THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

GOVERNORS' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Governors M Byrne (from 8th February 2022)

M Byrne (from 8th February 2022) J Carmichael* (from 8th February 2022)

D Dalston S Dennis D Fawcett

B Keane* (from 8th February 2022) S Kirby (to 7th October 2021) S Leybourne (to 18th October 2021) E Matthews*(to 24th April 2022) R Page (to 16th November 2021) S Sene (from 8th February 2022) P Solloway* (Chair of Governors)

A Spear*

R Sran (from 8th February 2022)

D Sweeney

S Ward (from 12th July 2022)

H Wells

C Whitehead* (Principal and Accounting Officer)

A Wright* (to 1st September 2022)

* Members of the Resources for Learning Committee

Members K Constable

S Khan S Smart A Wright

Senior management team

- Principal
 - Vice Principal
 - Assistant Head
 - Business Manager
 C Whitehead
 S Jones
 J Weir
 G Wolpert

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Registered office The Chalfonts Community College

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GOVERNORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Governors' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", and the Academies' Accounts Direction 2021/2022 issued by the ESFA.

The principal activity of The Chalfonts Community College is to provide a state education to boys/girls of different abilities between the ages of 11 to 19. Funding is obtained from the Department for Education (DfE) through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. It has a pupil capacity of 1400 and had a roll of 1390 in the school census on 02 November 2021.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of The Chalfonts Community College and are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law. Details of the Governors who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period are listed on page one.

The Chalfonts Community College is registered under the Companies Act 2006, as a company limited by guarantee without a share capital. The Academy is an exempt charity. The company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

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 or within one year of when they ceased to be a member.

Trustees' Indemnities

No indemnities have been given to or on behalf of trustees by the trust.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Governors

The Governing Body comprises the following Governors:

- a) Up to five Governors appointed by the Members;
- b) Up to two staff Governors appointed by the Members;
- c) Up to four parent Governors elected by parents;
- d) The Principal is an ex-officio Governor:
- e) Up to three Governors appointed by Governors approved by Members
- f) Further Governors may be appointed by the Secretary of State

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Governors

The training and induction provided for new Governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training in charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All governors are provided with the information needed (including policies, minutes, budgets, etc.) to undertake their role as Governors. The Academy also purchases a governor support package which includes comprehensive training.

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Organisational structure

The Board of Governors, the majority of whom are non-executive, comprises those persons appointed under the Articles of Association. The Board meets at least five times a year and has several committees, including the Resources for Learning Committee, the Safe Learning for All Committee, The Risk and Audit Committee and the Quality for Learning Committee. All of these Committees are formally constituted with terms of reference and comprise appropriately qualified and experienced members.

The Members of the Trust hold the Trust's Annual General Meeting in January/February each year.

We confirme that The Chalfonts Communuty College does not have any subsidiaries or jointventures or associates.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Senior Management Team (SMT) are the key management personnel of the trust. Trustees are also senior management although they receive no pay or other remuneration in respect of their role as trustees. Where staff trustees are in place, they receive remuneration for their role as staff and their pay is determined in the same way as applicable to all other staff. Further details of remuneration paid to staff who are trustees is set out within the notes to the accounts.

Trade Union Facility Time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
2	2

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of Employees	
0%		
1% - 50%	2	
51% - 99%		
100%		

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total Cost of facility time	£0
Total Pay bill	£7 602 000
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time	0%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a	0%
percentage of total paid facility time hours.	076

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Chalfonts Community College is part of the ITT Bucks Hub in Partnership with The Danes Educational Trust. Teaching Schools are an exciting national development which involves working collaboratively with other schools to ensure that teaching is of the highest quality. We have very strong links with many Universities, including Herts University, The London Metropole, Roehampton University and Middlesex. The school has also developed a strong partnership with Brunel University and has recently become a Hub for Brunel teacher training, we are now The Brunel/Chalfonts Hub, supporting the development of PGCE students into the teaching profession. Both aspects are part of our development in recruiting and retaining teachers.

We are also aligned with Best Practice and Herts for Learning, to ensure our Early Careers Teachers are receiving the best possible induction over a two year period, which allows us to secure high quality teaching staff across all subjects through a rigorous program of training, mentoring and support.

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the company is to advance for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom. It achieves this object through the operation of The Chalfonts Community College, providing a state education, free of charge, to pupils aged 11 to 19.

We aim to be at the forefront of education. Our staff pride themselves on their high standards of teaching and we are committed to developing their skills as teachers to bring out the best in all pupils. Our focus is on individuals, their needs and aspirations.

As a school with traditional values we seek to uphold high standards of behaviour in an atmosphere of mutual respect and support. We develop our pupils' sense of themselves as moral beings with a concern for and commitment to others in school, their community and the world. We value service to the school and encourage a healthy and supportive spirit of competitiveness. We pride ourselves on looking after children so that they develop a sense of identity and security which is the cornerstone of our philosophy of coutesy, conscietiousness, commitment and being community minded.

We are dedicated to high standards of educational achievement but also to enriching and developing the talents and skill of our pupils in the broadest sense, valuing achievements of all kinds. If a child has a talent we can offer opportunities to nurture that talent and celebrate it whether it be through sporting or artistic success, in languages or service to others, to name but a few.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

In addition to the regular and rigorous School Self Review, the school produces an Annual School Improvement Plan which sets out our priorities for the forthcoming year as well as reviewing those of the past period. This document is comprehensive in nature and covers many of the activities that can take place throughout the school year. Summaries are included in the Principal's written report to Governors.

