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SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Ms F H E Alexander
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Mr D G Hobbs
Mr G W Jones
Mr T G Kohler
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Mr J R Edwards (Chairman until 14 March 2022)
Ms N Prasad
Mr P J Ritson (Resigned 20 September 2022)
Dr L Holt (Resigned 20 September 2022)
Mr W D Humphries (Resigned 27 September 2022)
Mr A M Melbourne
Mr S Etienne (Appointed 14 March 2022)

Senior Leadership Team

- Headmaster
- Deputy Head
- Assistant Head
- Assistant Head
- Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)
- Director of Finance and Operations
- Director of Finance and Operations

Mr B A Cloves
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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

This is my first report as the Chairman of the Trust. I would like to thank Julian Edwards, my predecessor, for his contribution over ten years to the sound governance and development of the School. I am grateful for his continued presence on the Board and for his guidance through the transition period.


The year under review started under the extreme influence of the restrictions of the Covid regime and ended with a return to normality, albeit a new normality, with a full range of the School curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

Covid restricted many developments. Changes to key personnel, in particular the unexpected resignation of the Director of Finance and Operations (DFO) and the necessary interregnum waiting for his successor to take up post meant that investment programmes fell well behind schedule. The appointment of a third Assistant Head who took up post in January provided a welcome support for the greatly enlarged sixth form.

The new academic year should be the first year in which our Headmaster, who took up the post in September 2019, could expect a normal academic year. However, we had to cancel our senior speech night as it would have been inappropriate to hold such an event immediately following the death of the Queen. This was a disappointment as it would have been entirely appropriate to celebrate the outstanding success of our sixth formers who, in their first experience of public examinations, achieved the best sixth form performance on record.

The School received its first Ofsted inspection as a trust school. An inspection under the 2019 Inspection regime does not rate a school's academic performance so the result of the Inspection, 'Good', was of no surprise to the Board. The Board will support the Headmaster to implement the medium-term development plan which will both advance the Headmaster's planned development, which has been delayed by Covid, and respond to the Ofsted findings.

On behalf of the Board, I record our thanks to the staff for delivering excellent results given the difficult teaching and learning environment of the last two years. I congratulate all our students on their academic and other achievements.


Bob Murrill (Dec 20, 2022 14:24 GMT)

Robert Murrill
Chairman
Sutton Grammar School Trust

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report and strategic report under company law.

The Trust operates a selective grammar school for students aged 11 to 18 serving a catchment area in South West London and North East Surrey. During the year under review the School had 673 male students on roll in years 7 to 11 and a further 362 students (including girls) in years 12 and 13.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The charitable company is known as Sutton Grammar School.

The trustees of Sutton Grammar School Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Trust purchases insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims for negligent acts, errors and omissions whilst on Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £10 million on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £196 (2021: £196)

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

Four trustees appointed by the Members served throughout the year. Mr Ritson resigned on 20 September 2022 after six years on the Board.

Three trustees appointed by the Board served throughout the year. Mr Chambers resigned on 31 May 2022 after twelve years of service both as a parent elected trustee and Board appointed trustee. Mr S Etienne was appointed to the Board on 14 March 2022.

The composition of the Trust Board requires a minimum of two trustees to be elected by registered parents by nomination and secret ballot. Mr Melbourne and Ms Prasad, parent elected trustees, served throughout the year. Dr Holt joined the Board in January 2021 as a Board appointed parent trustee following a recommendation from the Nominations Committee. She resigned on 20 September 2022.

Two staff trustees serve on the Board. Mr Humphries and Mr Marsh served throughout the year. Mr Humphries resigned on 27 September 2022.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

Trustees receive a detailed briefing on their role and specific training is arranged where a need is identified.

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Organisational structure

The Board is responsible for all strategic decisions. It is supported by five standing committees:

- the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC); responsible for budget setting and monitoring;
- the Admissions Committee; responsible for implementing the admissions policy and admissions decisions;
- the Curriculum Committee; has oversight of teaching and learning, the personal development programme and the provision of career guidance. It also oversees CPD for both staff and trustees;
- the Remuneration Committee;
- the Nominations Committee; considers and interviews potential trustees and makes recommendations to both the Members and the Board.

Although not a requirement under the Academy Trust Handbook 2021 the Board decided to set up a dedicated Audit and Risk Committee and this met for the first time in May 2022.

Individual trustees take on specific responsibilities to act as the link between the Board and management on issues such as: pupil discipline and behaviour, educational visits and trips, pastoral support, and health and safety. Individual trustees have individual links with teaching faculties.

The Headmaster is the Accounting Officer. He is supported in this role by the Director of Finance and Operations. This post was vacant in the period January to June 2022. Mr Richings took up the post in June 2022.

The Board has delegated responsibility for all educational operations to the Headmaster. The Headmaster together with the Deputy Head, Assistant Heads and the Director of Finance and Operations comprise the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). In January 2022 the SLT was strengthened by the appointment of a third Assistant Head - Head of Sixth Form.

The Headmaster has the freedom to adjust staff numbers and other expenditure within the approved financial budget to meet the operational needs of the School.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel of the School responsible for directing and controlling the Academy comprise the trustees together with the SLT.

The Members of the Trust and the trustees receive no remuneration for their role as members and trustees. The Headmaster and the elected staff trustees receive remuneration only as employees of the Trust.

The Trust has an approved pay policy. It sets its own competitive pay scales for all staff below senior management. Salary progression is subject to performance assessment against agreed criteria.

The Remuneration Committee is responsible for setting and monitoring the performance objectives of the SLT. The Headmaster supports the Committee in its assessment of members of the SLT other than himself.

In setting the remuneration of the SLT the Committee benchmarks against other selective schools in terms of size, performance, and composition of the management team. It also considers relativities against other academy schools in the area.

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Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period

-

Full-time equivalent employee number

-

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time

Number of employees

0%

-

1%-50%

-

51%-99%

-

100%

-

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time

527

Total pay bill

-

Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time

-

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours

-

The Trust contributed £527 (2021: £527) to the Partnership of Sutton Secondary School Head's Board as a contribution towards the cost of union facilities. No trade union has requested facilities from the Trust.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The School collaborates with the local authority and other local academy trusts on a number of general issues relevant to the provision of education across the London Borough of Sutton.

The School provides administrative services on a not-for-profit basis to the local selective schools for the running of a common entrance test designed to show whether or not a child is of selective ability. The test is open to all eligible children irrespective of place of residence.

The School benefits from the activities of the charitable incorporated organisation, Sutton Grammar School Parent Teacher Association (SGSPTA) – charity number 1168281. The SGSPTA makes grants to the Trust, mostly for the provision of tangible assets and capital projects. Mr Cloves is the President of the SGSPTA but under the Charity's Articles exercises no control over its financial policy or distributions. Mr Cloves was appointed to the Board of SGSPTA Ltd - company number 06438795 on 22 September 2022. The distribution of the company's assets is restricted by the terms of the Memorandum.

