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Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022
for
KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

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Reference and Administrative Details for the year ended 31 August 2022

Members	Mr S Thomas Mr E Gough (resigned 16/12/21) Mrs J Shearer (resigned 16/12/21) Mr P Metcalfe (appointed 16/12/21) Mrs A Taylor (appointed 16/12/21) Miss L Wallace (appointed 16/12/21) Mr L Batstone (appointed 16/12/21)
Trustees	Mr J D C Wright (Chair of Trustees) Mr A P Coates (Vice Chair of Trustees) Mr D Bennett Dr J D Hanks Mrs A L Jordan (resigned 10/07/22) Ms Maureen Douglas Dr A Lavers (resigned 11/11/21) Mr R M Pinches Mr S Harris (resigned 03/10/22) Mrs C Lambeth (appointed 10/03/22)
Clerk to the Trustees	Mrs V Seymour
Company secretary	Mrs K Bayliss
Senior Leadership	Mr D Bennett (Executive Headteacher) Mr L Butler (Head of School - Secondary) Mr M Morris (Deputy Headteacher – Secondary) Mr D Cook (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary) Mrs R Finch (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary) Mrs R Ruvino (Assistant Headteacher - Secondary) Mrs K Bayliss (Finance Director) Mrs E Vigus (Head of School - Primary) Miss P Nicholas (Assistant Headteacher – Primary appointed 25/04/22) Mrs A Preece (Assistant Headteacher – Primary appointed 25/04/22)
Registered office	Kingstone High School Hereford HR2 9HJ
Registered company number	07681857
Auditors	Haines Watts Birmingham LLP 5-6 Greenfield Crescent Edgbaston Birmingham B15 3BE
Bankers	Lloyds Bank Plc 6-8 High Street Hereford HR1 2AE

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's reports of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report and a Directors' report under company law.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

Kingstone Academy Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust formed between Kingstone High School and Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School. The Company was incorporated on the 24 June 2011 and converted from a Local Authority School to an Academy Trust on the 1 August 2011 (High School) and 1 September 2011 (Primary School).

The Trustees of Kingstone Academy Trust Limited are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Kingstone Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year and up to the date of sign-off, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' Liability

Each member of the Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the 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

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust.

The liability insurance is provided by Zurich Plc and provides cover up to £5,000,000 (2021: £5,000,000) on any one claim.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

This is defined in the Articles of Association:

The Members may appoint up to 12 Trustees.

The Members may appoint Staff Trustees through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Trustees (including the Executive Headteacher) who are employees of the Academy Trust does not exceed one-third of the total number of Trustees. Further details can be found in the Articles of Association.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The Academy has a Trustee Recruitment and Induction policy.

The training and induction provided for new Trustees includes a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils. The Herefordshire Governors Association provide external training including financial matters. They provide regular updates on practice, legislation and guidance. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees.

Organisational structure

The Academy Trust has a leadership structure which consists of the Trustees, the Executive Headteacher, the Finance Director and two Heads of School (one for the Primary and one for the Secondary) as well as their respective senior leadership teams; one Deputy Head and three Assistant Heads in the Secondary and two Assistant Heads in the Primary (from 25/04/2022, prior to this there was one Deputy Head and no Assistant Heads in the Primary). The aim of the leadership structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels. The Executive Head is the Accounting Officer.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the strategic direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and key staff appointments.

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Organisational structure – continued

The Senior Leadership directs the Academy Trust at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them. The Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, though appointment boards for Heads of School and the Executive Headteacher always contain a Trustee.

Heads of Faculty and Phase leads are responsible for the day-to-day operation of curriculum subject areas and accordingly organise their teaching staff, capitation resources, facilities and students.

Arrangements for setting pay for remuneration of key management personnel

The Academy Trust uses career stage expectations and a rigorous performance management process to ensure that the human resources of the school provide good value for money. The Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee meets to review the Executive Headteacher's recommendations and to review that the pay ranges employed are still appropriate to the size of school and range of responsibility expected by an employee.