Public Benefit

The Academy aims to advance for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom. In setting the objectives of the Academy and planning the associated activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit.

Disabled Persons

The College is the designated school in South Bucks with provision for eight students with physical disabilities. Lifts, ramps and disabled toilets are installed and door widths are adequate to enable wheelchair access to all the main areas of the Academy. The policy of the Academy is to support recruitment and retention of students and employees with disabilities. The Academy does this by adapting the physical environment, by making support resources available and through training and career development.

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

English and Maths performance remains a key performance indicator along with progress (P8) and attainment measures (A8). The number of students entering and achieving Ebacc is also a headline measure but this remains a difficult aspect due to our intake and being a non-selective school in a selective authority.

KS4 Results -	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
all students Progress 8	-0.23	-0.04	+0.42	+0.01	-0.06
score (P8)	-0.23	*Teacher	*Centre	10.01	-0.00
30016 (1 0)		Assessed	Assessed		
		Grades	Grades		
	2022 saw the retu		sessed exams, who	ereas results in 20	21 were based on
	Teacher Assessed	d grades. There wer	e 227. The DfE did	not calculate or pub	lishe performance
			Therefore the P8 sc		
			s are not possible a		
		arable benchmark f			
KS2 prior			elow the national av		
attainment			ty. We continue to h		
			starting point, ye		
			possible due to CAC		I DfE Performance
			2019/20 and 2020/	21	
% achieving 9-4	81% - 58%	90% - 70%	89% - 72%	84% - 69%	88% - 73%
& 9-5 English					
	Attainment perform	mance in English w	as above national a	verages	
% achieving 9-	74% - 54%	81% - 58%	78% - 51%	72% - 46%	72% - 44%
4 & 9-5					
Mathematics					
	Maths 9-4 standar	rd pass exceeded ti	ne National Average	es of 65% by 9%.	
% achieving	9%	15%	11%	17%	17%
the EBACC	0 70	1573	,		
	This figure remain	ns below the nation	nal average, which	is currently at 20°	%. We will remain
	resolute in our ap	proach to ensure	that students are o	n aspirational cour	ses but not at the
	detriment of indivi	dual outcomes for	the benefit of the se	chool. The subject	
		r to more pupils stu	idying the EBacc is		
% achieving 9-4	70%	78%	75%	71%	68%
in English and					
Maths					
				100/	400/
% achieving 9-5	49%	51%	45%	42%	40%
in English and					
Maths	-	1: : 05: 5	1: 1 1 41	00/ 1 4b 4b	
		cnieving 9-5 in Eng th the 49% National	lish and maths was	2% lower than the	previous year, but
VCE Doculto	remains in line wil	m the 49% National	Average.		
% A*-C grades	69%	88%	82%	68%	72%
% A*-E grades	98%	100%	98%	97%	96%
/o A -E graues			d. Average point sc		
	has not been publ	ished as students d	id not sit externally a	ore as a grade is o	2020 and therefore
	have no prior da	eta to denerate V	A from. Continued	outstanding prog	ress in vocational
	qualifications	ate to generate vi	t nom. Continued	catetainaing prog	JJJ III TOOUIIOIIUI
	quannoations				

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Key financial performance indicators

Key financial performance indicators used by the College include the following:

During the year, the College performed broadly in line with targets previously set:

	Year to 31 August 2022	Target
Teaching staff costs (excl supply) as a % of GAG	65%	65%
Teaching staff costs (incl supply) as a % of GAG	66%	65%
Teaching staff costs (incl supply) as a % of Total Revenue Income	56%	
Total staff costs as a % of Total Revenue Income	77%	85%
Non-Staff costs as a % of Total Revenue Income	22%	14%
Revenue fund balances as a % of Total Revenue Income	13%	12%
Current Assets: Current Liabilities	2.77	>1

The College continues to remain committed to developing relevant performance indicaors supported by monthly managent accounts and target projections

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Governing Body has a reasonable expectation that the Academy 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 accounts.

Financial review

We receive our income from a number of different sources. The majority of our income comes from central government via the Education and Skills Funding Agency who provide us with grant, based largely on our student numbers to cover our staffing and other general running costs (General Annual Grant - GAG). The ESFA may provide us with additional grants which are earmarked for specific purposes (such as Pupil Premium which must be used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils). These appear in the accounts as DfE/ESFA grants.

Where we receive grant or other funding from the Local Authority (such as where we undertake responsibilities on their behalf in respect of our students) this appears in the accounts as Other government grants. Such income is collectively referred to as "Restricted Funds". Other income is received from parents (for example as contributions to trip or other costs) and from third parties (for example from our bank for interest on our account balances or from others who are charged for their use of our facilities). Such other income may be restricted or unrestricted, depending on whether it comes to us with conditions as to its use or whether it is available for spending at the discretion of the trustees.

We hold funds in two broad categories, funds which are available for spending and other funds which are not available for spending. The college remains in a stable financial postion as can be seen in the SOFA.

Spendable funds are in turn sub-categorised between those which are available for spending at the discretion of trustees ("Unrestricted Funds") and those which are subject to condition or restriction, ("Restricted Funds").

Funds not available for spending include the book value of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. These have a value and are therefore included as assets in the accounts but clearly, we cannot spend this value. In common with all academies and Local Authorities, an estimate of our share of the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit must also be reflected in our accounts and as this is not a conventional liability, it does not need to be deducted from spendable funds. We meet our obligations in respect of the LGPS by paying over pension contributions due as calculated by the scheme's actuaries.

