (continued)

- Other Income

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

- Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

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.

- Expenditure on Raising Funds

This includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

- 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.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

Assets costing £1,500 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.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than 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:

Freehold Land and Buildings	4% straight line on buildings; not provided for on land.
Furniture and Equipment	25% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	33% straight line
Motor Vehicles	15% reducing balance

Where the Academy Trust can identify the value of major components of freehold or leasehold buildings based upon additions following conversion to academy status, the Academy Trust reviews whether one or more such components have significantly different patterns of consumption of economic benefits. In such cases, the Academy Trust allocates the cost of the asset to its major components and depreciates each component separately over its useful life.

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.

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.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Academy Trust has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

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Leased Assets

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

Financial Instruments

The Academy Trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy Trust and their measurement basis are as follows:

Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value. An investment is treated as a cash equivalent when it has a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

Pensions Benefits

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 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 based on 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 net income/(expenditure) are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

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 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.

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Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements 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 (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

The assumptions used are disclosed in note 23.

Critical areas of judgement

There are no critical areas of judgement.

Agency arrangements

The Academy Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the Academy Trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy Trust can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the statement of financial activities. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Capital grants	-	(7,188)	(7,188)	406,522
Other donations	5,176	7,085	12,261	11,509
	<u>5,176</u>	<u>(103)</u>	<u>5,073</u>	<u>418,031</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>5,018</i>	<i>413,013</i>	<i>418,031</i>	

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3 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
DfE / ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	5,292,522	5,292,522	5,071,950
16-19 core education funding	-	1,513,228	1,513,228	1,623,351
Pupil Premium	-	107,505	107,505	82,013
Rates reclaim	-	42,334	42,334	37,973
Mainstream schools additional grant	-	179,766	179,766	74,903
Teachers' pay grant	-	92,253	92,253	-
Teachers' pension grant	-	120,047	120,047	62,974
Other DfE grants	-	-	-	180,661
	-	7,347,655	7,347,655	7,133,825
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	68,543	68,543	33,544
Other income from the Academy Trust's educational operations				
Catering income	18,772	-	18,772	23,046
Other income	565,181	10,527	575,708	295,949
	583,953	10,527	594,480	318,995
	583,953	7,426,725	8,010,678	7,486,364
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>308,797</i>	<i>7,177,567</i>	<i>7,486,364</i>	

4 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Hire of facilities	65,449	-	65,449	69,103
Other trading income	51,396	38,621	90,017	69,410
	116,845	38,621	155,466	138,513
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>117,886</i>	<i>20,627</i>	<i>138,513</i>	

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023/24 Total	2022/23 Total
	£	£	£	£
Short term deposits	10,944	-	10,944	8,241
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>8,241</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>8,241</i>	

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs	Non Pay Expenditure		Total 2023/24	Total 2022/23
		Premises	Other		
	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds	-	-	5,382	5,382	6,892
Academy's educational operations:					
Direct costs	5,600,256	-	2,086,422	7,686,678	7,275,750
Allocated support costs	1,081,122	484,885	447,158	2,013,165	1,903,543
	<u>6,681,378</u>	<u>484,885</u>	<u>2,538,962</u>	<u>9,705,225</u>	<u>9,186,185</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>	<i>6,282,306</i>	<i>360,011</i>	<i>2,543,868</i>	<i>9,186,185</i>	

Net income/(expenditure) for the period includes:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	25,913	23,003
Depreciation	1,414,514	1,312,514
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	289,823
Fees payable to auditor for:		
Audit	8,770	8,580
Other services	4,230	4,105

Included within expenditure are the following transactions:

	Total	Individual items above £5,000	
		Amount	Reason
	£	£	
Gifts made by the Academy Trust	3,300	-	-

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7 Charitable activities

	2023/24	2022/23
	Total	Total
	£	£
Direct costs – educational operations	7,686,678	7,275,750
Support costs – educational operations	2,013,165	1,903,543
	<u>9,699,843</u>	<u>9,179,293</u>

Analysis of support costs:

	Educational operations	2023/24	2022/23
		Total	Total
	£	£	£
Support staff costs	1,081,122	1,081,122	1,152,959
Depreciation	161,135	161,135	88,478
Technology costs	61,806	61,806	71,887
Premises costs	484,885	484,885	360,011
Legal costs - other	-	-	1,474
Other support costs	209,716	209,716	217,229
Governance costs	14,501	14,501	11,505
Total support costs	<u>2,013,165</u>	<u>2,013,165</u>	<u>1,903,543</u>
<i>Total 2023</i>		<u>1,903,543</u>	<u>1,903,543</u>

Premises costs includes £nil (2023: £23,627) in respect of expenditure on capital projects, which were funded by capital grants from the ESFA.