The Executive Head teacher's performance is reviewed annually by the Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees and with the advice of a suitably qualified external advisor.

Trade union facility time

During this period the Academy did not pay union facility time in advance, instead paying as and when required by the unions within school.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

Achieving Success Together

Our overall aim is to produce confident, self-assured and successful young adults who have the learning skills and track record of success in a variety of experiences that will allow them to make a positive contribution to their society.

Our vision is developed through the use of our Strategic Intent document.

The Academy Trust uses the motto of: 'Achieving Success Together'.

Our pledge is that we shall endeavour to provide opportunities for all in the following areas.

Achievement:

Whatever their ability:-

- Every child will make the expected progress at all stages of their schooling and the majority will have done even better than this by the time they leave.

Community:

We aim:-

- to embrace the wider community to provide opportunities for our pupils.
- to have all members of the Trust to feel part of one organisation.
- to maximise the role of parents in the wider community.
- to involve all partners of all kinds in the community to work with the Trust.

Through these aims Kingstone Academy Trust is seen as a central part of our local community.

Experiences:

All of our pupils will:-

- Have a rich, innovative and varied curriculum experience that meets their needs.
- Have access to opportunities and challenges outside the classroom that build on their talents and interests.
- Be safe in our caring and learning community.
- Be introduced to new experiences which will provide them with challenge in which to develop the skills needed to create a 'habit of success'.

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Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The Company's object is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools offering a broad and balanced curriculum (Memorandum of Association).

The High School continues its commitment to provide a broad curriculum with a very wide-ranging curriculum of GCSE and BTEC courses designed to meet the needs of our students. The Primary School curriculum is broad and diverse enough to meet the needs of all pupils.

The High School continues to augment its teaching by focusing on the wider world so that some students will be actively involved in qualifications that require them to research and investigate foreign countries, traditions and cultures. The High School has increased its language provision so that Spanish and French are taught throughout KS3 with German introduced for selected students in Y9. The Trust has utilised specialist language teaching to teach Spanish in KTPS from Y3 to Y6 and in Y6 at three other local feeder primaries.

Our objectives are to use the aims laid out previously as the driving force to deliver a top-quality education experience to all of the young people who come to our schools. To achieve this aim we engage in a continual process of monitoring, self-review and actions to ensure we meet the needs of our pupils. This is common practice across both schools and there is much individual intervention and support to ensure this is the case.

Through this process we provide opportunities to our pupils to meet the aims as laid out previously. We provide a wide range of subject based academic experiences in both schools and a large range of wider experiential opportunities including; residential trips in this country and abroad; the opportunity to represent the schools in sporting fixtures at all ages in a wide variety of sports; the opportunity to represent the school in a school musical, drama performance or debating competition.

Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas, and its finances. The Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee receives a copy of the Risk Register at each meeting, providing assurance to the Full Board that all risks are documented and an action plan to mitigate each risk is in place. The Risk Register assesses risks that the school faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance. Trustees have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Statement of Internal Control.

Strategic report

Achievement and performance

Charitable activities

In Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School, KS2 results at the last validated data point of summer 2022:

KS2:

% achieving level EXS: writing 86%; reading 86%; maths 90%

% achieving level GDS: writing 28%; reading 24%; maths 0% (three children missed by one mark)

Reading Writing & Maths 69%

KS1:

% Expected Standard + - reading 81%; writing 78%; maths 89%

% Greater Depth + - reading 19%; writing 15%; maths 19%

Phonics:

Y1 % achieving threshold: 76%

EYFS:

% achieving GLD: 72%

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Achievement and performance - continued

BASICS

In Kingstone High School, GCSE results including English Literature (this is not reflected in the IDSR that removed any Literature results taken in year 10) which gives a true record of achievement:

Attainment 8: 4.7

English & Maths at Grade 5+: 60%
English and Maths at Grade 4+: 74%

Grade 5+ English: 73%
Grade 4+ English: 87%
Grade 5+ Maths: 65%
Grade 4+ Maths: 76%