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Fund	Cotogony	2022	2021
runa	Category	£'000	£'000
GAG & Other Grant funds	Restricted General Funds	294	135
Other Income	Restricted General Funds	#	-
	Sub-total General Restricted Funds	294	135
Unspent capital	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	201	96
Other Income	Unrestricted General Fund	962	984
	Sub-Total Spendable Funds	1,457	1,215
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	16,798	16,456
Share of LGPS Deficit	Restricted Pension Reserve	(881)	(5,578)
	Total All Funds	17,374	12.093

During the year under review, general restricted funds increased by £159k (2021: increased by £135k). Unrestricted funds decreased by £22k (2021: decreased by £127k) and after LGPS valuation adjustments, depreciation and capital income and expenditure, overall funds increased by £5,281k (2021: decreased by £547k).

Reserves policy

In addition to the fixed asset funds, the policy of the College is to maintain sufficient reserves for working capital requirement and for any unforeseeable budget fluctuations or equipment replacement.

The governors have reviewed the level of reserves and have agreed that the reserves after excluding capitalisation of assets and any provisions for pension fund deficits should be maintained at a minimum level of £670k. This is supported by the College's reserve policy as approved by the Governors in April 2022.

With regard to the defined benefit pension deficit, the notes to the accounts explain that the yearly contribution rate includes an element calculated to eliminate the deficit over a manageable period and that a guarantee is in force from the Department of Education to meet pension liabilities in the extreme event of closure of the Academy. It is therefore not considered necessary to retain reserves to offset the balance sheet pension liability.

Investment policy

There are no investments held beyond cash deposits retained with the major UK clearing banks. Speculative investments are not permitted.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to academic performance/finances/child welfare. The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the Academy faces, and have developed policies and procedures to mitigate those risks. Where significant financial risk still remains, the Governors have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

The risk management process codified in a risk register is implemented by the Senior Management Team and overseen by Governors.

As the nature of the financial instruments dealt with by the company is relatively simple (bank balances, debtors and "trade" creditors), governors consider the associated risk in this area to be minimal.

The risk resulting from the company's share of the LGPS deficit is managed by following the advice of the scheme's actuaries, specifically as regards the level of contributions payable, ensuring that annual budgets are drawn up to reflect the actuary's advice.

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The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Charitable Company is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Governors keep spendable reserves under constant review to ensure that they have sufficient resources to run the Academy on a sound financial basis without affecting the quality of teaching and learning.

The recent cost of living crisis brought on by uncertainty in the macro-econimic environment due to the Ukraine-Russian conflict has had a negative impact on the costs in the College. We remain prudent in our approach to mitigate some of these inflationary pressures, including securing a fixed rate utility contract, however remain concered about staff costs pressures and new payscales for 2022/2023 as stipulated by the STRB. The Governors and management remain opposed to funding inflationary pressures from Reserves and continue to appeal to the ESFA for supplemtary funding to fund operational shortfalls.

Our fundraising practices

The trust organises fundraising events and appeals and co-ordinates the activities of our supporters both in the academy and in the wider community on behalf of the trust.

There have been no complaints about fundraising activity this year.

The trust complies with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice.

All fundraising is undertaken by the trust in a manner that seeks to ensure that it is not unreasonably intrusive or persistent. Contact is made through email, academy newsletters, our websites and via students. All fundraising material contains clear instructions on how a person can be removed from mailing lists.

We remain proactive to diversify revenue streems and have recently contracted with Schhool Plus and reputable facilities letting company to lease out our facilities. The impact of this will grow exponentially over the next three to 5 years as the agreement gains momentum.

Plans for future periods

The College continues to face challenges due to inadequate funding provided by the DfE for secondary schools in Buckinghamshire.

The Governing Body have actively engaged to support and provide strategies to the Senior Management Team to accommodate this funding shortfall. Over the last year the college has made good progress in working towards balancing income with outgoings forecasts regularly reviewed ensuring a balance between financial sustainability and Student's learning and welfare. The implementation of the NFF has helped the school moving towards a balanced and sustained budget, but there are still significant challenges ahead. One of the main challenges which is largely due to the Ukraine — Russian war is inflationary presuures specifically felt in the cost of utilities, staffing costs as well as general food prices which has impacted the profitability of our Canteen. These pressures have resulted in an increase in charges for school transport, which has led to a decline in pupil numbers. Our planned GCSE and A Level curriculum offer aims to balance pupil demand with sustainability whilst ensuring the widest selection of academic and vocational courses are available for our pupils. We review the curriculum and its offer peridically in order to ensure sustainability as well as monitoring staffing levels.

The College timetable was reconfigured to incorporate 60 minute lessons in September 2018 with a single College start / end time to allow for efficient use of our resources for the benefit of learning and teaching. This is now embedded and has continued in 2019 and was planned for 2020. However, due to strict COVID guidelines, we have had to implement a school timetable of four 1 hour 15 minute lessons to reduce movement and contact when moving around the school. From September 2022, five 1 hour lessons have been introduced and this is embedded in our curriculum delivery strategies.

Governors have recently approved the 3 year strategy and revised mission and vision statements for the College, this has provided the Management Team with a firm strategy to take the College forward.