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8 Staff

a) Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the period were:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,922,092	4,627,670
Social security costs	487,022	462,259
Pension costs	1,153,362	1,108,220
	<u>6,562,476</u>	<u>6,198,149</u>
Agency staff costs	98,539	84,157
Staff restructuring costs	20,363	-
	<u>6,681,378</u>	<u>6,282,306</u>

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

Redundancy payments	20,363	-
	<u>20,363</u>	<u>-</u>

b) Staff numbers

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

	2023/24	2022/23
	No.	No.
Teachers	81	74
Administration and support	109	105
Management	6	6
	<u>196</u>	<u>185</u>

c) Higher paid staff

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

	2023/24	2022/23
	No.	No.
£60,001 - £70,000	3	3
£70,001 - £80,000	2	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£100,001 - £110,000	-	1
£110,001 - £120,000	1	-

d) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £645,288 (2023: £591,059).

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9 Related Party Transactions – Trustees’ remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from employment with the Academy Trust. Remuneration is only paid in respect of services provided undertaking staff roles under contracts of employment.

The value of Trustees’ remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2023/24	2022/23
		£000	£000
D Hallsworth	Remuneration	115-120	100-105
(Headteacher and staff trustee)	Employer’s pension contributions paid	25-30	20-25

During the period ended 31 August 2024, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £75 were reimbursed or paid directly to one Trustee (2023: £121 to one Trustee).

10 Trustees’ and officers’ insurance

The Academy Trust has opted into the Department for Education’s risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10m. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Furniture and Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2023	37,236,919	913,147	512,853	3,460	38,666,379
Acquisitions	13,593	66,870	6,400	-	86,863
At 31 August 2024	<u>37,250,512</u>	<u>980,017</u>	<u>519,253</u>	<u>3,460</u>	<u>38,753,242</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2023	14,423,599	496,892	412,612	2,517	15,335,620
Charged in year	1,252,629	111,553	50,191	141	1,414,514
At 31 August 2024	<u>15,676,228</u>	<u>608,445</u>	<u>462,803</u>	<u>2,658</u>	<u>16,750,134</u>
Net book values					
At 31 August 2023	22,813,320	416,255	100,241	943	23,330,759
At 31 August 2024	<u>21,574,284</u>	<u>371,572</u>	<u>56,450</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>22,003,108</u>

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12 Debtors

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,902	7,946
VAT recoverable	28,783	68,002
Prepayments and accrued income	358,700	584,980
	<u>404,385</u>	<u>660,928</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Trade creditors	162,358	458,530
Other taxation and social security	106,911	103,576
Other creditors falling due within one year	153,674	138,467
Accruals and deferred income	167,397	392,092
	<u>590,340</u>	<u>1,092,665</u>

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Deferred income at 1 September 2023	157,840	57,532
Released from previous years	(157,840)	(57,532)
Resources deferred in the year	71,281	157,840
Deferred income at 31 August 2024	<u>71,281</u>	<u>157,840</u>

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for school trips relating to the forthcoming financial year.

