THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST LIMITED

(formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall)
(a company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 August 2012

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Year ended 31 August 2012

Governors (Trustees)

(NB all governors are directors of The Shotton Hall Learning Trust)

* Finance/Premises & Grounds Committee Members

General Governors

Mr Roy Simpson (Chair) Trust Member
Mrs Diane Nicholson* Trust Member
Mr Jake Cameron* Trust Member
Mrs Susan McDonnell* Trust Member
Mr Gary Wheatley* (resigned xxx)
Mr Gordon Maughan – Responsible Officer
Mrs Sandra Mason*

Local Authority Governor

Mr Dennis Coates*(Chair Finance)

Parent Governors

Mr Paul Smith Mr Aiden Jame McKenzie Mr John Clipperton* Mrs Katherine Hardman Mr John Park* Mrs Amanda Moon* Mrs Fay Talbot*

Staff Governors

Mrs Sarah Crowdy Mr Ashok Patel Mrs Dawn Bell

Principal

Mrs Lesley Powell

Company Secretary

Senior Management Team:

Vice Principal
Assistant Principals

Leadership Team

Associate Assistant Principals

Head of Finance

Head of Administrative Services

Mr Lee Alexander - Appointed 01/12/2011 (Carole Barclay – resigned 31/11/2011)

Mr Brian Burlinson Mrs Valerie Bell Mr Bryan Stephenson Miss Alex Hook Mr Rodger Davies Mrs Chris Wolfendale

Senior Management team

Miss S Pallister Miss A Favaro Mr S Taylor Mr A Patel Mr Lee Alexander Mrs D Livingston

THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST (formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall) COMPANY INFORMATION (continued)

Year ended 31 August 2012

Principal and Registered Office

The Shotton Hall Learning Trust

Passfield Way Peterlee Co Durham SR8 1NX

Company Registration Number

07492165

Independent Auditor

Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP

1 St James' Gate Newcastle upon Tyne

NEI 4AD

Bankers

Lloyds TSB PO Box 1000 Andover BX1 1LT

Solicitors

Ward Hadaway Law Firm

Sandgate House 102 Quayside Newcastle upon Tyne

NE1 3DX

Year ended 31 August 2012

The governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2012

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The company was incorporated on 13 January 2011 and converted to Academy status on 1 February 2011. The governors act as trustees for charitable activities of The Shotton Hall Learning Trust and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as The Shotton Hall Learning Trust.

Details of the Governors who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3

Members' liability

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

Principal activities

The Academy's object ("the Object") is specifically restricted to the following to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum. The Academy Trust shall ensure that the broad and balanced curriculum includes English, Mathematics and Science and shall make provision for the teaching of religious education. The Academy Trust shall ensure that the Academy complies with any guidance issued by the Secretary of State from time to time to ensure that pupils take part in assessments and in teacher assessments of pupils' performance as they apply to maintained schools. In respect of all key stages the Academy Trust will submit the Academy to monitoring and moderation of its assessment arrangements as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of governors

The Members of the Academy comprise of the three signatories to the Memorandum and one other person who was appointed under Article 16 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. Details of the governing body are shown in the Reference and Administration details. The members may appoint Staff governors through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Governors including the Principal who are employees of the Academy Trust does not exceed one third of the total number of Governors. Durham County Council has appointed the Local Authority (LA) Governor. The Parent Governors are elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. A Parent Governor must be a parent of a pupil at the Academy at the time when they are elected and the governing body make all necessary arrangements for elections. If the number of Parent Governors standing for election is less than the number of vacancies then the Governing Body can appoint the parent Governors. The Governors may appoint up to 3 Co-opted Governors. A Co-opted Governor, means a person who is appointed to be a Governor by being Co-opted by Governors who have not themselves been so appointed. The Secretary of State may appoint such Additional Governors as he thinks fit under Article 62, 62A, 62C or 68A. The term of office for any Governor shall be 4 years. At the Governors first meeting each school year they will elect a chairman and vice-chairman.

GOVERNORS' REPORT

Year ended 31 August 2012

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of governors

The Academy Trust are provided with support from the School and Governor Support Service with the LA in the form of a Service Level Agreement. The provision of individual and full Governing Body training through an annual Course Directory which is reviewed each year to reflect any changes in practice and legislation Governors also have access to the website and a Governor Information File to assist in their induction Governors receive a copy of the termly magazine 'School Governor' also

Organisational structure

An Academy Trust Annual General Meeting – must be held every year and be called as such, not more than 15 months shall elapse between the date of one AGM and that of the next The Academy Trust Members also hold a termly meeting

Governors

A meeting of Full Governors takes place termly In accordance with the School Staffing Regulations the current committee arrangements, including membership and remits together with virement and expenditure limits and delegation of staff functions will be considered at the first meeting on an annual basis

Committee Structure

Pastoral Committee (Attendance, Admissions and Safeguarding)

- · Attendance of students
- Mechanisms to improve attendance
- Measures to reward attendance
- Admissions procedures
- Safeguarding

Meetings Termly or when required

Disqualification Prior knowledge in cases of pupil discipline or complaints

Finance/Premises & Grounds Committee

To consider all matters received relating to the financial aspects of the Academy, including