EBACC

Students entered for EBACC: 14% (this is a legacy as a result of former option choices and has now been rectified)

School Improvement Planning

Both schools have a comprehensive School Improvement Plan in place, informed by a SEF, to further develop both schools. In each case the plan is developed around the latest OFSTED framework and its areas of judgement. The Primary School was judged Good by OFSTED following an inspection in July 2017; and in the secondary the report of a short Ofsted inspection published in January 2019 stated that the school remains Good. The secondary has also had a no notice monitoring visit due to malicious complaints. The focus in July 2022 was safe guarding which the inspectors found to be effective.

The school improvement plans have to focus on closing gaps between highlighted groups such as gender or SEND status but there is particular emphasis on ensuring disadvantaged students close the gap on their non-disadvantaged peers.

<u>Pupils on roll</u> <u>(Census)</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 2016	335	154	489
October 2017	387	171	558
October 2018	440	194	634
October 2019	503	185	688
October 2020	571	188	759
October 2021	607	186	793
October 2022	642	194	836

Like the vast majority of schools across the county of Herefordshire, both the high school and primary have suffered in the past from declining numbers due to demographic changes. However, both schools have experienced a trend of improving numbers over recent years. The two schools are now oversubscribed in a number of year groups. The High school has been oversubscribed in Year 7 for each of the last four years.

There is significant building currently close to the schools and this will likely see both schools oversubscribed for the foreseeable future. The monies that will come from these developments will be used to increase basic need capacity.

Key financial performance indicators

A key financial performance indicator for the Trust is actual performance compared to budget.

A budget of £153k spend over income was approved by the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2022. The deficit was set in order to undertake site improvements and contribute to a CIF bid to upgrade the fire alarm system at the High School. The final outturn for the year was a surplus of £329k representing a budget variance of £482k. This can be broken down as follows:

	<u>£'000</u>
New 'supplementary grant' from the ESFA	54
Additional income: Special Education needs and other	66
Underspend on site due to works being delayed until 22-23	189
Staffing cost savings	34
Other budgetary underspends	139
Total budget variance	<u>482</u>

For the reporting year, teachers' pay as a % of GAG was 61.7% (2021: 62.6%) and overall staffing as a % of GAG was 87.5% (2021: 84.3%).

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Impact of COVID-19

The Academy Trust put in place age and setting appropriate risk assessments which were used to support management of learning during this difficult time.

There has been a loss of monies due to loss of lettings and an increase in spending on resources to ensure that the risk of COVID 19 spread was reduced. In addition, the ability to fundraise has been greatly curtailed.

The full impact on students is yet to be determined, however the learning loss that has occurred is substantial.

There have also been significant issues with some vulnerable students and their return to the normality of school life after such a sustained period away from it. It is vital that this normality remains as much as possible.

There continues to be an impact on staffing with regards to having to find supply cover when necessary but this is not as acute as it has been previously.

Clearly the uncertainties that continue this year and for years to come will affect medium- and long-term planning e.g. supporting school refusers and those with distinct anxieties and mental wellbeing issues.

There have been some positive outcomes in terms of working practices such as the use of school cloud to enable online parents' evening.

Financial review

The majority of the Academy Trust's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2022 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

The Academy Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned as defined in the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2022, total expenditure of £4,772,206 (2021: £4,181,347) was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The total net income before other gains and losses for the period was £78,726 (2021: net income of £249,434)

At 31 August 2022, the net book value of fixed assets was £4,471,869 (2021: £4,608,472) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in Note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy Trust.

Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Academy Trust's level of reserves, unrestricted funds, (total funds less the amount held in restricted funds) at 31 August 2022 was £89 (2021: £nil). At the year end, the Academy Trust's level of General Restricted Funds stood at £974,489 (2021: £659,281).

Going concern

After making appropriate enquires, the Board of Trustees have 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.