The Headmaster is in accordance with tradition the elected President of the Old Suttonians Association (OSA). The Trust hires sports facilities to the OSA on a commercial terms approved by the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC).

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

This report covers the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and significant developments to the date of signing the Report.

The objective of the Trust is the advancement of education, principally secondary education.

The School admits boys to Year 7 by competitive examination. Entrance exams are also held if there are vacancies in years 8, 9 and 10. 135 boys (2021: 135) joined the School in Year 7 in September 2021. During the period there were on average 678 (2021: 678) students on roll in years 7 to 11.

The 2022 entry tests in the autumn of 2021 were held as normal in September and October and 135 boys were admitted to the School in September 2022.

Most boys stay into the sixth form for A-level study. 54 (2021:52) students who met the sixth form admission requirements joined in Year 12 from other schools in September 2021 including 26 girls. There were 362 (2021: 344) students on roll in the sixth form during the year.

The principal source of income is the General Annual Grant (GAG) provided by the Secretary of State for Education under the Funding Agreement between the Trust and the Secretary of State. Payment of this grant is through the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

The Trust also receives capital grants from the DfE. It distributes the DfE bursary funds to eligible sixth formers.

Objectives, strategies and activities

It is the Trust's strategic objective to aim for excellence in all areas of the School's educational provision.

The overall aim is to provide teaching at an outstanding level to all students in all age groups and to produce well-rounded individuals who can reach their full potential, including progressing to places at leading universities, preparing for success in their chosen careers and contributing to society. The Trust believes that this can be achieved by providing opportunities for all students to study a rich and broad curriculum and take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

The Trust aims to provide an inclusive educational environment and excellent pastoral care so that all students and staff feel supported and safe, and students are encouraged to be open-minded engaged learners.

The Trust budgets for medium term financial sustainability with clear plans for both expenditure and income raising potential; with retention and recruitment of high-quality staff throughout the Trust as a priority.

The School's comprehensive programme cannot currently be delivered on the basis of public funding alone. Therefore, the Trust values the generous response by parents and others who make regular voluntary donations to support the Trust's aims. In addition, there is significant financial support provided by the SGSPTA as a result of its independent fundraising activities.

The School was inspected by Ofsted for the first time in June 2022 and was rated 'Good'.

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Public benefit

The Board gives careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in normal circumstances makes its sports facilities available for community use. The School's other facilities are used by educational and religious organisations.

All public benefit activities were severely limited during the early part of the year as a result of government restrictions imposed as a consequence of Covid-19. There was a significant recovery in the latter part of the year.

The School has entered into a joint venture with the other five selective Sutton schools to provide an out-reach programme in maths and English for the most disadvantaged, as defined by IDACI, Year 5 children in Sutton schools. This programme started in September 2022 with teaching to a common syllabus taking place at each of the participating schools.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

The School has well established systems for academic and pastoral care. Programmes of early intervention are designed to ensure that each student is able to fully benefit from the range of opportunities that the School provides.

The strong pastoral team is under the leadership of the Deputy Head as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). She is supported by three Assistant DSLs and a Pastoral and Student Support Officer. This team, which is also supported by the Heads of Year, made a major contribution to the management of the student body, particularly dealing with the difficult impact of Covid-19 at the individual and collective level.

Covid's continuous impact

From the start of the Autumn Term the School made every effort consistent with the sensible Covid working practices to return to the School to normal business. Class room teaching, educational visits, inter-school sport and extra-curricular activity were all gradually reintroduced. Staff and students continued to test twice weekly; the wearing of face masks also continued. All students were given test kits to take home for use during the Christmas break. The majority of staff and students took part in the lateral flow testing at the start of the Spring Term.

By the early spring extra-curricular visits abroad were possible and there was an educational visit to Iceland at the Spring half term.

The Board records its appreciation of the work of the Headmaster and his staff in their exceptional efforts to regain a sense of normality. The Board also records its appreciation to Board members, parents and other volunteers who provided and maintained high quality outcomes in the operation of the Assisted Testing Centre which managed the Lateral Flow Testing during the year.

Detailed preparations were made for another round of non-examined A-Level and GCSE assessments. It was therefore to everyone's relief that public examinations for A Level and GCSE went ahead as planned to the May-June period.

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Academic Performance

The Curriculum Committee advises the Board on all aspects of academic progress. The Headmaster, supported by the SLT lead on curriculum matters, provides detailed reports on teaching and learning, and on the relative performance of different subsets of students. Academic departments can, with the agreement of the Board, run non-standard courses if they feel this will benefit students.

Public examinations were held in the normal way in the summer of 2022. For the A-Level students this was their first experience of a public examination their GCSEs in 2020 having been based on teacher assessed grades (TAGs). Comparison in the following tables is best made against student achievement in 2019 and earlier rather than the TAGs of 2020 and the Centre Assessed Grades (CAGs) for 2021.

Student achievements GCSE

The results were the strongest set of GCSE results, when external exams have been taken, that the School has had.

	Students	9%	8%	7+%	Average Point Score
2022	135	39	66	83	7.78
2021	135	42	68	85	7.87
2020	135	37	66	85	7.84
2019	120	35	64	84	7.75
2018	120	32	61	81	7.63

Attainment 8 and Progress 8 (2016-2022)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Attainment 8	8.15	8.20	8.13	8.09	8.06	7.51	7.28
Progress 8	TBA	Not issued	Not issued	0.95	0.83	0.64	0.18

(a) data excludes history as students take the IGCSE. If history is included the 2022 score is 8.18

The ALPs report shows that the value added achieved by the students at GCSE was 1.15 which gives the cohort an ALPS quality indicator of band 2. The 2018-19 cohort achieved a score of 1.18. The Alps Key Stage 4 analysis shows that on average the disadvantaged students (FSM and FSMEver6) achieved better than the average for the cohort as a whole.

126 students progressed into the sixth form.

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Student achievements - Advanced level

This year was the best set of A Level examination results that the School has achieved.

	Entries	A-%	A-A-%	A-B-%	Average Point Score	ALPS Value Added	Cohort GCSE A8
2022	607	37	68	88	48.8	3	8.13
2021	546	44	76	91	50.7	2	8.09
2020	488	28	65	88	47.6	3	8.06
2019	499	18	53	83	44.1	4	7.51
2018	495	26	61	85	47.3	N/A	7.28

There were 180 students in the cohort (2021: 163, 2020: 144, 2019: 144). Two students attained 5 A*s, 25 students achieved at least 4 A*s, and a further 15 achieved at least 3 A*s.

It remains the Board's view that the most important measure of success at A-Level is the progress the School's sixth form students make to tertiary education or their chosen career. Because the choice of course or career and the destination of a leaver is a matter of personal choice, and the number of students in the sixth form varies year-on-year, comparisons are not always meaningful.

Of the 173 (2021: 155) places gained at university 121 were places at Russell group universities including 9(12) at Oxford and Cambridge. Two students took up places at US universities, New York and Dallas.