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	159,269	5,292,522	(5,524,205)	72,414	-	-
16-19 core education funding	-	1,513,228	(1,513,228)	-	-	-
Pupil premium	-	107,505	(107,505)	-	-	-
Rates reclaim	-	42,334	(42,334)	-	-	-
MSAG	-	179,766	(179,766)	-	-	-
Teachers' pay grant	-	92,253	(92,253)	-	-	-
Teachers' pension grant	-	120,047	(120,047)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	68,543	(68,543)	-	-	-
Other educational activities	-	56,233	(56,233)	-	-	-
	159,269	7,472,431	(7,704,114)	72,414	-	-
Pension reserve	(964,000)	-	3,000	-	104,000	(857,000)
	(804,731)	7,472,431	(7,701,114)	72,414	104,000	(857,000)
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	23,330,759	-	(1,414,514)	86,863	-	22,003,108
ESFA capital grants (DFC)	-	26,303	-	(26,303)	-	-
ESFA capital grants (CIF)	25,788	(33,491)	-	7,703	-	-
	23,356,547	(7,188)	(1,414,514)	68,263	-	22,003,108
Total restricted funds	22,551,816	7,465,243	(9,115,628)	140,677	104,000	21,146,108
Total unrestricted funds	900,329	716,918	(589,597)	(140,677)	-	886,973
Total funds	23,452,145	8,182,161	(9,705,225)	-	104,000	22,033,081

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14 Funds (continued)

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

General annual grant

This includes all funding received from the ESFA to carry out the objectives of the academy. It includes the school budget share; minimum funding guarantee; education services grant; insurance; rates; and pre- and post-16 high needs funding streams.

Other DfE/ESFA grants

This is funding received from the ESFA for specific purposes.

Local authority grants

This is funding received from the local authority for specific purposes, for example Special Educational Needs funding.

Other educational activities

This includes all other educational income/expenditure.

Pension reserve

This represents the negative reserve in respect of the liability on the LGPS pension scheme which was transferred to the Academy Trust on conversion.

Fixed asset fund

The fund includes the value of the tangible fixed assets of the academy on conversion, and amounts transferred from GAG or other restricted funds specifically for expenditure on tangible fixed assets, and the annual charges for depreciation of these assets.

DfE/ESFA capital grants

This is funding received from the DfE/ESFA specifically for expenditure on capital improvements.

Transfers between funds

Transfers to the restricted fixed asset fund represent the cost of fixed asset additions which have been funded from restricted or unrestricted general funds.

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

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14 Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	374,700	5,071,950	(4,986,007)	(301,374)	-	159,269
16-19 core education funding	-	1,622,617	(1,622,617)	-	-	-
Pupil premium	-	82,013	(82,013)	-	-	-
Rates reclaim	-	37,973	(37,973)	-	-	-
MSAG	-	74,903	(74,903)	-	-	-
Teachers' pension grant	-	62,974	(62,974)	-	-	-
Other DfE grants	-	181,395	(181,395)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	33,544	(33,544)	-	-	-
Other educational activities	-	37,316	(37,316)	-	-	-
	<u>374,700</u>	<u>7,204,685</u>	<u>(7,118,742)</u>	<u>(301,374)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,269</u>
Pension reserve	(1,460,000)	-	(109,000)	-	605,000	(964,000)
	<u>(1,085,300)</u>	<u>7,204,685</u>	<u>(7,227,742)</u>	<u>(301,374)</u>	<u>605,000</u>	<u>(804,731)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	23,285,069	-	(1,602,337)	1,648,027	-	23,330,759
ESFA capital grants (DFC)	-	77,285	-	(77,285)	-	-
ESFA capital grants (CIF)	989,546	329,237	(23,627)	(1,269,368)	-	25,788
	<u>24,274,615</u>	<u>406,522</u>	<u>(1,625,964)</u>	<u>301,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,356,547</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>23,189,315</u>	<u>7,611,207</u>	<u>(8,853,706)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605,000</u>	<u>22,551,816</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>792,866</u>	<u>439,942</u>	<u>(332,479)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>900,329</u>
Total funds	<u>23,982,181</u>	<u>8,051,149</u>	<u>(9,186,185)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>605,000</u>	<u>23,452,145</u>

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Un- restricted funds	Restricted general funds	Restricted pension funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	22,003,108	22,003,108
Current assets	886,973	590,340	-	-	1,477,313
Current liabilities	-	(590,340)	-	-	(590,340)
Pension scheme liability	-	-	(857,000)	-	(857,000)
Total net assets	886,973	-	(857,000)	22,003,108	22,033,081

