

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022
FOR
THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

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ASSOCIATION LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER: 02736405)**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

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**THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

DIRECTORS:	A E Foster E Hartley T P McGee N Burnham J Clarke J Trump G Burbridge L Anderson P Cooper M Curran T Fisher J Pattison E Young N Sheta
SECRETARY:	Blakelaw Secretaries Limited
REGISTERED OFFICE:	The Argyll Club 16 Old Queen Street London SW1H 9HP
REGISTERED NUMBER:	02736405 (England and Wales)
SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR:	Mr Graham Lyon FCCA
AUDITORS:	CG LEE Limited Chartered Certified Accountants Statutory Auditors Ingram House Meridian Way Norwich Norfolk NR7 0TA

**THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 July 2022.

DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 August 2021 to the date of this report.

A E Foster
E Hartley
T P McGee
N Burnham
J Clarke
J Trump
G Burbridge

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

L Anderson , P Cooper , M Curran , T Fisher , J Pattison , E Young and N Sheta were appointed as directors after 31 July 2022 but prior to the date of this report.

D Dean , R Mann , J Prest , J A Soar , A Williams , I C Wilson and H L Allen ceased to be directors after 31 July 2022 but prior to the date of this report.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Per the Articles of Association, the company refers to the board of directors as "the Council" and therefore directors are considered to be "council members".

The Council appoints a Chair and Vice Chair to run the Council meetings. The council members filling these positions at the year end were:

Chair of Council:
N Burnham

GOING CONCERN

At the date of approval of the accounts, the UK is experiencing high levels of economic, social and political uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine. As such, in assessing the company's ability to adopt the going concern basis in preparation of the financial statements, the directors have considered the financial impact that Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine may have on the business.

As part of this assessment, the directors have taken into account the expected company activity levels in light of Covid-19 and the resulting general increase of costs and inflation resulting from the war. The directors will continue to monitor the situation closely, but at the date of signing the accounts, given the current cash position of the company and the capacity to raise funds to mitigate the impact of any issues arising, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The directors have therefore prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, CG LEE Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

N Burnham - Director

31 October 2022

**THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- each directors has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Sixth Form Colleges' Association Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 July 2022 which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2022 and of its surplus for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Directors' Report and the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 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.

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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
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Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page four, the directors 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 directors determine 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 directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment laws and tax legislation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to revenue and management bias in accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation;
- evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- identifying and testing of journal entries for appropriateness and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business; and
- reviewing significant accounting estimates for management bias.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the 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 company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mr Graham Lyon FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of CG LEE Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditors
Ingram House
Meridian Way
Norwich
Norfolk
NR7 0TA

18 November 2022

**THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGES'
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**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND
RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
TURNOVER		1,329,435	1,014,737
Administrative expenses		<u>1,078,169</u>	<u>837,515</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS	5	251,266	177,222
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>588</u>	<u>2,233</u>
		251,854	179,455
Interest payable and similar expenses		<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION		251,836	179,455
Tax on surplus		<u>6,261</u>	<u>424</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		245,575	179,031
Retained earnings at beginning of year		1,019,985	840,954
RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR		<u>1,265,560</u>	<u>1,019,985</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 JULY 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	6		-		1,885
Tangible assets	7		11,128		16,112
Investments	8		843,273		-
			<u>854,401</u>		<u>17,997</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	200,393		301,517	
Cash at bank		<u>2,255,965</u>		<u>2,648,910</u>	
		2,456,358		2,950,427	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>2,045,199</u>		<u>1,948,439</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>411,159</u>		<u>1,001,988</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,265,560</u>		<u>1,019,985</u>
RESERVES					
Income and expenditure account			<u>1,265,560</u>		<u>1,019,985</u>
			<u>1,265,560</u>		<u>1,019,985</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 31 October 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

N Burnham - Director

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2022**

1. INVESTMENTS

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The company does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise. Other investments are included at cost, which is considered to be approximate to their market value.

2. STATUTORY INFORMATION

The Sixth Form Colleges' Association Limited is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Going Concern

At the date of approval of the accounts, the UK is experiencing high levels of economic, social and political uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine. As such, in assessing the company's ability to adopt the going concern basis in preparation of the financial statements, the directors have considered the financial impact that Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine may have on the business.

As part of this assessment, the directors have taken into account the expected company activity levels in light of Covid-19 and the resulting general increase of costs and inflation resulting from the war. The directors will continue to monitor the situation closely, but at the date of signing the accounts, given the current cash position of the company and the capacity to raise funds to mitigate the impact of any issues arising, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The directors have therefore prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. Turnover relating to subscriptions is recognised in the period to which the subscription relates and right to the consideration is earned.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at costs less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Development costs are being amortised evenly over their estimated useful lives of 3 years.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Taxation

It has been established that the operating activities of the company relating to members are non-commercial and therefore not subject to corporation tax. However, current and future investment income and income derived from non-members is subject to corporation tax and on this basis a provision for the tax liability on this income has been made within the financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period to which they relate.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the income and expenditure account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Investments

Listed investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The company does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments. Realised gains (or losses) on investment assets are calculated as the difference between disposal proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value at that date. Realised and unrealised investment gains (or losses) are combined in the statement of financial activities and are credited (or debited) in the year in which they arise. Other investments are included at cost, which is considered to be approximate to their market value.

4. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 10 (2021 - 8) .

5. OPERATING SURPLUS

The operating surplus is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	6,227	5,393
Website amortisation	<u>1,885</u>	<u>5,653</u>

6. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Other intangible assets £
COST	
At 1 August 2021	
and 31 July 2022	<u>16,960</u>
AMORTISATION	
At 1 August 2021	15,075
Charge for year	<u>1,885</u>
At 31 July 2022	<u>16,960</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2022	<u>-</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>1,885</u>

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7. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
COST	
At 1 August 2021	35,165
Additions	1,332
Disposals	(800)
At 31 July 2022	<u>35,697</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2021	19,053
Charge for year	6,227
Eliminated on disposal	(711)
At 31 July 2022	<u>24,569</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2022	<u>11,128</u>
At 31 July 2021	<u>16,112</u>

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Other investments £
COST OR VALUATION	
Additions	850,010
Revaluations	(6,737)
At 31 July 2022	<u>843,273</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2022	<u>843,273</u>

Cost or valuation at 31 July 2022 is represented by:

	Other investments £
Valuation in 2022	<u>843,273</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	173,287	253,514
Other debtors	27,106	48,003
	<u>200,393</u>	<u>301,517</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	16,441	25,996
Taxation and social security	169,578	148,113
Other creditors	1,859,180	1,774,330
	<u>2,045,199</u>	<u>1,948,439</u>

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11. LEASING AGREEMENTS

The company had total guarantees and commitments at the balance sheet date of £182,328 (2021 - £82,401).

12. LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

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