Of note outside of UCAS applications one student secured a degree apprenticeship at Deloitte and one at BAE systems. One sixth form leaver decided to set up his own business. As always, some students have not identified their future plans.

Students opted for a wide range of courses. The table shows how students' choices vary year by year.

	2022	2021		2022	2021
Languages	5	2	Mathematics	13	10
English	4	5	Architecture	1	2
Business studies	9	1	Politics	3	1
Accounting	6	3	Drama	2	1
Medicine	16	21	Psychology	4	8
Economics	14	18	Music	1	-
Engineering	17	22	Sport	2	5
Biomedical sciences	8	10	Law	11	7
Science	25	14	History	1	9
Information technology	15	9	Philosophy	-	5
Linguistics	-	-	Geography	2	2

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Extra-Curricular Activity

The School endeavours to provide a wide range of extra-curricular activity including educational trips and visits. As observed earlier Covid-19 had a significant impact on the planned programme. Early in the year extra-curricular clubs were decimated because there could be no mixing of years or tutor groups. With the reduced concerns regarding Covid and good management the extensive programme of lunch time and after school clubs resumed.

Overseas travel was again possible. A mixed group of students visited Iceland to observe its very active geology; there were visits by Year 7 to Normandy and Year 8 to Gredos in Spain for language development; a large party of students and staff went skiing at Sestriere in Italy.

At home the full programme for gold, silver and bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Awards restarted. Year 9 students completed their expedition programme, walking nearly 30km along the stunning Jurassic Coast Path and around Corfe Castle. Silver award students went to Exmoor and the Forest of Dean; Gold students went to the Elan Valley and Cheviot Hills.

The CCF held its main camp at the West Tofts Defence Training Estate. Members of the CCF assisted at the veteran's march-pass on Remembrance Sunday.

Once again, the School was able to support the Wimbledon tennis championships with ball boys.

The School hosted the Sutton Science Festival in July. The Festival was opened by the Mayor of Sutton who also awarded prizes at the end of the day. Over 20 exhibitors participated running interactive workshops. Students from over 40 local schools visited the event.

Students entered a number of competitions offered by the professional bodies. There were:

- two gold awards in the Chemistry Olympiad 2022 (Royal Society of Chemistry) plus two silver and seven bronze awards
- Two innovation awards in the ICanEngineer competition (Institute of Engineering)
- Sixteen gold and eleven silver awards in the British Physics Olympiad.

In the performing arts the School put on its biennial musical in conjunction with Sutton High School; seven students had their creations shown at the Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show; and a Year 9 student was the winner of the Trinity Music Academy Junior Competition.

Investment Programme

The Trust submitted two bids to the 2021 CIF for replacement of the pitch roofs and for the installation of new fire doors. Both bids were successful but because of material supply issues caused by Covid both projects were delayed. The fire door work was completed the autumn half term but the roofs works were not expected to complete until December 2022.

As recorded in previous reports, the Trust plans to replace or extensively update the Pavilion at the Walch Memorial Sports Ground (WMSG). It has been decided that the facility will be designed primarily for the use of the School. Detailed specifications have been produced and technical surveys conducted. The project lost momentum in the absence of a DFO for six months and as a result of delays in the local authority planning process. Following a meeting with the Epsom and Ewell planners the design is being refined to meet the constraints of only a 30% increase in volume despite a 100% increase in student numbers since the current pavilion was constructed.

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Going concern

The Trust regularly has more successful applicants for places than it can offer. The Board has agreed that the because of the size of the main site it cannot seek further growth in years 7 to 11. The Trust has adapted its admissions policy to provide more opportunity for boys from disadvantaged backgrounds by adjusting entrance exams results according to the IDACI number for the boy's home address while still applying an age adjustment. The Admissions Committee has noted that the impact of age adjustment has declined in recent years. The IDACI adjustment results in more boys passing the through the entrance exam process and indeed becoming eligible for places at the School.

The recruitment of external entrants to Year 12 adds diversity and experience into the sixth form. The Board recognises that it is important to ensure that sixth form provision overall is cost-effective but it believes that a broad based educational offer is appropriate for students. As a consequence, all students are encouraged to study four A-level subjects in Year 12. The School has an enviable reputation in STEM, so it is easy to attract students both internally and externally for these sixth form courses. However as can be seen from the earlier table showing university courses the School is well placed to develop students across a wide range of disciplines.

The Trust has prepared three-year budgets in accordance with ESFA requirements. These were prepared on the basis of the government's economic projections at the time that funding decisions for schools were made. Increased energy and transport costs impacted severely at the end of the financial year. These pressures were further exacerbated by increased labour costs coupled with a high level of general inflation in the autumn.

The FGPC will carefully monitor the Trust's 2022-23 financial position to understand the potential impact on the medium term. Beyond the 2022-23 year the basic income elements, KS3 and KS4 student numbers, will remain static. Any growth in grant income will come from sixth form numbers and the nature of the courses offered. All budget projections indicate a continued need for funding from private sources if the School is to continue to provide the broad curriculum and educational experience that the Trust wishes to supply.

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

Financial review

The majority of the School's revenue funding was provided by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). In addition there was voluntary income from parents, donations from the SGSPTA and other donors, and income from lettings.

The School's total income for the period ended 31 August 2022 amounted to £7,566,022 (2021: £6,298,283) of which £5,621,524 (2021: £5,192,336) related to the ESFA General Annual Grant.

Capital grants from public sources during the period to 31 August 2022 were £627,573 (2021: £21,948). In total the SGSPTA donated £93,789 (2021: £100,349) to the Trust to enhance the educational opportunities provided for the students; a special grant of £65,000 for direct support of the curriculum and £28,789 to support individual requests from staff for specific projects. The SGSPTA has agreed to a grant of £65,000 in 2022-23 to support delivery of the curriculum and a further £150,000 to support the IT strategy.

Other donations under HMRC's gift aid scheme provided a total of £252,298 (2021: £298,670) enabled to the Trust to maintain and enhance its curricular and non-curricular activities.

Total expenditure was £7,574,397 (2021: £6,798,817) and included £7,162,262 (2021: £6,679,770) relating to the School's educational operations of which £81,211 (2021: £84,699) related to governance costs.

The School held fund balances of £15,921,862 at 31 August 2022 (2021: £14,018,237) which included unrestricted funds of £938,089 (2021: £695,168), being the free reserves. This was a positive outcome, reversing several years of pressure on reserves as ESFA funding has not kept pace with the School's expenditure.

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Reserves policy

The Board reviewed its reserves policy and approved the principle of maintaining a strategic reserve of around 5% of income to protect the Trust against uninsured contingencies; this cannot be committed without Board approval.

At the end of the period under review the Trust held £938,089 (2021: £695,168) of unrestricted reserves. After allowing for repayment of the Salix Loan the effective unrestricted reserves at 31 August 2022 were £927,224 (2021: £677,060).