Investment policy and objectives

Should funds become available to invest, the chosen investment vehicle will be short term Money Market deposits. The Finance Director will liaise with the Executive Headteacher regarding the amounts involved and the duration of the investment. Every effort will be made to maximise interest on surplus funds ensuring at the same time that full protection of funds is guaranteed.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees consider that the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy Trust are:

- To achieve and maintain a robust financial status.
- Financial risk - not operating within its budget and running a deficit, changes in funding, inappropriate or insufficient financial controls and systems, fraudulent activity and/or financial commitments made without adequate authorisation.
- Operational risks resulting from changes in staffing or inappropriate staff being employed.
- Staff morale falling due to failure to deliver IT resources to staff and students.
- A failure to take advantage of any opportunities arising from potential MAT expansion

The key controls used by the Academy include:

- Detailed terms of reference for all committees.
- Formal agendas for the Academy board and committees.
- Schemes of delegation and formal financial regulations.
- Formal written policies.
- Clear authorisation and approval levels.
- Policies and procedures required by law to protect the vulnerable.

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The School has agreed a Risk Management strategy, a Risk register and a risk management plan. These have been discussed by Trustees and include the financial risks to the school. The register and plan are constantly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

Fundraising

The School has fundraising done on its behalf by the Friends of Kingstone High School. They keep a separate account and their accounts are audited independently of the school. Friends of Kingstone High School is a registered charity.

Plans for future periods

Kingstone Academy Trust will continue its relentless progress towards fulfilling the pledges contained in our Strategic Intent document - these are developed around the educational achievement of all of our young people from age 3 - 16, our further involvement in our wider community and through providing our young people with a range of opportunities that will provide them with the skills to be successful adults.

The Trust has set ambitious academic targets for Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 as well as stretching targets for improving attendance. Continuous Professional Development for all staff is at the heart of our operations to continually seek improvement in the service we provide. The Academy Trust will continue to benchmark itself against national academic measures and also areas of specific interest and expertise.

It will measure itself against internal annual School Improvement Plans and against the Aims and Objectives as outlined in both the Funding Agreement and the Memorandum of Association. The School Improvement Plans are developed around the 4 Ofsted themes and have a number of specific and measurable objectives.

As an outward facing school we will where appropriate continue to both share our expertise with others and to learn from them as we jointly seek to enhance the life opportunities of the young people we work with on a daily basis.

Principal activities

This is defined in the Articles of Association:

The Academy Trust's objects ("the Objects") are specifically restricted to the following to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools ("the Academies") offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

Promoting for the benefit of the inhabitants of Kingstone and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

Kingstone Academy Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust formed between Kingstone High School and Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School.

Kingstone Academy Trust continues to have proactive and mutually beneficial relationships with a number of county and nationwide groups such as the Local authority, the Schools Network, National College for School Leadership, Schools, Students and Teachers (SSAT), local post 16 providers, employers and training organisations. These links are maintained in the interests of supporting good practice and information sharing to enhance the school operations at all age groups.

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for the year ended 31 August 2022

Auditors

Insofar 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.

Report of the trustees, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 15 December 2022 and signed on the board's behalf by:



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Mr J D C Wright - Trustee

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Governance Statement for the year ended 31 August 2022

Scope of Responsibility

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Kingstone Academy 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 of loss.

As trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The Board of the Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Executive Headteacher, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Kingstone Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Report of the Trustees and in the Statement of Trustees Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Category of Membership	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr David Bennett	Executive Headteacher (ex-officio)	4	4
Ms Maureen Douglas	Trustee	2	4
Mrs Andrea Jordan	Trustee	2	4
Mr James Wright	Chair of Trustees	3	4
Mr Andrew Coates	Trustee	4	4
Mr James Hanks	Trustee	4	4
Dr Alan Lavers	Trustee	0	1
Mr Robert Pinches	Trustee	0	4
Mr Stuart Harris	Trustee	2	4
Mrs Catriona Lambeth	Trustee	2	3

The Board maintains oversight by virtue of the fact that the Board and its committees together met 12 times during the year.