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Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

There are no funds held as Custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

Auditor

In so far as the Governors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Governors 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 Governors' report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the Board of Governors, as the company directors, on 6 December 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:

P Solloway

Chair of Governors

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Governors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between The Chalfonts Community College and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Governors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' Report and in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities. The Board of Governors has formally met 6 times during the year, as suggested by ESFA. The Governors' Report and this Governance Statement describes how effective governance and oversight is nevertheless exercised.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Governors was as follows:

Governors M Byrne	Meetings attended 4	Out of possible
J Carmichael	1	4
D Dalston	6	6
S Dennis	5	6
D Fawcett	6	6
B Keane	4	4
S Kirby	0	1
S Leybourne	1	1
E Matthews	5	5
R Page	1	1
S Sene	2	4
P Solloway	5	6
A Spear	4	6
R Sran	3	4
D Sweeney	6	6

Members

The following served as members at some time between 1 September 2021 and the date of signing of these accounts:

K Constable

S Khan

S Smart

A Wright

Conflict of interest

In line with AAD 2021/2022: The Chalfonts Community College maintains an up-to-date and complete register of interests, this information is used to ensure no conflict of interest in all transaction and remains an agenda point at all Goveror and Sub-committee meetings.

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Governance reviews

The Governors have not carried out an independent external review of governenace, it is the intention to carry out this review in the year to August 2023. As part of internal control process The College performs annual financial control and MUSTS checklist procedures.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Resources for Learning Committee was as follows:

Governors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
J Carmichael	0	2
B Keane	2	2
E Matthews	3	2
P Solloway	4	4
A Spear	4	4
C Whitehead (Principal and Accounting Officer)	4	4
A Wright	3	4

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer the principal has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available.

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 The Chalfonts Community College for the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Governors 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 Governors 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 year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Governors.

The risk and control framework

The academy trust's system of internal financial 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 Governors;
- regular reviews by the finance 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;

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- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- · delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Governors has considered the need for specific internal scrutiny in order to support the financial oversight responsibilities of the Board of Governors and has requested James Cowper Kreston to carry out reviews to the school to review various areas of the school's operation and to provide assurance around internal control.

No material process or control issues have been found as a result of this work.

The above paragraph needs expanding, please see the requirements below (please edit to reflect the circumstances of your Academy):

The board of trustees has decided to employ James Cowper Kreston as internal auditor.

The James Cowper Kreston's role includes giving advice on financial and other 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 compliance processes
- · testing of income recognition compliance and processes
- testing of VAT, corporation tax and other tax compliance and recognition processes.

On an annual basis the auditor prepares a 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.

James Cowper Kreston has provided the College and Governors with their report dated 02 July 2022. With reference to the checks carried out no immediate action was identified as a priority. Recommendations related to the following:

- Internal control and MUSTS checklists are to be completed on an annual basis. These processes were completed prior to the end of the Financial year ended August 2022
- Ensure that a fraud policy is ut in place and training provided to staff. This is currently ongoing.

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer the principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the External Auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- 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 finance group and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the Board of Governors on 6 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

P Solloway

Chair of Governors

C Whitehead

Principal

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

As accounting officer of The Chalfonts Community College, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Governors and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy Trust, under the funding agreement in place 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 2021.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust's Board of Governors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of 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 2021.

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 Governors and ESFA.

C Whitehead

Accounting Officer

06 December 2022

STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Governors (who act as trustees for The Chalfonts Community College and are also the directors of The Chalfonts Community College for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' report and the Financial Statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Governors 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 Governors 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 2021 to 2022;
- · make judgements 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; and
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Governors 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 Governors 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 that grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Governors 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 Governors on 06 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

P Solloway

Chair of Governors

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of The Chalfonts Community College for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the Financial Statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 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 prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

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 Academy Trust 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 Governors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

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

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

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinions 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 Governors' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the Financial Statements are prepared is consistent with the Financial Statements; and
- the Governors' report including the incorporated strategic 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 Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' report, including the incorporated strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Financial Statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Governors

As explained more fully in the statement of Governors' responsibilities, the Governors 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 Governors 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 Governors are responsible for assessing the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governors either intend to liquidate the charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing internal assurance reports.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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.

Louise Hallsworth FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Baxter & Co

Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Auditor

23 December 2022

Lynwood House Crofton Road Orpington Kent BR6 8QE

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 17 May 2022 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by The Chalfonts Community College during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 The Chalfonts Community College and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the The Chalfonts Community College and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than The Chalfonts Community College and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of The Chalfonts Community College's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of The Chalfonts Community College's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 July 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. 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 2021 to 31 August 2022 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- · Review of payments to staff;
- · Review of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- · Review of grant and other income streams;
- Review of some key financial control procedures:
- · Discussions with finance staff;
- · Consideration of the record maintained by the Accounting Officer of the oversight they have exercised;
- Consideration of the programme of internal scrutiny implemented by the Academy Trust in order to comply with its obligations under 3.1 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021, issued by the ESFA.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THE CHALFONTS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Conclusion

In the course of our work, except for the matters below, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

- 1) Not all Trustees have completed declaration of business interest forms
- 2) Statutory records at companies house and get information about schools have not been kept fully up to date

Bouter & Co.