- · Approval of internal financial procedures,
 - Financial regulations manual,
 - Purchasing and procurement, including limits for tendering,
 - Payroll, including arrangements for making PAYE deductions and completing tax forms for HM Revenue and Customs
 - Receipt of gift and hospitality,
- Approval of the Academy's budget and associated procedures including
 Nomination of a governor to have responsibility for monitoring of the Development Plan,
 Establishment of procedure and timetable for regular reporting of financial progress against budget to both the headteacher (accounting officer) and the governing body
- Setting and approval of delegated authority levels and signatories for cheques, bank forms and DfE returns
- Delegation of appropriate powers and functions to the Headteacher including responsibility for the
 internal organisation and control of the academy, the implementation of all policies approved by
 the governing body and the direction of teaching and the curriculum
- Nomination and appointment of a governor to act as 'responsible officer' for the purposes of making periodic checks on the academy's systems, controls and financial transactions (The RO cannot be the chairman or member of finance sub-committee)
- Oversight of Audit
- Approval of arrangements for recording assets
- Circulation of member's business interests
- Approval of insurance arrangements e.g. to cover governors (indemnity), public liability employers' liability and to safeguard assets

GOVERNORS' REPORT

Year ended 31 August 2012

- Receive budget and agree a budget plan
- Monitor and determine spending patterns and consider spending proposals from other committees
- Decide virement
- Consider and promote income generation
- Check the annual accounts of all voluntary funds held by the school
- Health and Safety Issues
- PFI Monitoring

Meetings Termly or each half term if required

Personnel Committee

- Teaching staff appointment (up to TLR 1a delegated to Principal) (Principal and Vice Principal
 appointments will be subject to consideration by the full governing Body)
- Non Teaching Staff appointments (delegated to Principal)
- Temporary appointments (delegated to Principal)
- To check staff appraisal arrangements are in place and being developed
- Consider leave of absence (delegated to Principal)
- Staffing Structure (any budgetary implications submitted to Finance/Premises & Grounds Committee)

Meetings When required

Pay Review Committee

- To act in accordance with the School Pay policy to include matters relating to the determination of additional responsibility points, re-gradings, recruitment and relocation points and the annual review including the Vice Principal and Principal performance review/targets
- To act in accordance with the WSPP (revised and agreed by the Governing Body annually) to include matters relating to the determination of additional responsibility points, re-gradings, recruitment and retention points and the annual review including the Principal's performance review/targets
- Staff disciplinary and grievance matters
- Staff reductions
- Ill health absence

Meetings Autumn term plus as and when necessary Disqualifications school staff, pecuniary interest

Appeals Committee

To consist of all members of the Governing Body not involved or invited to the Committee making the
initial decision on matters relating to pay, discipline and staff reduction (excluding members of staff
employed at the school)

Meetings as and when required, must have no fewer members than the hearing Disqualifications Principal, any governor who was involved in the original hearing Spouse/partner

Teaching Staff Capability Committee

Capability Committee

Hearings up to and including dismissal (dependent upon the level of delegation to the Headteacher e.g. if the Principal has delegated powers up to and including First Written Warning, the committee deals with all other stages up to and including dismissal)

Disqualifications Principal

Capability First Appeal Committee

To hear appeals against decisions taken by the Principal and/or the Capability Committee (up to and including Final Written Warning)

Disqualifications Principal, Chairperson if prior knowledge

Capability Final Appeal

To hear appeals against dismissal (from this capability process only)

Vacancy x 7

Year ended 31 August 2012

Curriculum (Standards, Achievement, Attainment and curriculum)

- To make recommendations to the Governing Body and review the Academy's curriculum statement as required in the light of the Academy curriculum statement and statutory obligations regarding the National Curriculum
- In collaboration with the staff to provide information about how the curriculum is taught, evaluation and resources
- To monitor and review information about pupil performance and reporting to parents
- To receive departmental presentations

Meetings Termly

Pupil Discipline Committee

- To deal with Fixed Term Exclusions over 15 days
- Permanent Exclusions

Meetings As required

General Purposes Committee

- Other issues not covered by other Committees
- Parental Complaints
- Complaints
- Review of SEF
- Review of SIP
- Review of School Targets
- Review of School Policies

Meetings Autumn Term, Summer term and when required

The Steering Group consists of the Principal, Vice Principal, and four Assistant Principals. These managers control the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Governors and reporting back to them. As a group the Senior Management are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff. The Leadership team comprises of the Steering Group, four Associate Assistant principals, The Head of Financial Services and Head of Administrative Services who are responsible for the day to day operation of the Academy including organising the teaching staff, facilities and students

Risk management

The Academy has produced a risk register in order to formally identify the major risks to which the Academy is exposed. A number of systems to assess risks that the school faces, especially in operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and educational visits) have already been introduced and furthermore, appropriate arrangements (e.g. a regular and thorough lesson observation programme, safer recruitment, vetting of visitors and staff supervision procedures) are firmly in place to minimise risk. This includes an effective system of internal financial controls. Where significant financial risk remains, adequate insurance cover is in place.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

The Academy does not work in federation with any other organisation. However, informal relationships with local schools, universities, ITT providers and businesses exist where these partnerships assist in the achievement of Academy objectives.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The principal object and activity of the charitable trust is the operation of the Academy at Shotton Hall to provide education for pupils between the ages of 11 and 16

The Academy's admissions code has governor approval and is published on the website www.shottonhallschool.co.uk The Academy has a rolling programme of self evaluation and this is summarised in the Academy Self Evaluation Form Action points from the evaluation are then developed in the Academy Action Plan

Year ended 31 August 2012

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our Aims and Objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Governors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. The Academy has provided a fully comprehensive education to all students in its care. It fully complies with all statutory guidance and seeks to support its wider educational objectives via a strong community role.

Achievements and Performance

Students enter the Academy at Shotton Hall with attainment that places them slightly below average. In particular, literacy and numeracy skills are low and approximately half of each year group require intervention in these areas to support their learning. The Academy scores highly in the indices of multiple deprivation with 25% of students eligible for FSM (10% above national average).