In its budgeting for 2022-23 the Board assumed that funds from private revenue sources for lettings, trips and other income generating activities would return to at least pre Covid-19 levels. However the increasing level economic uncertainty coupled with the need for the Trust to increase prices to ensure it covers its costs may see a reduction in this income. It was assumed that because of the emerging economic situation funds derived from donations will be lower than pre-Covid-19 levels. Alumni and external relations initiatives will aim to further increase private income.

The Reserve Policy requires a reserve of £320,000 which cannot be committed without Board approval. The application of the excess uncommitted reserve of £370,000 will be subject to careful consideration by the Board given the many possible uses for which it could be applied and the uncertain nature of non-public income should the restrictions relating to Covid-19 reoccur.

Given this position there is no prospect of the Trust being able to generate reserves for capital expenditure in the immediate future and it will be dependent on public capital grants. It will also be dependent on continued voluntary support.

Investment policy

The Director of Finance and Operations (DFO) manages the Trust's funds on a daily basis to maximise interest income whilst at the same time providing funds for the day-to-day management of the School. Overnight balances are cleared into interest bearing accounts to maximise interest. The amount of interest which can be earned has greatly fallen over recent years but with recent increases in the Bank of England's lending rate the DFO will consider whether better returns on the School's balances can be achieved through short/medium term investments.

Regular monthly cash flow forecasts are prepared. The Board does not foresee any cash management issues arising in the medium term.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trust's commercial and financial operating procedures are designed to provide a clear separation of responsibility for dealing with all income and expenditure. There are approved procedures for certifying all transactions including electronic ordering and payments. Risk to the Trust's day-to-day operations is therefore minimised.

A major uncertainty for the Board is the level of per pupil funding. In the Budget 2022-23 total staffing costs represent 90% of the public income and 79% of the Trust's total income. There will be some relief following the government's recent decision to cancel the additional employer's national insurance contributions from November and to cancel the Health and Social Care Levy from April 2023. These 'savings' will be helpful against the current inflationary uncertainties.

The Budget assumes that the excess Covid-19 costs incurred in 2020-21 will not recur. It is also assumed that there was a modest recovery in non-public income although not immediately to pre-Covid levels.

The deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme decreased by £1,553,000 in the period to £1,138,000. There is continuing uncertainty in any final salary scheme of this type particularly regarding the employer's future contribution rate.

The Trust has a requirement for significant capital investment to ensure that its facilities can provide the full range of experience for its students. The Trust is not able to realise any cash via the disposal of tangible fixed assets so it will be largely dependent on public sector grants to meet these capital requirements.

Fundraising

The Trust aims to achieve best practice in the way in which it communicates with its supporters. The Trust invites parents and other donors to make regular donations to the School to help support the provision of the broadest range of curriculum and non-curricular activities. It is stressed that any donation is purely voluntary.

The School does not engage in direct fundraising other than approaching parents for voluntary contributions as described above; it is not registered with the Fundraising Regulator. The Trust does not employ the services of professional fundraisers. Gift aid is claimed on all eligible donations. Details of donations are held independently of any other personal data collected in respect of a student's admission and the names of a donor (who may not be a person with parental responsibility) cannot be linked directly to a student. The Trust is unable to identify any specific costs associated with donation requests.

The Trust undertakes to react to and investigate any complaints regarding its fundraising activities and to learn from them and improve its service. During 2021-22 the Trust received no complaints about its fundraising activities.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Plans for future periods

The Board has agreed that the School will remain in a single academy trust (SAT) with selective admissions. The Board believes that this is the best way to maintain the School's reputation for academic performance and excellent pastoral care. It therefore views with concern the proposal that all schools should be part of a multi academy trust (MAT).

Running a relatively small secondary school in a SAT requires strict financial discipline. There is continued uncertainty in the level of public funding and as stated earlier the Trust will continue to seek donations to support the School.

There is limited capacity to expand the sixth form as nearly all the School's year 11 students' return to Year 12. In 2022, 126 boys progressed from Year 11 to be joined by 58 external students including 29 girls.

The regular recruitment of female students is seen by the Sixth Form Leaders as being very beneficial to the overall sixth form experience. The Trust is conscious that it needs to further enhance facilities for its female students.

In spite of recent capital grants there are still substantial requirements for maintaining the fabric of the older buildings. The outside pool swimming pool is a real curriculum asset although increased operating costs (energy) may limit its operating season. Improvement may be possible if appropriate funding, which would permit community use, can be found.

Some of the newer buildings, built within strict funding limits, are in need of significant maintenance. Every opportunity is taken for the premises staff to carry out a programme of works which would otherwise have required contractors.

In order to comply with its duties under the Equality Act 2010 disability access needs to be provided to the upper floors of the main building. There are continuing issues facing the security of the Trust's premises in an urban environment. A fully functioning main school security system now requires pass controlled access for staff and students.

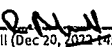
The Trust reviewed its plans to improve playing and changing facilities at the Walch Memorial Sports Grounds. Designs are being prepared to meet the requirements of the local authority (Epsom and Ewell) planners. The pavilion project will require a grant from the DfE and possibly support by other funding bodies if the desired facilities are to be achieved.

Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 20/12/2022.... and signed on its behalf by:


Bob Murrill (Dec 20, 2022 14:24 GMT)

Mr R W Murrill
Chairman

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Scope of responsibility

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headmaster, 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 Sutton Grammar School Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Two meetings of the Board were held in person and three by Zoom. The Committees in the year under review were held by Zoom. Some decisions were reached by e-mail correspondence. These decisions were recorded as minutes to provide full transparency of the decisions.

The Board held five meetings and attendance during the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mr R W Murrill (Chairman from 14 March 2022)	3	5
Mr B A Cloves (Accounting Officer and Headmaster)	5	5
Ms F H E Alexander	5	5
Mr P S Chambers (Resigned 30 May 2022)	3	3
Mr D G Hobbs	4	5
Mr G W Jones	5	5
Mr T G Kohler	4	5
Mr A J Marsh	3	5
Mr J R Edwards (Chairman until 14 March 2022)	4	5
Ms N Prasad	4	5
Mr P J Ritson (Resigned 20 September 2022)	5	5
Dr L Holt (Resigned 20 September 2022)	2	5
Mr W D Humphries (Resigned 27 September 2022)	4	5
Mr A M Melbourne	5	5
Mr S Etienne (Appointed 14 March 2022)	2	2

The Deputy Head, Mrs Kate Ross, attended the five meetings of the Board. She is a member of the Admissions Committee. Mr J Costello Assistant Head attended three meetings of the Curriculum Committee.

In July the Board agreed to conduct an external review of its structure and operations. This was prior to the recent resignations none of which was associated with this policy decision. The results of the Review will, where accepted, be implemented in early 2023.