Reporting Accountant

Baxter & Co Lynwood House Crofton Road Orpington Kent BR6 8QE

Dated: 23 December 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000		icted funds: Fixed asset £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Income and endowments from:	Mores	2 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	2 000
Donations and capital grants Charitable activities:	3	16	3	764	780	247
- Funding for educational operations	4	322	8,854	: - /	9,176	9,003
Other trading activities	5	115			115	67
Total		453	8,854	764	10,071	9,317
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds Charitable activities:	6	41	₩)		41	54
- Educational operations	7	434	9,291	303	10,028	9,837
Total	6	475	9,291	303	10,069	9,891
Net income/(expenditure)		(22)	(437)	461	2	(574)
Transfers between funds	17	ā	14	(14)	130	12
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19		5,279	•	5,279	27
Net movement in funds		(22)	4,856	447	5,281	(547)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		984	(5,443)	16,552	12,093	12,640
Total funds carried forward		962	(587)	16,999	17,374	12,093

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2021	ι	Jnrestricted funds		cted funds: Fixed asset	Total 2021
3	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants Charitable activities:	3	22	-	225	247
- Funding for educational operations	4	170	8,833	:	9,003
Other trading activities	5	67		-	67
Total		259	8,833	225	9,317
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	54	-	-	54
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	7	332	9,206	299	9,837
Total	6	386	9,206	299	9,891
Net expenditure		(127)	(373)	(74)	(574)
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Transfers between funds	17	(*)	5	(5)	= =
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19		27	5 =	27
Net movement in funds		(127)	(341)	(79)	(547)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,111	(5,102)	16,631	12,640
Total funds carried forward		984	(5,443)	16,552	12,093

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		202	2	2021	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		16,798		16,456
Current assets					
Stocks	12	25		29	
Debtors	13	916		427	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,486		1,159	
		3.			
		2,427		1,615	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one	4.4	(0.50)		(000)	
year	14	(958)		(396)	
Net current assets			1,469		1,219
			×		
Total assets less current liabilities			18,267		17,675
Creditors: amounts falling due after more					
than one year	15		(12)		(4)
Net assets before defined benefit pension	on				
scheme liability			18,255		17,671
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		(881)		(5,578)
			-		-
Total net assets			17,374		12,093
			-		
Funds of the Academy Trust:					
Restricted funds	17		40.000		40.550
- Fixed asset funds			16,999		16,552
- Restricted income funds			294		135
- Pension reserve			(881)		(5,578)
Total restricted funds			16,412		11,109
Unrestricted income funds	17		962		984
Total funds			17,374		12,093

The Financial Statements on pages 20 to 44 were approved by the Governors and authorised for issue on 06 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

P Solloway

Chair of Governors

Company registration number 07693365

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022	•	2021	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	20		198		(112)
Cash flows from investing activities Capital grants from DfE Group		764		225	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(645)	440	(175)	F0
Net cash provided by investing activities			119		50
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of long term bank loan		10		(1)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing	activities		10		(1)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	ı		327		(63)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of t	he year		1,159 ——		1,222
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the	year		1,486 ====		1,159

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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.

1.1 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 Financial Statements 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 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

The Governors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Governors 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.

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period 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.

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it 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.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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'.

Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £5,000 or more per item (or less if they form part of a larger purchase or project where the total cost exceeds £25,000) 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 that require 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. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired / funded by other income, the fixed asset fund is also credited. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, 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 2%

Computer equipment 33%

Fixtures, fittings & equipment 20%

Motor vehicles 20%

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

1.6 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 of services it must provide.

1.7 Leased assets

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

1.8 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 is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

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.

1.9 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock.

1.10 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 chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 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 and the assets and the liabilities are held separately from those of the Academy Trust.

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. The 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 are 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 or 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.

1.12 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 Governors.

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.

1.13 Agency arrangement

Where the Academy Trust acts as agent in collecting and / or distributing from the ESFA or others, and subsequent disbursements are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Trust does not have control over charitable application of the funds. The funds received and paid, and any balances held are disclosed in note 26.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Accounting 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

(Continued)

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, will impact on 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 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Governors have not needed to exercise any subjective judgements that would be critical to the Academy Trust's Financial Statements.

3 Donations and capital grants

Donations and Capital grants	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Capital grants	; , ;	764	764	225
Other donations	16	-	16	22
			===	
	16	764	780	247

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

4 Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants General annual grant (GAG) Other DfE/ESFA grants:		7,857	7,857	7,670
- Pupil premium	·	193	193	167
- Others		240	240	445
	=	8,290	8,290	8,282
			:===:	-
Other government grants			212	
Local authority grants		216	216	-
Other grants	<u></u>			214
		216	216 ====	214
COVID-19 additional funding DfE/ESFA Catch-up premium		_		98
Non-DfE/ESFA				
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	·	H	-	25
Other COVID-19 funding	200	22	22	16
	-	(a
	====			139
Other funding				
Catering income	322	-	322	170
Trips income	· ·	206	206	128
Other incoming resources	-	120	120	70
	322 ====	326	648 ——	368
Total funding	322	8,854 ====	9,176	9,003

The Academy Trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in the year from government support schemes in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under "COVID-19 additional funding".