According to the IDAG index more than 50% of our students live in the lowest 30% areas of deprivation in the country. Students leave the academy with results that are significantly above average as far as attainment is concerned (raw results compared to national averages) and this means that learning and progress are outstanding. This picture has been strengthened and consolidated over a period of time, with value added (an educational measure of overall performance) showing that our students leave the Academy with achievements in terms of exam performance statistically significantly higher than would be expected.

In 2012 we significantly exceeded all targets with 96% of students achieving 5+ A*-C grades and 97% achieving 8+A*-C grades

Nearly a third achieved at least 3 A*-C grades and 67% achieved 5+A*-C grades including English and Maths

All subjects, except one, produced results significantly above national average at A*-C and more than half were above national averages at A*-A grades

Individually, English and Maths results were both around 8% above national averages and Science more than 35% above national averages. These figures continue to show significant improvement on previous years and continue to place us in the outstanding category for Achievement (the sum of attainment and progress) Attendance and P A data were also outstanding

These outcomes were achieved via the pursuit of our objectives, utilising resources effectively to address issues as these arose

Going concern

Taking into account consideration of all relevant facts and circumstances and after making appropriate enquiries the Governing Body has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. There are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. For this reason it adopts the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Financial Review

The Academy received a 'carry forward' sum of £594,432 from Durham County Council which represented the surplus funds of Shotton Hall School as at 31st January 2011 In accordance with EFA guidance this amount was shown in the statement of financial activities in 2011 as 'voluntary income'

The majority of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted for particular purposes. Such grants and all associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities for the period ending 31st August 2012.

The Academy received contributions from the DfE of £482,620 to bridge the "Affordability Gap" in the LA Private Finance Initiative for the building of the school premises Private Finance Initiative (PFI) costs are shown net of this contribution in note 9

Year ended 31 August 2012

During the year ending 31st August 2012 total expenditure of £6,576,549 was more than covered by recurrent DfE grant funding together with other incoming resources. The excess of income over expenditure was £392,736 before transfers to the fixed asset fund. Capital expenditure of £493,975 which was mainly in relation to the planned expansion of classroom space and other IT software and equipment has utilised the carry forward and current year GAG resulting in a small residual GAG carry forward.

The Academy's Finance Manual sets out the key financial responsibilities and policies including delegation of spending and virement limits, capitalisation limit, purchasing procedures including procurement regulations and systems of internal control. During the year minor changes have been made with regards to the virement limits and the capitalisation limit for certain asset types.

All expenditure of the Academy Trust is made in line with this manual as and such, supports the provision of Education of all pupils on role

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The Academy manages its risks appropriately. We consider that risks such as the uncertainty over the LGPS deficit and future recurrent funding provision possibly due to the introduction of a national funding formula will feature in the financial risk register as the main areas of concern

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Principal risks and uncertainties continue to arise from the rapid pace of change in the educational landscapes arising from the change in government and the development of the Academies framework. In curricular terms we have adopted a working brief and are ensuring we respond quickly and flexibly. The largest concern arises from discussion of a national funding formula as all schools are unclear as to how this would impact financially. Early projections suggest we may not be adversely affected however the 2013/14 funding reform is still under review. Again as we have significant numbers on FSM this should cushion us, via the pupil premium, against the worst effects. The LGPS pension liability remains a concern due to the uncertainty of future contribution rates and deficit payments as a result of an error identified with the actuarial review data, however the triennial review of the LGPS is expected in April 2013.

Reserves policy

It is intended that the Governors will review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review will encompass the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

A long term pension deficit exists at 31 August 2012 £1,199,000 A prior period adjustment has been recognised in relation to the brought forward pension deficit as detailed in note 27 to the financial statements

The level of free reserves at the end of the period ending 31 August 2012 was £856,881

A programme to seek planning permission and procure a contract to provide additional car parking space is about to begin and it is expected that the work and associated expenditure will take place in the 2012/13 Academic year

Investment policy

Governors have formally discussed investment options on a number of occasions and previously concluded that in the current economic climate such a policy would pose a risk to the Academy. However recently more attractive rates of return are available and the Governors agreed a formal investment policy should be developed for the Governors' approval. The level of interest paid on the Academy's current account continues to attract a more favourable rate of interest than the instant access deposit account held at present.

Plans for Future Periods

These are included in detail within the "Academy development plan" which is available on the Academy's website

Auditors

Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office

Year ended 31 August 2012

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

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The Governors have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant information of which the auditors are unaware. Each of the Governors have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Governors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

Approved by order of the Governing Board at its meeting on 4 December 2012 and signed on its behalf by

Roy Simpson

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Year ended 31 August 2012

Scope of responsibility

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

The Governing Body 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 Shotton Hall Learning Trust and the Secretary of State for Education They are also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body 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 governing body has formally met 3 times during the year Attendance during the year at meetings of the governing body was as follows.

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mrs D Bell	3	3
Mr J Cameron	3	3
Mr J Clipperton	1	3
Mrs S Crowdy	2	3
Mr D Coates	3	3
Mrs K Hardman	1	3
Mrs S Mason	2	3
Mr G Maughan, Responsible Officer	2	3
Ms S McDonnell	2	3
Mr A McKenzie	1	3
Mrs A Moon	3	3
Mrs d Nicholson	2	3
Mr J Park	3	3
Mr A Patel	2	3
Mrs L Powell, Principal	3	3
Mr R Simpson, Chair	3	3
Mr P Smith	0	3
Mrs F Talbot	2	3
Mr G Wheatley	0	3

During the year Mr G Wheatley resigned from the committee due to other work commitments

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub-committee of the main governing body. Its purpose is to consider all financial matters of the Academy including agreement and monitoring of internal controls. During the year Mr. G. Wheatley resigned from the committee due to other work commitments. Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows.