The Curriculum Committee met three times; the new Audit and Risk Committee met twice; and FGPC as an audit committee once.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Conflict of Interest

During the year the Academy has continued to maintain an up to date and complete register of interests utilising this to monitor and manage any possible conflicts of interest.

To ensure good governance is in place, where necessary Trustees and Key management personnel are required to absent themselves where discussions and decisions are being made that would otherwise result in a conflict of interest.

Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC)

The Board has a dedicated Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC). Its principle function is to maintain effective oversight over the Trust's finances and performs the following duties:

- considers the indicative funding from the ESFA and the implications for the ensuing financial year.
- recommends the annual budget,
- monitors cash flow,
- monitors approved expenditure,
- approves any adjustments to budgets to meet changing priorities,
- reviews, approves and monitors the implementation of the financial procedures,
- approves the insurance arrangements,
- approves tenders for capital expenditure. and
- sets pay scales, (but not individual salaries) for teaching and support staff.

The Committee held six meetings; all by Zoom.

Attendance at the FGPC meetings in the year was as follows:

	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mr D Hobbs (Chairman, appointed 1 March 2022)	4	6
Ms F H E Alexander	6	6
Mr P S Chambers (Chairman, resigned 28 February 2022)	5	5
Mr B A Cloves	6	6
Mr J R Edwards	6	6
Mr G Jones	5	6
Mr S Richings (Director of Finance and Operations, appointed 13 June 2022)	1	1
Mr P W Whittle (Director of Finance and Operations, resigned 31 December 2021)	1	1

Mrs J Georgiou (Finance Manager) attended three meetings in the absence of a DFO.

The Audit and Risk Committee met to consider the draft Annual Report and Accounts and the Auditor's Management Letter for the period ended 31 August 2022.

The Remuneration Committee (Mr Edwards, Mr Chambers, and Mr Murrill) met three times.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Review of value for money

As Accounting Officer the Headmaster has responsibility for ensuring that the Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Headmaster understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer has provided good value for money by meeting the Board's objectives.

The Board agrees performance aims for the educational performance of the School. It receives through the Curriculum Committee detailed analyses on academic performance. Board members are encouraged to attend faculty meetings to promote effective communication of educational developments. This assists the Board in setting and monitoring the targets for academic performance.

The Deputy Head as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) provides the Board with reports on the management of the pastoral systems which work to support students' academic development.

The Board is committed to appointing well-qualified specialist staff across the curriculum. The Headmaster has given careful consideration to the level of staff resources needed to meet the Trust's educational objectives and has recruited staff with the appropriate levels of qualification and experience to meet the challenging educational environment of the School.

The Headmaster supports the Remuneration Committee of the Board in determining the salaries of staff by providing evidence from staff appraisals and assessments including bench marking using appropriate job evaluations provided by external consultants. The Remuneration Committee uses appropriate performance measures and external bench marks in setting the remuneration of the Headmaster. For the avoidance of doubt, the Headmaster is not present during the Committee's consideration of his remuneration.

The DFO provides monthly management accounts and financial commentaries to the Finance and General Purposes Committee (FGPC). All Board members have access to this information. This allows all trustees to engage and challenge.

The DFO regularly reviews the performance of contractors providing services such as cleaning, catering, grounds maintenance, utilities, and security. New contracts for these services are tendered in accordance with the Trust's tender procedures which require that purchases of goods and services for over £20,000 must be tendered. Where it is considered appropriate, purchases below £20,000 are also tendered.

The Trust employs specialist advisers to assist with tenders for major contracts and capital projects. The advisers are themselves appointed by competitive processes. The FGPC considered all tender recommendations and approved the successful bidders during the period.

The Accounting Officer ensures that all purchasing decisions are made on the basis of value for money. The Trust does not generally participate in purchasing consortia as in many areas, e.g. the purchase of photocopying paper and similar stationery requisites; it finds that best value for money can be obtained by open market purchases. The Trust expects that at least three quotations will be obtained for smaller purchases of goods and services.

The Trust participates in the IT network arrangements provided through the London Grid for Learning.

The Trust purchases insurance from the London Borough of Sutton's Academies Insurance Scheme which provides insurance for most aspects of the Trust's activities at a competitive price. Other insurance is purchased on the advice of the Trust's broker regarding the current market for the cover required.

The Trust cooperates with other local academies and maintained schools and members of staff meet regularly to exchange experience. The School is a member of the Boys Academically Selective Schools (BASS) and the Headmaster is a member of the Grammar Schools Heads Association. This allows the exchange of data with schools of broadly similar function and size. This provides measures of relative performance and bench marks on academic performance and other operational aspects.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The School collaborates with five Sutton schools with selective admissions on the testing of candidates for selective places for entry to year 7. This has the benefit of reducing the testing burden on the children concerned and reducing costs to the participating schools.

The School benefits considerably from voluntary help. Volunteers include parents, staff, pupils, and friends of the School, especially the SGSPTA. This voluntary support is vital in enabling the School to maintain its broad curriculum, a wide variety of educational trips and a broad range of extra-curricular activities.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Trust's 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 Trust's system of internal control has been in place throughout the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. During the year, the FGPC reviewed and approved the Trust's Commercial and Business Procedures.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board has reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board is of the view that there is an on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

The risk and control framework

The Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board;
- regular reviews by the FGPC 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; and identification and management of risks.

Legal Defence

The claim by a former employee to the Employment Tribunal was settled prior to a tribunal hearing.

External Audit

The Trust values the role of independent assurance provision.

In accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021 the Trust commissioned an internal scrutiny review from an independent firm of auditors, A J Bennewith & Co. This review showed no major areas of concern. It made a few minor recommendations which are being implemented.

The Audit and Risk Committee will agree the internal scrutiny programme for 2022-23, which will be performed by the independent auditor.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

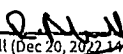
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Review of effectiveness

The Headmaster, as Accounting Officer, has the responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question his review has been informed by:

- the work of the DFO, who has responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- the monthly management accounts;
- the regular meetings of the FGPC;
- the internal reassurance work;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the internal auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process and
- the work of the dedicated Audit and Risk Committee

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20/12/2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Bob Murrill (Dec 20, 2022 14:24 GMT)

Mr R W Murrill
Chairman


Ben Cloves (Dec 20, 2022 17:10 GMT)

Mr B A Cloves
Accounting Officer and Headmaster

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

As accounting officer of Sutton Grammar School Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

I confirm that I and the academy trust's board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

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

Ben Cloves

Ben Cloves (Dec 20, 2022 17:10 GMT)

Mr B A Cloves

Accounting Officer

20/12/2022

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SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees (who are also the directors of Sutton Grammar School Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the trustees must not approve the accounts 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 accounts, the trustees are required to:


- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 20/12/2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Bob Murrill (Dec 20, 2022 11:24 GMT)

Mr R W Murrill
Chairman

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinion

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

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report for the financial year for which the accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts; and
- the trustees' report including the incorporated strategic report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the academy trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report, including the incorporated strategic report.