The board has, over the course of the year 2021-22 had two resignations and two new starters.

The Trustees have two main committees. The Quality and Standards Committee(Q&S) and the Finance, Pay and Audit Committee (F,P&A). There is an additional one-off Risk Committee (see below in capacity to handle risk) and the members attend the AGM full board in December. There are five members taken from business and education backgrounds.

Governance financial oversight during staffing changes

Since September 2021, the Trust has been through a significant period of change, including the departure of the existing Business Manager in January 2022 and the appointment of a new Finance Director who took up post in April 2022 (with no absence cover during this period) and the implementation of a new finance system (IRIS Financials) in September 2021. Due to difficulties encountered in implementing the new finance system and the departure of the Business Manager, management accounts were not produced from September 2021 to March 2022. The trustees maintained effective oversight of the trust's funds during this period by monitoring cash flow and ensuring that all invoices were reviewed by Heads of School prior to payment. Heads of School put a stop on discretionary spend during this period until management accounts could be produced to ensure that there were no budgetary overspends. The newly appointed Finance Director produced accounts for the period September 2021 to March 2022 followed by regular monthly management accounts.

Governance reviews

The Trustees have, in order to better hold senior leadership to account, undertaken additional training as individuals and collectively. The collective training was led by an ex-HMI and has invigorated and empowered the Trustees to be more pro-active in the quality assurance. There are plans to implement an independent external review of governance in the academic year 2022-23.

The trustees assess its own effectiveness by one to one meetings in key areas such as SEND, PP and Safeguarding. Learning walks, policy reviews, outcomes and reporting evidence are regularly undertaken. As are review of different aspects such as attendance and exclusion data and use of pupil premium and sports premium as well as COVID catch up and NTP.

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Conflicts of interest

The Academy Trust manages potential conflicts of interest by requiring trustees and key management personnel to complete an annual register of interest form. This information is used to maintain a register of interests. At the start of each board meeting, trustees are asked to declare any potential conflicts of interest. Where a conflict exists, the relevant trustee(s) will be asked to leave the meeting and will not be able to vote on any decision.

The Quality and Standards Committee

Its purpose is to support a broad and balanced curriculum and review policies and actions related to curriculum and assessment, safeguarding, behaviour, attendance, SEND and pupil premium. The focus is ensure high standards in the quality of education, personal development, and behaviour and attitudes

The **Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee** is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to consider and advise the governing body on standards and other matters relating to the school's finance and resources, including statutory requirements and the school's financial policy. Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Category of Membership	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr Andrew Coates	Chair of Committee	4	4
Mr David Bennett	Executive Headteacher	4	4
Mr Rob Pinches	Trustee, Vice Chair of Committee	1	4
Mr James Wright	Trustee	4	4

Evidence of effectiveness

Regular budget monitoring and cash flow analysis, disposal of assets, best value, review of internal and external audits.

Review of Value for Money

The accounting officer considers how the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data or by using a framework where appropriate. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- All of the school's work continues to focus essentially on improving the quality of its provision in order to enable all students to achieve the highest possible standards of attainment and progress.
- The Finance, Personnel and Audit committee receives monthly budget monitoring reports and information relating to any tendering/procurement in accordance with the Trust's policies.
- The budget is presented to the full Board of Trustees annually for approval. It also receives the Annual Audited Accounts and External Auditors' Management Report.
- The Academy Trust undertakes tendering exercises for significant contracts to ensure that they are competitive. For higher value contracts, three quotes are required
- The Academy Trust explores opportunities to increase revenues through the hire of facilities, grants and donations.
- A risk register is maintained with high risks reviewed and updated as necessary.
- There is an annual externally recruited internal audit review with the report delivered to Trustees.

The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Kingstone Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees. In addition, there is an additional annual meeting, held in October, that looks solely at risk for the Trust. This is a separate committee made up of the F,P & A attendees and the chair of the Q&S committee; it has a separate chairman from either standard committee.