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
Mr J Cameron	5	5
Mr J Clipperton	0	5
Mr D Coates	5	5
Mrs S Mason	2	5
Ms S McDonnell	5	5
Mrs A Moon	5	5
Mrs D Nicholson	4	5
Mr J Park	3	5
Mrs L Powell, Principal	5	5
Mrs F Talbot	4	5
Mr G Wheatley	0	0

THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST (formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall) GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Year ended 31 August 2012

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 ongoing 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 Shotton Hall Learning Trust for the year ended 31 August 2012 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Governing Body reviews the key risks of the Academy Trust on an on-going basis to minimise any potential risk together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Governing Body 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 ending 31 August 2012 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Governing Body

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 Governing Body,
- regular reviews by the Finance and Premises committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes,
- · setting targets to measure financial and other performance,
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties,
- · identification and management of risks

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Year ended 31 August 2012

The Governing Body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the governors have appointed Gordon Maughan, a governor, as Responsible Officer ('RO'). The RO's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. On a quarterly basis, the RO reports to the Governing Body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities. To date the RO has performed 3 quarterly checks and has reported to the Governors accordingly.

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 Responsible Officer
- The work of the external auditor
- The financial management and governance self assessment process
- The work of the Head of Finance within the Academy Trust who has 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 and Premises Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on 4 December 2012 and signed on its behalf by

Roy Simpson Chair Wilson

Lesley Powell
Accounting Officer

THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST (formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall) STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

Year ended 31 August 2012

As Accounting Officer of The Shotton Hall Learning Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust governing body and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook

I confirm that I and the academy trust governing body 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 Academies Financial Handbook

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date

Mrs Lesley Powell Accounting officer 4 December 2012 Splowelf

THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST (formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall) STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Year ended 31 August 2012

The governors (who act as trustees for charitable activities of The Shotton Hall Learning Trust and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Requirements issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally 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,

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- make judgments and 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 grants received from the EFA/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 governing body on 4 December 2012 and signed on its behalf by

Roy Simpson Chair

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST (formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall)

We have audited the financial statements of The Shotton Hall Learning Trust Limited for the year ended 31 August 2012 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, and related notes The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and the Academies Accounts Direction 2011/12 issued by the Education Funding Agency

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

Respective responsibilities of governors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities set out on page 16, the governors (who act as trustees for the charitable activities of the charitable company, and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www frc org uk/apb/scope/private cfm

Opinion on financial statements

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 2012 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 Companies Act 2006, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2011/12 issued by the Education Funding Agency

Opinion on other requirement of the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Governors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, 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

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CLAIRE LEECE (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

1 St James' Gate

Newcastle upon Tyne

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THE SHOTTON HALL LEARNING TRUST (formerly The Academy at Shotton Hall) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including income and expenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses)
for the year ended 31 August 2012

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 2012	Restated 7 month period Total 2011
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds		07.025	12.226	22 221	122 522	149 663
 Voluntary income Voluntary income - transfer 	4 26	97,035	13,226	23,271	133,532	148,662 (248,767)
on conversion	20	-	-	-	-	(240,707)
- Activities for generating funds	5	354 726	-	-	354,726	171,130
Investment income Incoming resources from charitable activities	6	1,692	-	-	1,692	409
- Funding of the Academy educational operations	2	_	6,479,335		6,479,335	3,537,368
•	2					
Total incoming resources		453,453	6,492,561	23,271	6,969,285	3,608,802
Resources expended						
Costs of Generating Funds						
- Costs of generating voluntary income	8	26,188	-	-	26,188	14,049
Costs of activities for generating funds Charitable activities	8	289,301	-	-	289,301	150,088
- Academy's educational operations	9	36,798	6,175,155	23,255	6,235,208	3,291,640
Governance costs	10	-	25,852		25,852	18,075
Total resources expended		352,287	6,201,007	23,255	6,576,549	3,473,852
Net incoming resources before other					<u> </u>	
recognised gains and losses and transfers		101,166	291,554	16	392,736	134,950
Gross transfer between funds		•	(493,975)	493,975	_	_
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	16	-	(244,000)	-	(244,000)	15,000
Net Income for the Year		101,166	(446,421)	493,991	148,736	149,950
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Fund Balance brought forward as reported		755,715	(281,765)	-	473,950	-
Prior year adjustment Fund balances brought forward restated	16	755,715	(324,000) (605,765)	-	(324,000) 149,950	-
Fund balances carried forward as at 31 August 2012		856,881	(1,052,186)	493,991	298,686	149,950
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All of the Academy Trust's activities derive from continuing operations during the above 2 financial periods. The 2011 accounts have been restated following a prior period adjustment relating to the FRS17 actuarial valuation see note 27. A statement of total recognised gains and losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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BALANCE SHEET at 31 August 2012