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

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

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.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the academy trust through discussions with trustees and management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charitable company, including the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Academy Trust Handbook 2021, the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, taxation, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the academy trust's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

Audit response to risks identified

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of the Board of trustees;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with the ESFA and HMRC.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the governors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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

Use of our report

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



Stephen Meredith BA FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Alliotts LLP

20/12/2022
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SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 4 February 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Sutton Grammar School Trust during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of Sutton Grammar School Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Sutton Grammar School Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 June 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance, and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

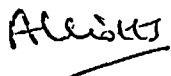
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The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- analytical review of the academy trust's general activities to ensure that they are within the academy trust's framework of authority;
- consideration of the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance;
- review of the general control environment for the academy trust on financial statements and on regularity;
- sample testing of expenditure transactions to ensure the activity is permissible within the academy trust's framework of authority;
- confirmation that a sample of expenditure has been appropriately authorised in accordance with the academy trust's delegated authorities;
- formal representations obtained from the board of trustees and the accounting officer acknowledging the responsibilities, including disclosing all non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the authorising framework;
- confirmation that any extra-contractual payments such as severance and compensation payments have been appropriately authorised;
- review of credit card expenditure for any indication of personal use by staff, Headmaster or Trustees;
- review of specific terms of grant funding within the funding agreement;
- review of related party transactions for connections with the Headmaster or Trustees;
- review of income received in accordance with the activities permitted within the academy trust's charitable objectives.

Conclusion

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



Reporting Accountant

Alliotts LLP

20/12/22

Dated:

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General £ Fixed asset £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	5	252,298	139,710	627,573	1,019,581
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	6	-	5,964,479	-	5,964,479
Other trading activities	7	247,577	330,248	-	577,825
Investments	8	4,137	-	-	4,137
Total		504,012	6,434,437	627,573	7,566,022
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	9	412,135	-	-	412,135
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	10	-	6,635,150	527,112	7,162,262
Total	9	412,135	6,635,150	527,112	7,574,397
Net income/(expenditure)		91,877	(200,713)	100,461	(8,375)
Transfers between funds	19	151,044	(158,287)	7,243	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	1,912,000	-	1,912,000
Net movement in funds		242,921	1,553,000	107,704	1,903,625
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		695,168	(2,691,000)	16,014,069	14,018,237
Total funds carried forward		938,089	(1,138,000)	16,121,773	15,921,862

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2021	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds:		Total 2021
		£	General £	Fixed asset £	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	5	298,720	130,533	21,948	451,201
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	6	-	5,665,167	-	5,665,167
Other trading activities	7	139,291	41,958	-	181,249
Investments	8	666	-	-	666
Total		438,677	5,837,658	21,948	6,298,283
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	9	119,047	-	-	119,047
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	10	-	6,176,105	503,665	6,679,770
Total	9	119,047	6,176,105	503,665	6,798,817
Net income/(expenditure)		319,630	(338,447)	(481,717)	(500,534)
Transfers between funds	19	(94,690)	79,447	15,243	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	(93,000)	-	(93,000)
Net movement in funds		224,940	(352,000)	(466,474)	(593,534)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		470,228	(2,339,000)	16,480,543	14,611,771
Total funds carried forward		695,168	(2,691,000)	16,014,069	14,018,237


SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14		15,691,248		15,969,511
Current assets					
Debtors	15	566,791		156,643	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,394,746		1,102,925	
		<u>1,961,537</u>		<u>1,259,568</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	(589,301)		(508,977)	
Net current assets			<u>1,372,236</u>		<u>750,591</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>17,063,484</u>		<u>16,720,102</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(3,622)		(10,865)
Net assets before defined benefit pension scheme liability			<u>17,059,862</u>		<u>16,709,237</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	21		(1,138,000)		(2,691,000)
Total net assets			<u>15,921,862</u>		<u>14,018,237</u>
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds	19				
- Fixed asset funds			16,121,773		16,014,069
- Pension reserve			(1,138,000)		(2,691,000)
Total restricted funds			<u>14,983,773</u>		<u>13,323,069</u>
Unrestricted income funds	19		<u>938,089</u>		<u>695,168</u>
Total funds			<u>15,921,862</u>		<u>14,018,237</u>

The accounts on pages 29 to 52 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 20/12/2022 and are signed on their behalf by:


Bob Murrill (Dec 20, 2022 16:24 GMT)

Mr R W Murrill
Chairman from 14 March 2022

Company registration number 07633715

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	24		291,416		66,724
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		4,137		666	
Capital grants from DfE Group		252,360		21,948	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(248,849)		(78,048)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities			7,648		(55,434)
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of long term bank loan		(7,243)		(15,243)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(7,243)		(15,243)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			291,821		(3,953)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			1,102,925		1,106,878
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			1,394,746		1,102,925

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Accounting policies

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

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

2.2 Going concern

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the accounts and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

2.3 Income

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

Grants

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised in full when there is an unconditional entitlement to the grant. Unspent amounts of capital grants are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund. Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended.

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations

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

Other income

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

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

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

2 Accounting policies

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Donated goods, facilities and services

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

Donated fixed assets

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

2.4 Expenditure

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

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the academy trust's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the academy trust apportioned to charitable activities.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Individual assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Assets costing less than £5,000 individually but forming a project purchase of greater than £25,000 are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding that require the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities and carried forward in the balance sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings	50 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5 - 15 years
Motor vehicles	5 years

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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.

2.6 Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the academy trust anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

2.7 Leased assets

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

2.8 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets

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

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

Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

2.9 Taxation

The academy trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the academy trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

2 Accounting policies

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2.10 Pensions benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary based on quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high-quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to net income or expenditure are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the statement of financial activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

2.11 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the academy trust at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

3 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The academy trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

3 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

(Continued)

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

Critical areas of judgement

Estimating the useful economic life of tangible fixed assets for the purposes of calculating depreciation.

4 General Annual Grant (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was subject to limits at 31 August 2022 on the amount of GAG that could be carried forward from one year to the next. An amount equal to 12% of GAG could be carried forward, of which up to 2% could be used for general recurrent purposes, with any balance being available for premises/capital purposes.

The academy trust has not exceeded these limits during the year ended 31 August 2022.