[•] The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £22k of staff and other costs. These costs are included in notes 6 and 7 below as appropriate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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5	Other trading activities					
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			funds	funds	2022	2021
			£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Hire of facilities		-	<u> </u>	-	9
	Uniform income		48	-	48	58
	Other income		67		67	
			115	-	115	67
				-		
6	Expenditure					
				expenditure	Total	Total
		Staff costs	Premises	Other	2022	2021
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Expenditure on raising funds					
	- Direct costs	-		41	41	54
	Academy's educational operations					
	- Direct costs	6,194	243	862	7,299	7,522
	- Allocated support costs	1,507	598	624	2,729	2,315
		7,701	841 ———	1,527	10,069	9,891
	Net income/(expenditure) for the	year include			2022	2021
	Fees payable to auditor for:				£'000	£'000
	- Audit				12	9
	- Other services				5	6
	Operating lease rentals				21	9
	Depreciation of tangible fixed asset	s			303	299
	Net interest on defined benefit pens				89	78
	•	,				
	Included within expenditure are the	following tran	nsactions:			
					2022	
					£	
	Gifts made by the Academy Trust -	total			501	

Clarification – While the majority of disclosure in these accounts are rounded to £'000, the disclosure of gifts made is not. The value of gifts for the year is £501 (and not £501k).

Charitable activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds £'000	funds £'000	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Direct costs	2 000	£ 000	2 000	£ 000
Educational operations	9	7,290	7,299	7,522
Support costs				
Educational operations	425	2,304	2,729	2,31
	<u>434</u>	9,594	10,028	9,837
Analysis of costs			2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Direct costs Teaching and educational support staff costs			6,194	6,49 ⁻
Staff development			7	15
Depreciation			243	239
Technology costs			102	14
Educational supplies and services			384	37
Examination fees			125	11
Educational consultancy			12	
Other direct costs			232	150
			7,299	7,52
Support costs				
Support staff costs			1,014	96
Defined benefit pension scheme - staff costs	(FRS102 adjustmer	nt)	493	42 6
Depreciation Technology and the second secon			60 150	5
Technology costs Maintenance of premises and equipment			161	15
Cleaning			145	15
Energy costs			115	11
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs			86	8
Insurance			28	3
Security and transport			15	
Catering			205	11
Defined benefit pension scheme - finance cos	sts (FRS102 adjustr	ment)	89	7
Legal costs			67	
Other support costs			79	4
Governance costs			22	1
			2,729	2,31
			_,0	_,5 .

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

8 **Staff**

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:		
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	5,413	5,591
Social security costs	565	570
Pension costs	1,131	1,173
Defined benefit pension scheme – staff costs (FRS102 adjustment)	493	425
Staff costs - employees	7,602	7,759
Agency staff costs	70	114
Staff restructuring costs	29	6
Total staff expenditure	7,701	7,879
*		
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Severance payments	29	6

Severance payments

The Academy Trust paid 2 severance payments in the year, disclosed in the following bands:

2 0 - £25,000

Special staff severance payments

Special staff severance payments are amounts paid to employees outside of statutory and contractual requirements. Included in staff restructuring costs are special severance payments totalling £19k (2021: £nil). Individually, the payments were: £10k; £9k.

Staff numbers

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

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Teachers	85	95
Administration and support	82	92
Management	8	9
	:	
	175	196

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

8 Staff (Continued)

The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was as follows:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Teachers	80	88
Administration and support	63	68
Management	8	9
	454	165
	151	165
	==	

Higher paid staff

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	5	5
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	2
£100,001 - £110,000	1	1

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Governors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £380,519 (2021: £485,649).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

9 Governors' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the Governors has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy Trust. The Principal and other Staff Governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Governors.

The value of Governors' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

R Denial (Principal - resigned 31/08/2021):

- Remuneration: n/a (2021: £105,000 £110,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: n/a (2021: £25,000 £30,000)

S Leybourne (Staff Governor - resigned 18/10/2021):

- Remuneration: £45,000 £50,000 (2021: £45,000 £50,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £10,000 £15,000 (2021: £10,000 £15,000)

D Fawcett (Staff Governor):

- Remuneration: £30,000 £35,000 (2021: £30,000 £35,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 £10,000 (2021: £5,000 £10,000)

C Whitehead (Principal - appointed 01/09/2021):

- Remuneration: £100,000 £105,000 (2021: n/a)
- Employer's pension contributions: £20,000 £25,000 (2021: n/a)

M Byrne (Staff Governor - appointed 08/02/2022):

- Remuneration: £20,000 £25,000 (2021: n/a)
- Employer's pension contributions: £nil £5,000 (2021: n/a)

B Keane (Staff Governor - appointed 08/02/2022):

- Remuneration: £20,000 £25,000 (2021: n/a)
- Employer's pension contributions: £5,000 £10,000 (2021: n/a)

During the year, travel and subsistence payments totalling £1,353 (2021: £134) were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Governors (2021: 1 Governor).

Other related party transactions involving the Governors are set out within the related parties note.

10 Governors' 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 Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Governors and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

	Tangible fixed assets	F	O	Einsteren -	Mataa	T-1-
		Freehold land and	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings &	Motor vehicles	Total
		buildings £'000	£'000	equipment £'000	£'000	£'000
	Cost	£ 000	2 000	2000	2 000	2.000
	At 1 September 2021	19,022	314	44	13	19,393
	Additions	645	TO 100		3 0	645
	At 31 August 2022	19,667	314	44	13	20,038
	Depreciation					
	At 1 September 2021	2,568	313	43	13	2,937
	Charge for the year	302		1		303
	At 31 August 2022	2,870	313	44	13	3,240
	Net book value			:	0:	
	At 31 August 2022	16,797	1	=====		16,798
	At 31 August 2021	16,454	1	1	*	16,456
	Freehold land and buildings includes	s land of £4,017k.				
12	Freehold land and buildings includes	s land of £4,017k.				
12	-	s land of £4,017k.			2022 £'000	2021 £'000
12	Stocks	s land of £4,017k.			£'000	£'000
12	-	s land of £4,017k.				
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	Stocks Uniform and catering stock	s land of £4,017k.			£'000 25 —————————————————————————————————	£'000 29 =================================
	Stocks Uniform and catering stock	s land of £4,017k.			£'000 25	£'000 29
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	Stocks Uniform and catering stock Debtors Trade debtors	s land of £4,017k.			£'000 25 —————————————————————————————————	£'000 29 2021 £'000