Fixed assets Tangible assets 12 470,720 Current assets	14,153 1,046,021 907,990 1,968,164
	1,046,021 907,990
	1,046,021 907,990
Stock 13 6,057	1,046,021 907,990
Debtors 14 1,103,347	
Cash at bank and in hand 1,634,456	1 968 164
2,743,860	1,700,104
Creditors amounts falling due within one year 15 (1,716,894)	(939,214)
Net current assets 1,026,966	1,028,950
1,020,000	
Net assets (excluding pension scheme liability) 1,497,686	1,028,950
Pension scheme liability 16 (1,199,000)	(879,000)
Net assets (including pension scheme liability) 298,686	149,950
Total funds of charity	
Restricted fund	
Fixed Asset fund 17 493,991	-
General fund 17 146,814	273,235
Pension reserve 16 (1,199,000)	(879,000)
17 (558,195)	(605,765)
Unrestricted fund	
General fund 18 856,881	755,715
Total funds 18 298,686	149,950

The financial statements on pages 18 to 40 were approved by the Governors and authorised for issue on 4 December 2012 and signed on their behalf by

Roy Simpson Chair

CASHFLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 August 2012

	Note	2012	Restated 7 month period 2011
		£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	25a	1,195,478	872,163
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid		1,692 -	409 (383)
		1,692	26
Capital income/(expenditure) Capital grants from DfE Purchase of tangible fixed assets		23,271 (493,975) (470,704)	-
Cash balance transferred on conversion	25b	-	35,801
Net increase in cash		726,466	907,990
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds Increase in cash in the period		726,466	907,990
Change in net funds Net funds at 1 September 2011		726,466 907,990	-
Net funds at 31 August 2012		1,634,456	907,990
	At 1 September 2011 £	Cash Flows £	At 31 August 2012 £
Cash at bank and in hand	907,990	726,466	1,634,456

for the year ended 31 August 2012

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the period are

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP 2005') 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', the Academies Accounts Direction 2011/12 issued by the Education Funding Agency and Companies Act 2006 A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below

Conversion to an Academy Trust

The Academy converted from a state maintained school to an academy trust on the 1 February 2011, the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £nil consideration was accounted for under the acquisition accounting method. The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from the maintained school Shotton Hall School to an academy trust were valued at their fair value being a reasonable estimate of the current market value that the governors would expect to pay in an open market for an equivalent item at the time of conversion. The fair value is in accordance with the accounting policies set out for The Shotton Hall Learning Trust. The amounts were recognised under the appropriate 2011 balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in voluntary income as a gift in the SOFA and analysed under unrestricted, restricted general funds. Further details of the transaction are set out in note 26.

Going Concern

After reviewing financial and other information available, the governors consider 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 financial statements

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy Trust has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability

Grants receivable

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. The general annual grant ('the GAG') from the DfE, which is intended to meet recurrent costs, is credited directly to the Statement of Financial Activities. Other grants from government agencies and other bodies are recognised in the period in which they are receivable to the extent the conditions of funding have been met. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received the income is accrued.

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt and the amount can be reliably measured

Other income

Other income including hire of facilities is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or the completion of the service

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Interest receivable

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Interest receivable is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis, and is stated inclusive of related tax credits

Resources expended

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to each activity cost category on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds

Charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the Academy Trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Governors' meetings and reimbursed expenses

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 General funds are resources subject to specific restrictions imposed by funders or donors, and include grants from the EFA/DfE

Restricted Fixed Assets Funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the EFA, where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose

Building Schools for the Future

The Academy occupies buildings which have been procured by Durham Local Authority under the BSF programme as a PFI project. The Academy pays revenue contributions in respect of Facilities Management. The BSF contract will expire in 2036. The Academy does not have any rights or obligations of ownership in respect of these assets, and therefore they are not included on the Academy's balance sheet. The revenue payment for service (net of affordability gap contribution) is recognised in the SOFA.

When the Academy procures and pays for additional furniture or equipment, or changes to the building, the costs are capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the Tangible Fixed Asset policy below

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised at cost 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 the related grants require the asset to be held for a specific purpose they are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet, with this amount being reduced over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life between 5 and 10 years dependant on the type of asset

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.

Stock

Unsold catering stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value

Taxation

The Academy Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 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 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.

Leased assets

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

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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, are contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme ('SERPS'), and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in Note 16, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the Academy Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

The LGPS is a funded 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 method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

Prior period adjustment

During the year a material misstatement was identified in the 2010/11 FRS17 disclosure due to an error in the preparation of membership data compiled by the Local Authority. The actuary has recalculated the FRS17 disclosure based on revised data for the year ending 31 August 2011 and the relevant statements and notes to the accounts have been restated.

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2 FUNDING OF THE ACADEMIES EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed assets fund £	·	2012 Total £	7 month period 2011 Total £
DfE/EFA REVENUE GRANTS						*
General annual grant (GAG) (note 3) Other DfE/EFA grants		6,177,913 152,805	-	-	7,913 2,805	3,379,910 113,644
	-	6,330,718	-	6,33	0,718	3,493,554
OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS Other grants	-	148,617	_	14	8,617	43,814
	-	148,617	-	14	8,617	43,814
	<u>-</u>	6,479,335	-	6,47	9,335	3,537,368
GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT (GAG)			;	2012	pe	onth criod 2011
a. Results and Carry Forward for the y	ear			£		£
GAG brought forward from previous year GAG allocation for the current period	•		179 6,177	9,139 7,913	3,379	- 9,910
Total GAG available to spend			6,357	7,052	3,379	9,910
Recurrent expenditure from GAG Fixed assets purchased from GAG),081) 3,975)	(3,200),771) -
GAG carried forward to next year			12	2,996	179	0,139
Maximum permitted GAG carry forward			(741	,350)	(405	5,589)
of current period (12% of allocation for consequence of GAG to surrender to DfE	urrent period)		(728	3,354)	(226	5,450)
(12% breached if result is positive)			No br	each	No br	each
b. Use of GAG brought forward from precurrent purposes	orevious year fo	r		£		£
Recurrent expenditure from GAG in current GAG allocation for current year GAG allocation for previous year x 2%	ent year),081 7,913) 7,598)		- - -
GAG brought forward from previous y 2%, used on recurrent expenditure in c		7		5,430)		
(2% rule breached if positive)	25		No br	each	No br	reach