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

	Un- restricted funds	Restricted general funds	Restricted pension funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	23,330,759	23,330,759
Current assets	900,329	1,251,934	-	25,788	2,178,051
Current liabilities	-	(1,092,665)	-	-	(1,092,665)
Pension scheme liability	-	-	(964,000)	-	(964,000)
Total net assets	900,329	159,269	(964,000)	23,356,547	23,452,145

16 Capital commitments

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	-	176,610

17 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

Operating leases

At 31 August 2024 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	15,574	15,229
Amounts due between one and five years	16,666	-
	32,240	15,229

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18 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period	(1,523,064)	(1,135,036)
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation	1,414,514	1,312,514
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	289,823
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	7,188	(406,522)
Interest receivable	(10,944)	(8,241)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(50,000)	50,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	47,000	59,000
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	15,126	(98,698)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(391,890)	478,832
Net cash (used in) / provided by Operating Activities	<u>(492,070)</u>	<u>541,672</u>

19 Cash flows from investing activities

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	10,944	8,241
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(197,298)	(1,711,217)
Capital grants from DfE Group	234,229	993,971
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	<u>47,875</u>	<u>(709,005)</u>

20 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,072,928</u>	<u>1,517,123</u>

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21 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	Acquisition/ disposal of subsidiaries £	New finance leases £	Other non-cash changes £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash	1,517,123	(444,195)	-	-	-	1,072,928
Total	1,517,123	(444,195)	-	-	-	1,072,928

22 Member liability

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

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23 Pension and similar obligations

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 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 £142,450 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023: £117,448) 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 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.

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 four 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 28.68% 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 has been implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £916,494 (2023: £793,628).

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

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23 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Employer's contributions	270,000	249,000
Employees' contributions	69,000	67,000
	<u>339,000</u>	<u>316,000</u>

The agreed contribution rates for future years are 23.6% for employers and 5.5% to 12.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an academy trust closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2024	2023
Rate of increase in salaries	3.8%	3.9%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.8%	2.9%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.1%	5.4%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	<u>2.8%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>

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

	2024	2023
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	21.8	21.8
Females	<u>23.9</u>	<u>23.9</u>
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	23.1	23.1
Females	<u>25.3</u>	<u>25.3</u>

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23 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

	Increase/(reduction) in defined benefit obligation	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	(91,000)	(79,000)
Discount rate -0.1%	94,000	81,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	156,000	133,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year decrease	(151,000)	(129,000)
CPI rate +0.1%	90,000	78,000
CPI rate -0.1%	(88,000)	(76,000)

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Equities	2,832,000	2,336,000
Corporate bonds	315,000	264,000
Property	360,000	339,000
Cash and other liquid assets	90,000	38,000
Investment funds	315,000	264,000
Other	583,000	527,000
Total market value of assets	<u>4,495,000</u>	<u>3,768,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was a gain of £468,000 (2023: £234,000).

Amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Current service cost	220,000	299,000
Interest income	(206,000)	(144,000)
Interest cost	253,000	203,000
Total amount recognised in the SOFA	<u>267,000</u>	<u>358,000</u>

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23 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

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

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
At 1 September	4,732,000	4,787,000
Current service cost	220,000	299,000
Interest cost	253,000	203,000
Employee contributions	69,000	67,000
Actuarial loss / (gain)	158,000	(515,000)
Benefits paid	(80,000)	(109,000)
At 31 August	<u>5,352,000</u>	<u>4,732,000</u>

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

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
At 1 September	3,768,000	3,327,000
Interest income	206,000	144,000
Actuarial gain	262,000	90,000
Employer contributions	270,000	249,000
Employee contributions	69,000	67,000
Benefits paid	(80,000)	(109,000)
At 31 August	<u>4,495,000</u>	<u>3,768,000</u>

24 Related party transactions

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain Trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 9.

25 Agency arrangements

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2024 the academy trust received £13,766 and disbursed £14,466 from the fund. As at 31 August 2024, the cumulative unspent 16-19 bursary fund is £19,846, of which £19,846 relates to undistributed funding that is repayable to ESFA. Comparatives for the accounting period ending 31 August 2023 are £13,942 received, £14,139 disbursed, total cumulative unspent fund of £20,546 of which £20,546 was repayable to ESFA.