	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Government loans	3	1
	Trade creditors	66	59
	Other taxation and social security	138	135
	Other creditors	142	-
	Accruals and deferred income	609	201
		958	396
		===	===
15	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Government loans	12	4
		_	=
	Analysis of loans	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
		45	_
	Wholly repayable within five years	15	5
	Less: included in current liabilities	(3)	(1
	Amounts included above	12	4
	Allouite illouded above		=
	Loan maturity		
	Debt due in one year or less	3	1
	Due in more than one year but not more than two years	3	1
	Due in more than two years but not more than five years	9	3
		45	
		15 ====	===
16	Deferred income		
		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	140 =====	72 ====
	Deferred income at 1 September 2021	72	77
	Released from previous years	(72)	(77
	Resources deferred in the year	140	72
	Deferred income at 31 August 2022	140	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

16 Deferred income (Continued)

Deferred income arises from income received in advance relating trip income of £134k (2021: £54k) and other income of £6k (2021: £18k).

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September			Gains, losses and	Balance at 31 August
	2021	Income	Expenditure	transfers	2022
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	64	7,857	(7,752)	14	183
Pupil premium	¥)	193	(193)	(=	_
Catch-up premium	71	-	(6)	<u>~</u>	65
Other Coronavirus funding	-	22	(22)	-	_
Other DfE/ESFA grants	<i>≅</i> /1	240	(194)		46
Other government grants		216	(216)	15	_
Other restricted funds		326	(326)	-	-
Pension reserve	(5,578)		(582)	5,279	(881)
	8	<u></u>		-	
	(5,443)	8,854	(9,291)	5,293	(587)
			-		
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	15,539	>=:	(281)	01	15,258
DfE group capital grants	932	764	(20)	(14)	1,662
Capital expenditure from GAG	81	8-8	(2)	9₩	79
	\ <u></u>		+	-	
	16,552	764	(303)	(14)	16,999
	9		====	===	
Total restricted funds	11,109	9,618	(9,594)	5,279	16,412
	-				
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	984	453	(475)	14	962
			-		====
Total funds	12,093	10,071	(10,069)	5,279	17,374
	.=,000	====	====	====	====

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

The Restricted General Funds are used to fund the general operating costs of the Academy.

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 2022.

The Restricted LGPS Fund represents the Academy's share of the LGPS Pension Fund deficit.

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund represents the net book value of fixed assets £16,798k (2021: £16,457k) plus unspent element of Capital funds of £201k (2021: £95k). When assets are purchased the fund is increased and depreciation charges reduce the fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

17 Funds (Continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2021 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	(F)	7,670	(7,611)	5	64
Pupil premium	(Z)	167	(167)	-	-
Catch-up premium		98	(27)	-	71
Coronavirus job retention					
scheme grant	-	25	(25)	%€	-
Other Coronavirus funding	*	16	(16)	72	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	•	445	(445)	*	-
Other government grants	-	214	(214)	%	<u> </u>
Other restricted funds	120	198	(198)	-	Ē
Pension reserve	(5,102)	:=:	(503)	27	(5,578)
	(5,102)	8,833	(9,206)	32	(5,443)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	15,820	900	(281)	-	15,539
DfE group capital grants	728	225	(16)	(5)	932
Capital expenditure from GAG	83	3.50	(2)	((€)	81
	55		-		=====
	16,631	225	(299)	(5)	16,552
	3:=====30		-		
					44.400
Total restricted funds	11,529	9,058	(9,505)	27	11,109
				===	
Unrestricted funds	- 4.4		(200)		554
General funds	1,111	259	(386)	=	984
				·	·=====
Total funds	12,640	9,317	(9,891)	27	12,093
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Analysis of net assets between fund	ds			
	Unrestricted	Rest	tricted funds:	Total
	Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 at represented by:	re			
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	16,798	16,798
Current assets	1,090	1,136	201	2,427
Current liabilities	(128)	(830)	97	(958)
Non-current liabilities	2 3	(12)	: ·	(12)
Pension scheme liability	<u> </u>	(881)	·	(881)
Total net assets	962	(587)	16,999	17,374
				
	Unrestricted	Rest	tricted funds:	Total
	Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 at represented by:	re			
Tangible fixed assets		-	16,456	16,456
Current assets	984	535	96	1,615
Current liabilities	-	(396)	\ <u>~</u>	(396)
Non-current liabilities	3	(4)	-	(4)
Pension scheme liability	<u></u>	(5,578)		(5,578)
Total net assets	984	(5,443)	16,552	12,093

19 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 Buckinghamshire County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £128k were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 (2021:£nil) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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 academy trusts. 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

19 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify 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 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI. The assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2024.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £798k (2021: £817k).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy Trust 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 contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 23% 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 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.