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4	VOLUNTARY INCOME
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VOLUNTARY INCOME			D. A. Maria		5
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed assets fund £	2012 Total £	7 month period 2011 Total
Other income	91,201	13,226	-	104,427	£ 99,854
DfE/EFA capital grant Donations	5,834	-	23,271 -	23,271 5,834	23,406 25,402
	97,035	13,226	23,271	133,532	148,662
ACTIVITIES FOR GENERA	TING FUNDS				
		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2012 Total £	7 month period 2011 Total
Catering income		263,424	_	263,424	£ 113,943
School trips		77,890	_	77,890	48,062
Income from lettings		11,433	_	11,433	8,766
Sale of merchandise		1,979	•	1,979	359
		354,726		354,726	171,130
INVESTMENT INCOME					
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds £	2012 Total £	7 month period 2011 Total £
Bank interest		1,692	-	1,692	409

RESOURCES EXPENDED 7

	Staff Costs	Depreciation £	Other	Total 2012	7 month period Total 2011
	<i>a</i> .	*		*	
Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	26,188	26,188	14,049
Cost of activities for generating funds	-	-	289,301	289,301	150,088
Academy's Educational Operations					
Direct costs	4,718,051	-	531,256	5,249,307	2,885,209
Allocated support costs	1,300	23,255	961,346	985,901	406,431
Governance including allocated support	-	•	25,852	25,852	18,075
	4,719,351	23,255	1,833,943	6,576,549	3,473,852
					

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7 RESOURCES EXPENDED (continued)

	Net incoming resources for the year are stated after			2012 £	7 month period 2011 £
	Fees payable to Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP and its associates for - audit - other services PFI costs			9,000 1,530 356,895	7,000 1,335 198,333
8	COST OF GENERATING FUNDS	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Total 2012	7 month period Total 2011
	Cost of generating voluntary income Marketing Cost of activities for generating funds Catering expenditure School trips	26,188 203,970 85,331	£ - -	26,188 	14,049 83,726 66,362
		289,301	-	289,301	150,088

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9 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES – ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted general funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total 2012 £	7 month period 2011
Direct costs					0 (51,000
Teaching and education support staff costs	-	4,718,051	-	4,718,051	2,654,228
Books, apparatus & stationery	22,828	262,025	-	284,853	143,537
Examination fees	-	133,840	-	133,840	51,624
Staff development	-	80,359	-	80,359	13,650
Education consultancy		32,204		32,204	22,170
Total direct costs	22,828	5,226,479	-	5,249,307	2,885,209
Allocated support costs					
Personnel Costs		1.200			12.220
Support staff costs		1,300	-	1,300	13,329
		1,300	-	1,300	13,329
Establishment Expenses					
Maintenance of premises & equipment	-	302,382	-	302,382	46,132
PFI costs	-	356,895	-	356,895	199,333
Rates	-	39,492	-	39,492	20,277
Insurance	-	57,766	-	57,766	34,465
Security	-	-	•	-	12,423
	-	756,535		756,535	312,630
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General Expenses Recruitment & support	_	7,076	_	7,076	200
Bank interest & charges (incl FRS 17)	-	44,547	-	44,547	24,383
Cleaning costs	_	1,590	-	1,590	1,187
Other support costs	13,970	137,628	-	151,598	54,702
Depreciation	-	-	23,255	23,255	-
	13,970	190,841	23,255	228,066	80,472
Total allocated support costs	13,970	948,676	23,255	985,901	406,431
Total costs	36,798	6,175,155	23,255	6,235,208	3,291,640
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GOVERNANCE COSTS	2012	7 month period 2011
	£	£
Audit fees	9,000	7,000
Accountancy fees	3,430	1,335
Legal and professional	13,422	9,740
Governors expenses	-	-
	25,852	18,075
STAFF COSTS		
	2012	7 month period 2011
	£	£
Staff costs during the period were		
Wages and salaries	3,884,773	2,199,987
Social security costs	306,507	167,228
Pension costs (including FRS 17 credit 2012 £31,000 2011 £9,000)	503,806	286,013
	4,695,086	2,653,228
Supply teacher costs	1,300	13,329
Compensation payments	8,282	-
	4,704,668	2,666,557

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the Academy Trust during the Year ended 31 August 2012 was as follows

	2012 No.	2011 No.
Teachers	68	64
Administration and support	57	57
Management	8	8
	133	129

The number of employees whose annual emoluments excluding pension contributions fell within the following bands was

	2012 No.	2011 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	3	5
£70,001 - £80,000	1	_
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	_
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During the year ended 31 August 2012, pension contributions for the above staff amounted to £50,662 (2011 £33,667)

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11 STAFF COSTS (continued)

GOVERNORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Principal and staff governors only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff governors and not in respect of their services as governors. Other governors did not receive any payments from the Academy Trust in respect of their role as governors. The annual amount of Principal's remuneration was £97,811 (2011 £84,271). The annual salaries of staff governors' was £114,373 (2011 £113,584).