5 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Capital grants	-	627,573	627,573	21,948
Other donations	252,298	139,710	392,008	429,253
	<u>252,298</u>	<u>767,283</u>	<u>1,019,581</u>	<u>451,201</u>

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

6 Funding for the academy trust's charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	5,621,524	5,621,524	5,192,336
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- Pupil premium	-	23,923	23,923	24,527
- Others	-	255,913	255,913	316,519
	-	5,901,360	5,901,360	5,533,382
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	63,119	63,119	38,143
COVID-19 additional funding				
DfE/ESFA				
Catch-up premium	-	-	-	49,603
Non-DfE/ESFA				
Other COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	44,039
	-	-	-	93,642
Total funding	-	5,964,479	5,964,479	5,665,167

7 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Lettings income	171,019	-	171,019	69,714
Trip income	-	320,029	320,029	37,465
Other income	76,558	10,219	86,777	74,070
	247,577	330,248	577,825	181,249

8 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Short term deposits	4,137	-	4,137	666

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

9 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure Premises £	Other £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	66,579	-	345,556	412,135	119,047
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	4,476,610	-	465,480	4,942,090	4,749,367
- Allocated support costs	915,072	1,001,327	303,773	2,220,172	1,930,403
	<u>5,458,261</u>	<u>1,001,327</u>	<u>1,114,809</u>	<u>7,574,397</u>	<u>6,798,817</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	10,120	9,200
- Other services	4,235	3,850
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	527,112	503,665
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	47,000	38,000
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10 Charitable activities

	2022 £	2021 £
All from restricted funds:		
Direct costs		
Educational operations	4,942,090	4,749,367
Support costs		
Educational operations	2,220,172	1,930,403
	<u>7,162,262</u>	<u>6,679,770</u>

	2022 £	2021 £
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	867,243	718,417
Depreciation	527,112	503,665
Technology costs	43,183	48,578
Premises costs	474,215	365,808
Legal costs	16,427	5,928
Other support costs	227,208	209,236
Governance costs	64,784	78,771
	<u>2,220,172</u>	<u>1,930,403</u>

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

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

11 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	3,875,597	3,708,016
Social security costs	403,467	372,990
Pension costs	1,152,646	1,046,857
Staff costs - employees	5,431,710	5,127,863
Agency staff costs	26,551	30,319
Total staff expenditure	5,458,261	5,158,182

Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy trust during the year was as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Teachers	66	66
Administration and support	42	37
Management	5	5
	113	108

Higher paid staff

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	3	2
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
£90,001 - £100,000	-	1
£100,001 - £110,000	1	-

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £667,994 (2021: £654,510).

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

12 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

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

B Cloves (Headmaster)	
Remuneration	£100,000 - £105,000 (2021: £95,000 - £100,000)
Employer's pension contribution	£20,000 - £25,000 (2021: £20,000 - £25,000)
A Marsh	
Remuneration	£50,000 - £55,000 (2021: £50,000 - £55,000)
Employer's pension contribution	£10,000 - £15,000 (2021: £10,000 - £15,000)
W Humphries	
Remuneration	£45,000 - £50,000 (2021: £25,000 - £30,000)
Employer's pension contribution	£10,000 - £15,000 (2021: £5,000 - £10,000)

During the year, no travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to trustees (2021: nil).

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

13 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the academy trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £196 (2021: £196). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Assets under construction	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 September 2021	19,767,995	-	175,403	437,030	60,975	20,441,403
Additions	-	106,455	29,233	113,161	-	248,849
At 31 August 2022	19,767,995	106,455	204,636	550,191	60,975	20,690,252
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2021	3,928,384	-	123,371	368,158	51,979	4,471,892
Charge for the year	451,521	-	31,096	38,199	6,296	527,112
At 31 August 2022	4,379,905	-	154,467	406,357	58,275	4,999,004
Net book value						
At 31 August 2022	15,388,090	106,455	50,169	143,834	2,700	15,691,248
At 31 August 2021	15,839,611	-	52,032	68,872	8,996	15,969,511

SUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TRUST

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

15 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	53,805	45,604
VAT recoverable	76,376	25,096
Prepayments and accrued income	436,610	85,943
	<u>566,791</u>	<u>156,643</u>

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Government loans	7,243	7,243
Trade creditors	168,863	89,367
Other taxation and social security	100,611	97,142
Other creditors	111,412	98,913
Accruals and deferred income	201,172	216,312
	<u>589,301</u>	<u>508,977</u>

Included in the current loan balance is £7,243 (2021: £7,243) in relation to loans from Salix Finance as part of the Condition Improvement Fund. The original amounts borrowed were £57,944 in relation to the boiler replacement and £10,000 in respect of the flat roof replacement. The former was repayable over eight years in annual instalments of £7,244, beginning in the year ended 31 August 2016. The latter is repayable over five years, beginning in the year ending 31 August 2020. The loan for the boiler replacement is interest free whilst the loan for the flat roof replacement incurs interest charges at the rate of 1.55%.

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Government loans	<u>3,622</u>	<u>10,865</u>

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17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(Continued)	
	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Analysis of loans			
Wholly repayable within five years	10,865	18,108	
Less: included in current liabilities	(7,243)	(7,243)	
	<u>3,622</u>	<u>10,865</u>	
Amounts included above	<u>3,622</u>	<u>10,865</u>	
Loan maturity			
Debt due in one year or less	7,243	7,243	
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	3,622	10,865	
	<u>10,865</u>	<u>18,108</u>	

Included in the non-current loan balance is £3,622 (2021: £10,865) in relation to loans from Salix Finance as Part of the Condition Improvement Fund (as described above).

18 Deferred income		2022	2021
		£	£
Deferred income is included within:			
Creditors due within one year		<u>152,123</u>	<u>170,267</u>
Deferred income at 1 September 2021		170,267	115,486
Released from previous years		(170,267)	(115,486)
Resources deferred in the year		<u>152,123</u>	<u>170,267</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2022		<u>152,123</u>	<u>170,267</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for rates relief grants, capital grants, forthcoming trips and other events.

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19 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	5,621,524	(6,276,150)	654,626	-
Pupil premium	-	23,923	-	(23,923)	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	255,913	-	(255,913)	-
Other government grants	-	63,119	-	(63,119)	-
Other restricted funds	-	469,958	-	(469,958)	-
Pension reserve	(2,691,000)	-	(359,000)	1,912,000	(1,138,000)
	<u>(2,691,000)</u>	<u>6,434,437</u>	<u>(6,635,150)</u>	<u>1,753,713</u>	<u>(1,138,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	10,995,280	-	(274,860)	-	10,720,420
DfE group capital grants	4,955,216	627,573	(224,821)	-	5,357,968
Capital expenditure from GAG	63,573	-	(27,431)	7,243	43,385
	<u>16,014,069</u>	<u>627,573</u>	<u>(527,112)</u>	<u>7,243</u>	<u>16,121,773</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>13,323,069</u>	<u>7,062,010</u>	<u>(7,162,262)</u>	<u>1,760,956</u>	<u>14,983,773</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	695,168	504,012	(412,135)	151,044	938,089
Total funds	<u>14,018,237</u>	<u>7,566,022</u>	<u>(7,574,397)</u>	<u>1,912,000</u>	<u>15,921,862</u>

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19 Funds

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

General Annual Grant: This fund is for the purpose of running the Academy in accordance with the Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State and along guidelines as set out in the Academies Financial Handbook.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was subject to limits at 31 August 2022 on the amount of GAG that could be carried forward from one year to the next. An amount equal to 12% of GAG could be carried forward, of which up to 2% could be used for general recurrent purposes, with any balance being available for premises/capital purposes.