Total contributions made	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Employer's contributions Employees' contributions	333 90	356 101
Total contributions	423	457

19	Pension and similar obligations	(0	Continued)
	Principal actuarial assumptions	2022 %	2021 %
	Rate of increase in salaries	4.00	3.90
	Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3,00	2.90
	Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.65
	CPI increases	3.00	2.90
	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future impro assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:	vements in mortality	rates. The
	· ·	2022	2021
		Years	Years
	Retiring today		
	- Males	21.0	21.6
	- Females	24.6	25.0
	Retiring in 20 years		
	- Males	22.3	22.9
	- Females	26.0	26.4
	Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:	ows:	
		2022	2021
		£'000	£'000
	Discount rate + 0.1%	7,443	12,332
	Discount rate - 0.1%	7,765	12,880
	Mortality assumption + 1 year	7,823	4
	Mortality assumption - 1 year	7,387	13,145
	Salary rate + 0.1%	7 04 4	12,083
	Galary rate + 0.170	7,614	12,083 12,624
	Salary rate - 0.1%	7,614 7,590	12,083
		7,590 7,755	12,083 12,624 12,585 12,855
	Salary rate - 0.1%	7,590	12,083 12,624 12,585
	Salary rate - 0.1% Pensions rate + 0.1%	7,590 7,755	12,083 12,624 12,585 12,855
	Salary rate - 0.1% Pensions rate + 0.1%	7,590 7,755	12,083 12,624 12,585 12,855 12,356
	Salary rate - 0.1% Pensions rate + 0.1% Pensions rate - 0.1% Defined benefit pension scheme net liability	7,590 7,755 7,452 ————————————————————————————————————	12,083 12,624 12,585 12,855 12,356
	Salary rate - 0.1% Pensions rate + 0.1% Pensions rate - 0.1% Defined benefit pension scheme net liability Scheme assets	7,590 7,755 7,452 ————————————————————————————————————	12,083 12,624 12,585 12,855 12,356
	Salary rate - 0.1% Pensions rate + 0.1% Pensions rate - 0.1% Defined benefit pension scheme net liability	7,590 7,755 7,452 ————————————————————————————————————	12,083 12,624 12,585 12,855 12,356 2021 £'000

19	Pension and similar obligations		(Continued)
	The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme	2022 Fair value £'000	2021 Fair value £'000
	Equities	3,742	3,817
	Gilts	537	659
	Other Bonds	856	984
	Cash	165	95
	Property	434	408
	Other assets	987	1,062
	Total market value of assets	6,721	7,025
	The actual return on scheme assets was £(436,000) (2021: £1,120,000).		
	Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Current service cost	821	776
	Interest income	(117)	(92)
	Interest cost	206	170
	Administration expenses	5	5
	Total operating charge	915	859 ———
	Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations		2022 £'000
	At 1 September 2021		12,603
	Current service cost		821
	Interest cost		206
	Employee contributions		90
	Actuarial (gain)/loss		(5,832)
	Benefits paid		(286)
	At 31 August 2022		7,602

	Pension and similar obligations			(Continue
	Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share	of scheme asset	8	(**************************************
			-	202
				£'00
	At 1 September 2021			
	Interest income			7,02
	Actuarial loss/(gain)			11
	Employer contributions			(55
	Employee contributions			33
	Benefits paid			9
	Administration expenses			(28
				(
	At 31 August 2022			
				6,72°
	B			===
20	Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash fle	OW from operation	a activiti.	
	,	ow Holli Operatin		
		Notes	2022 £'000	2021
	Net income//even-dit	110100	£ 000	£'000
	Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)			
	of infaricial activities)		2	(574
	Adjusted for:			(0/4
	Capital grants from DfE and other capital income			
	Defined benefit pension costs less contributions assets		(764)	(225)
	Domied benefit pension scheme finance cost	19	493	425
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	19	89	78
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks		303	299
	(Increase) in debtors		4	(1)
	Increase in creditors		(489)	(201)
			560	87
	Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities			
	, i assuring		198	(112)
			===	====
	Analysis of changes in net funds			
		1 September	Cash flows	04.4
		2021	Cash nows	31 August
		£'000	£'000	2022
(Cash		- 000	£'000
	oans falling due within one year	1,159	327	1,486
Ĺ	oans falling due after more than one year	(1)	(2)	
	g due anter more man one year	(4)	(8)	(3) (12)
				——————————————————————————————————————
		1,154	317	1,471
		====	===	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

22 Long-term commitments

Operating leases

At 31 August 2022 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

		2022 £'000	2021 £'000
	Amounts due within one year	22	9
	Amounts due in two and five years	34	2
		56	11
			===
23	Capital commitments		
		2022	2021
		£.000	£'000
	Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the Financial Statements	332	111

At 31 August 2022, the Trust was committed to completing a boiler replacement project, funded by CIF grants with total expected costs of £873k. Costs of £541k were incurred during the year, with anticipated costs to completion as at 31 August 2022 of £332k.

24 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust and the composition of the Board of Governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the Governors have an interest. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

J Quensnell, employed by the academy trust, is a close family member of D Humphries, a governor. J Quensnell's appointment was made in open competition and D Humphries took no part in the decision making process regarding his appointment. J Quensnell is paid within the normal pay scale for his role and receives no special treatment as a result of his relationship to D Humphries.

25 Members' liability

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

26 Agency arrangements

The Academy Trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2022 income receivable was £6,064 (2021: £11,831) and disbursements of £4,430 (2021: £11,831) were made from the fund. The unspent balance of £1,634 (2021: £nil) is included in creditors: amounts falling due within one year.