During the year ended 31 August 2012 the governors received no reimbursement relating to travel and subsistence expenses

Related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 22

GOVERNORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Equipment Fixtures & Fittings	IT Software	Total
	£	ritings £	£	£
Cost	~	-	-	_
Additions	331,666	113,106	49,203	493,975
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2012	331,666	113,106	49,203	493,975
Depreciation				
Charge in period	13,249	6,373	3,633	23,255
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2012	13,249	6,373	3,633	23,255
Net book value				
At 31 August 2012	318,417	106,733	45,570	470,720

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Catering Catering	13	STOCK		
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Trade debtors		Catering		
Trade debtors			6,057	14,153
Trade debtors	14	DEBTORS		
Trade debtors			2012	
Prepayments and accrued income Other debtors 439,860 29,436 29,436 1,103,347 1,046,021 1,103,347 1,046,021 1,103,347 1,046,021 1,103,347 1,046,021 1,046,021 2011			•-	
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1,103,347 1,046,021				
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		Other debtors	439,860	29,436
Trade creditors			1,103,347	1,046,021
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1,716,894 939,214				-
2012 2011 Accruals and deferred income comprises.		Other creditors	764	65,822
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Deferred income at 31 August 2012 408,700 255,820 Accruals 172,409 88,573				-
Accruals 172,409 88,573		Incoming resources deferred in the period	408,700	255,820
		Deferred income at 31 August 2012	408,700	255,820
Total accruals and deferred income 581,109 344,393		Accruals	172,409	88,573
		Total accruals and deferred income	581,109	344,393

^{£72}k of the deferred income relates to a teaching grant activities to be utilised in 2012/13 whereby SORP income recognition criteria not met at 31 August 2012

^{£300}k of the deferred income relates to PFI contributions re 2012/13 to be recognised against relevant expenditure £25k relates to monies received for school trips to be utilised in 2012/13

^{£12}k relates to pupil premium monies received in advance

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16 PENSIONS 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 Durham County Council Both are defined benefit schemes

As described in note 26, the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the Academy Trust, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to and did join the Scheme in the year/period. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the Academy Trust at the balance sheet date.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31 March 2004 and of the LGPS 31 March 2010.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the end of the financial period

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The TPS is an unfunded defined benefit scheme. Contributions on a "pay-as-you-go" basis are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the Superannuation Act 1972. A notional asset value is ascribed to the scheme for the purpose of determining contribution rates.

The pensions cost is normally assessed no less than every four years in accordance with the advice of the Government Actuary. The assumptions and other data that have the most significant effect on the determination of the contribution levels are as follows.

Latest actuarial valuation (under the new provisions)31 March 2004Actuarial methodProspective benefitsInvestment returns per annum6 5 per cent per annumSalary scale increases per annum5 0 per cent per annumNotional value of assets at date of last valuation£162,650 million

Proportion of members' accrued benefits covered by the notional value of the assets

98 88%

Following the implementation of Teacher's Pension (Employer' Supplementary Contribution) Regulations 2000, the Government Actuary carried out a further review on the level of employer contributions. The employer contribution rate has remained constant during the year ending 31 August 2012 at 14 1%. From 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013, the employee contribution rate will range between 6 4% and 8 8%, depending on a member's Full Time Equivalent salary. Further changes to the employee contribution rate will be applied in 2013-14 and 2014-15.

Under the definitions set out in Financial Standards (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme.

Accordingly, the Academy Trust has taken the exemption in FRS 17 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined-contribution scheme. The Academy Trust has set out above the information available on the scheme and the implications for the Academy Trust in terms of the anticipated rates.

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16 PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the Year ended 31 August 2012 was £128,100 of which employer's contributions totalled contribution totalled £86,300. The agreed rates for future years are 11.9% per cent for employers with additional contributions to fund the scheme deficit of £15,996.

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2012	2011
Rate of increase in salaries	4 7%	5 2%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment	2 2%	2 8%
Discount rate	4 2%	5 3%
Inflation (CPI)	2 2%	2 8%

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

	2012	2011
	£	£
Retiring today		
Males	22 0	219
Females	24 1	24 0
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	23 8	23 7
Females	26 1	26 0

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16 PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

The Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were

Restated Value at August 2011
£
287,000
36,000
166,000
63,000
16,000
568,000
447,000)
879,000)

The actual return on scheme assets was £36,000 (2011 £19,000)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2012 £	Restated 2011
Current service cost (net of employee contributions) Employer contributions	117,000 (86,000)	66,000 (76,000)
Total operating charge/(credit) (staff costs)	31,000	(10,000)
Expected return on pension scheme assets Interest on pension liabilities	(36,000) 81,000	(19,000) 42,000
Pension finance costs	45,000	23,000

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16 PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

The actuarial gains and losses for the current period are recognised in the SOFA

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the statement of recognised gains and losses since the adoption of FRS 17 is £229,000 loss (2011 £15,000 gain)

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows	2012 £	Restated 2011
Transferred from Local Authority on conversion	1,447,000	1,356,000
Current service cost	117,000	66,000
Interest cost	81,000	42,000
Employee contributions	42,000	23,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)	260,000	(39,000)
Benefits paid	(2,000)	(1,000)
At 31 August	1,945,000	1,447,000
Movements in the fair value of Academy Trust's share of scheme assets		
Transferred from Local Authority on conversion	568,000	475,000
Expected return on assets	36,000	19,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	16,000	(24,000)
Employer contributions	86,000	76,000
Employee contributions	42,000	23,000
Benefits paid	(2,000)	(1,000)
At 31 August	746,000	568,000

Employer contributions for the year ended 31 August 2012 have remained constant at 11 9%, changes to future contribution rates are unknown at this time but are expected to increase

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16 PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