Other DfE/ESFA grants: This fund has also arisen from funding received from the Department for Education and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the furtherance of the Academy's activities that are not funded through the General Annual Grant.

Other government grants: This fund has also arisen from funding received for the furtherance of the Academy's activities that are not funded through the General Annual Grant.

Other restricted fund: This restricted fund has arisen from other income that the Academy has received. The monies have to be used for the benefit of the Academy but there are no restrictions on when these monies can be spent.

Pension reserve: This liability has arisen from the Local Government Pension Scheme, which was inherited by the Academy on conversion. See note 21 for further details on this liability.

Restricted fixed asset funds: These funds have arisen from fixed assets inherited upon conversion and from the subsequent purchases of new assets for use by the Academy. All assets held are specifically for the use of the Academy.

Unrestricted funds: These have arisen from activities carried out by the Academy for raising funds and are unrelated to any form of government assistance and therefore the Academy can choose to spend it however it chooses.

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19 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	5,192,336	(5,917,105)	724,769	-
Pupil premium	-	24,527	-	(24,527)	-
Catch-up premium	-	49,603	-	(49,603)	-
Other Coronavirus funding	-	44,039	-	(44,039)	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	316,519	-	(316,519)	-
Other government grants	-	38,143	-	(38,143)	-
Other restricted funds	-	172,491	-	(172,491)	-
Pension reserve	(2,339,000)	-	(259,000)	(93,000)	(2,691,000)
	<u>(2,339,000)</u>	<u>5,837,658</u>	<u>(6,176,105)</u>	<u>(13,553)</u>	<u>(2,691,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	11,270,140	-	(274,860)	-	10,995,280
DfE group capital grants	5,138,220	21,948	(204,952)	-	4,955,216
Capital expenditure from GAG	72,183	-	(23,853)	15,243	63,573
	<u>16,480,543</u>	<u>21,948</u>	<u>(503,665)</u>	<u>15,243</u>	<u>16,014,069</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>14,141,543</u>	<u>5,859,606</u>	<u>(6,679,770)</u>	<u>1,690</u>	<u>13,323,069</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>470,228</u>	<u>438,677</u>	<u>(119,047)</u>	<u>(94,690)</u>	<u>695,168</u>
Total funds	<u>14,611,771</u>	<u>6,298,283</u>	<u>(6,798,817)</u>	<u>(93,000)</u>	<u>14,018,237</u>

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	15,691,248	15,691,248
Current assets	938,089	582,058	441,390	1,961,537
Current liabilities	-	(582,058)	(7,243)	(589,301)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	(3,622)	(3,622)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,138,000)	-	(1,138,000)
Total net assets	<u>938,089</u>	<u>(1,138,000)</u>	<u>16,121,773</u>	<u>15,921,862</u>

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20 Analysis of net assets between funds

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	15,969,511	15,969,511
Current assets	695,168	501,734	62,666	1,259,568
Current liabilities	-	(501,734)	(7,243)	(508,977)
Non-current liabilities	-	-	(10,865)	(10,865)
Pension scheme liability	-	(2,691,000)	-	(2,691,000)
Total net assets	695,168	(2,691,000)	16,014,069	14,018,237

21 Pension and similar obligations

The academy trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by London Borough of Sutton. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £102,359 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 (2021: £97,274) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academy trusts. All teachers have the option to opt out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary. These contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019.

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21 Pension and similar obligations

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The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £651,623 (2021: £647,760).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The academy trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The academy trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 22% for employers and 5.5% to 12.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Total contributions made	2022 £	2021 £
Employer's contributions	185,000	171,000
Employees' contributions	55,000	51,000
Total contributions	240,000	222,000
Principal actuarial assumptions	2022 %	2021 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.20	3.90
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.20	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.65

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21 Pension and similar obligations

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

	2022 Years	2021 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.4	21.6
- Females	24.1	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.9	22.9
- Females	25.8	25.7

Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Discount rate + 0.1%	(79,000)	(132,000)
Discount rate - 0.1%	79,000	135,000
Mortality assumption + 1 year	178,000	281,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year	(178,000)	(269,000)
CPI rate + 0.1%	71,000	13,000
CPI rate - 0.1%	(71,000)	(13,000)

Defined benefit pension scheme net liability

	2022 £	2021 £
Scheme assets	3,318,000	3,483,000
Scheme obligations	(4,456,000)	(6,174,000)
Net liability	(1,138,000)	(2,691,000)

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2022 Fair value £	2021 Fair value £
Equities	2,024,000	2,261,000
Bonds	763,000	784,000
Cash	133,000	68,000
Absolute return	-	27,000
Property	398,000	343,000
Total market value of assets	3,318,000	3,483,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £(318,000) (2021: £461,000).

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21 Pension and similar obligations

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Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2022 £	2021 £
Current service cost	497,000	392,000
Interest income	(59,000)	(45,000)
Interest cost	106,000	83,000
Total operating charge	544,000	430,000

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 September 2021	6,174,000	5,200,000
Current service cost	497,000	392,000
Interest cost	106,000	83,000
Employee contributions	55,000	51,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(2,289,000)	509,000
Benefits paid	(87,000)	(61,000)
At 31 August 2022	4,456,000	6,174,000

Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 September 2021	3,483,000	2,861,000
Interest income	59,000	45,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)	(377,000)	416,000
Employer contributions	185,000	171,000
Employee contributions	55,000	51,000
Benefits paid	(87,000)	(61,000)
At 31 August 2022	3,318,000	3,483,000

22 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2021 £	Cash flows £	31 August 2022 £
Cash	1,102,925	291,821	1,394,746
Loans falling due within one year	(7,243)	-	(7,243)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(10,865)	7,243	(3,622)
	1,084,817	299,064	1,383,881

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23 Contingent liabilities

There is an on-going employment claim against the Academy Trust and there is a risk that this could result in a financial liability becoming payable if this claim is successful. The maximum value of this potential liability cannot yet be quantified. The Academy Trust is robustly contesting this claim.

24 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		(8,375)	(500,534)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(627,573)	(21,948)
Investment income receivable	8	(4,137)	(666)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	21	312,000	221,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	21	47,000	38,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		527,112	503,665
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(34,935)	22,385
Increase/(decrease) in creditors		80,324	(195,178)
Net cash provided by operating activities		291,416	66,724

25 Related party transactions

No related party transactions took place in the period of account other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 12.

26 Long-term commitments

Operating leases

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

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts due within one year	12,728	12,838
Amounts due in two and five years	5,258	18,927
	17,986	31,765

27 Members' liability

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

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28 Agency arrangements

The Trust manages the DfE's 16-19 Bursary Fund. In the year ended 31 August 2022 the Trust received £5,614 (2021 - £7,582) and distributed £5,614 (2021 - £7,582) of this to vulnerable and discretionary applicants. At 31 August 2022, no balance remained to be disbursed to students.