The history of experience adjustments is as follows

	2012 £	2011 £
Present value of defined benefit obligations	(1,945,000)	(1,447,000)
Fair value of share of scheme assets	746,000	568,000
Deficit in the scheme	(1,199,000)	(879,000)
Experience adjustments on share of scheme assets Amount	16,000	(24,000)
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities Amount	<u>-</u>	_

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17 FUNDS

	Restated Balance at 1 September 2011 £	Incoming resources	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2012 £
Restricted General Fund General Annual Grant (GAG) Pension reserve	179,139 (879,000)	6,177,913	(5,850,081) (76,000)	(493,975) (244,000)	12,996 (1,199,000)
	(699,861)	6,177,913	(5,926,081)	(737,975)	(1,186,004)
DfE Revenue DfE Capital Other Income Other Government	70,690 23,406 -	152,805 - 13,226 148,617	(152,996) - (13,226) (99,584)	- - -	70,499 23,406 - 49,033
Donations Other Teaching School activity	-	-	(9,120)	-	(9,120)
Restricted General Funds	(605,765)	6,492,561	(6,201,007)	(737,975)	(1,052,186)
Restricted Fixed Asset Fund DfE capital grants Capital expenditure form GAG	- -	23,271	(23,255)	- 493,975	23,271 470,720
Restricted Fixed asset Funds		23,271	(23,255)	493,975	493,991
Total Restricted Funds	(605,765)	6,515,832	(6,224,262)	(244,000)	(558,195)
Unrestricted Funds	755,715	453,453	(352,287)	-	856,881
Total Funds	149,950	6,969,285	(6,576,549)	(244,000)	298,686

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

General Annual Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy The Academy is allowed to carry forward up to 12% of the current (GAG) Of the carried forward amount, up to 2% of GAG can be used for general purposes at the discretion of the Academy, but any balance over 2% must be used for capital purposes

Restricted fixed asset funds are mainly funded by a transfer from restricted GAG funds of £493,975 made during the year matching against capital expenditure incurred. Also during the year DfE capital grants of £23,271 have been received and are expected to fund additional site car parking.

Remaining restricted funding noted above is to be utilised in the year to 31 August 2013

Unrestricted income mainly relates to the initial carry forward received from the Local Authority at conversion, this fund is expected to be retained

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18 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Fund £	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund £	Total 2012 £
Tangible fixed assets			470,720	470,720
Current assets	856,881	1,863,708	23,271	2,743,860
Current liabilities	•	(1,716,894)	-	(1,716,894)
Pension liability	<u>-</u>	(1,199,000)		(1,199,000)
Total net assets	856,881	(1,052,186)	493,991	298,686
CAPITAL COMMITMENTS				
			Total	Total
			2012	2011
			£	£
Contracted for but not provided for in the fi	nancial statements			11,000
				11,000

20 OPERATING LEASES

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At 31 August the Academy Trust had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	2012	2011
	£	£
Land and buildings		
Expiring within one year	-	-
Expiring within two and five years inclusive	-	-
Expiring in over five years	370,852	346,924
	370,852	346,924

21 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Academy is a charitable company limited by guarantee, has no share capital and is controlled by its members

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22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations and the composition of the board of governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the board of governors may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

23 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In the event that during the period of the funding agreement, the Academy sells or disposes of any asset for which a capital grant was received, the Academy shall repay the same proportion of the proceeds of sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State, unless the Secretary of State agrees to some or all of the proceeds being retained by the Academy for its charitable purposes

24 MEMBERS LIABILITY

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

25a RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASHFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

		2012	Restated 7 month period 2011
		£	£
	Net income	392,736	134,950
	Depreciation	23,255	-
	Cash impact of transfer on conversion	-	(35,801)
	Interest payable and similar charges	-	383
	Interest receivable	(1,692)	(409)
	Capital grants from DfE	(23,271)	
	FRS 17 pension finance cost	31,000	(10,000)
	FRS 17 pension cost less contributions payable	45,000	25,000
	FRS 17 deficit on conversion	-	879,000
	Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	8,096	(14,153)
	Increase in debtors	(57,326)	(1,046,021)
	Increase in creditors	777,680	939,214
		1,195,478	872,163
25b	CASH TRANSFERRED ON CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY		
	Cash balance transferred on conversion (note 26)		35,801
			

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26 CONVERSION TO ACADEMY TRUST

On 1 February 2011 Shotton Hall School converted to Academy Trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to The Shotton Hall Learning Trust from the Durham Local Authority for £nil consideration

The transfer was accounted for using the acquisition method. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as net income in the Statement of Financial Activities as voluntary income.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the SOFA

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Voluntary income analysis:

	Restated TOTAL £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restated Restricted General Fund	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £
School funds	35,801	35,801	-	-
School budget surplus from Durham Local Authority	594,432	594,432	-	-
LGPS pension deficit	(879,000)	-	(879,000)	-
Net liabilities	(248,767)	630,233	(879,000)	-

The above net liabilities include £35,801 that was transferred as cash

27 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During the year an error was identified in the 2011 FRS17 disclosure due to an error in the preparation of membership data. The adjustment below is a result of the actuary recalculating the FRS17 data based on revised information -

	Amount included in 2011 Financial Statements	Restatement of 2011 Financial Statements	Difference
	£	£	£
Balance Sheet			
Net Pension Liability	(555,000)	(879,000)	324,000
Statement of financial activities			
Voluntary income – transfer on conversion	73,233	(248,767)	(322,000)
Academy educational operations	(3,291,640)	(3,283,640)	(8,000)
Actuarial gain on defined benefit pension scheme	15,000	9,000	6,000
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The overall effect of this adjustment is to decrease total funds by £324,000