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Governance Statement for the year ended 31 August 2022

The Risk and Control Framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees.
- regular reviews by the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Devon Audit Partnership as internal auditor. This option has been chosen because the partnership came highly recommended for their professional and effective delivery.

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

- Governance and Scheme of delegation
- Bank account management
- Fraud framework
- Income, debtors and debt Management
- Purchasing and payments
- Payroll and expenses

The audit took place in July 2022 and the auditor reported to the board of trustees through the audit and risk committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities. The auditor prepared a summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

As highlighted in the Statement of regularity, propriety and compliance, since September 2021, the Trust has been through a significant period of change with the implementation of a new finance system, the departure of the Business Manager in January 2022 and the start of a new Finance Director in April 2022. This has presented a number of challenges and has impacted on the level of assurance that the auditor was able to provide, however the report made it clear that there has been significant progress made in tightening financial controls since April 2022.

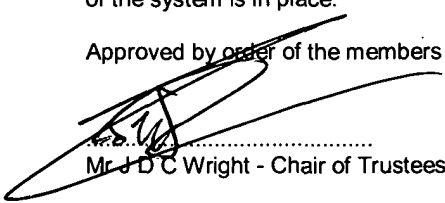
Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Executive Headteacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr J D C Wright - Chair of Trustees



Mr D Bennett - Accounting Officer

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance
for the year ended 31 August 2022

As Accounting Officer of Kingstone Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the charitable company Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, 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 Academies Trust Handbook.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust 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 the following instance of non-compliance with the Academy Trust Handbook occurred and has been notified to the board of trustees and ESFA. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.

- Management accounts were not produced and circulated to the Board from September 2021 to March 2022. The governance statement describes how the Academy Trust maintained effective financial oversight during this period.


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Mr D Bennett - Accounting Officer

15 December 2022

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities for the year ended 31 August 2022

The Trustees (who act as Governors of Kingstone Academy Trust and are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued 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 financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to

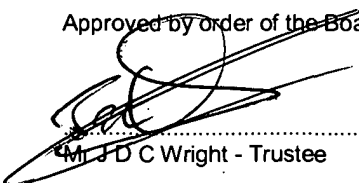
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have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

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

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the charitable company applies financial and other controls, which conform to the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Department for Education have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 15 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr J D C Wright - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Kingstone Academy Trust

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kingstone Academy Trust (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Kingstone Academy Trust

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to both the charitable company itself and the sector in which it operates. We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our sector experience and through discussion with the Trustees and other management. The most significant were identified as the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP (FRS102) and the Accounts Direction and Academy Trust Handbook issued by the ESFA.

We considered the extent of compliance with those laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statements. Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:

- making enquires of management and Trustees as to where they consider there to be a susceptibility to fraud and whether they have any knowledge or suspicion of fraud;
- obtaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- assessing the design effectiveness of the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud;
- assessing the risk of management override including identifying and testing journal entries;
- challenging the assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates.

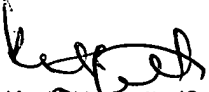
Whilst our audit did not identify any significant matters relating to the detection of irregularities including fraud, and despite the audit being planned and conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK), there remains an unavoidable risk that material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected owing to inherent limitations of the audit, and that by their very nature, any such instances of fraud or irregularity would likely involve collusion, forgery, intentional misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

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

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Kingstone Academy Trust

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 auditors' 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.



Kevin Hodgetts (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Haines Watts Birmingham LLP
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Date: 16 December 2022

Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to
Kingstone Academy Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency

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

Respective responsibilities of Kingstone Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Kingstone Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 August 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 Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

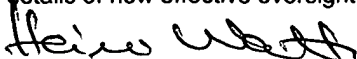
The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- An assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across the Academy Trust's activities;
- A review of governance procedures;
- A review of financial budgeting and monitoring procedures;
- A review of related/ connected party transactions in accordance with internal processes and the Academy Trust Handbook
- A review of the Academy Trust's accounting and internal control procedures; and
- A review and sample testing of procurement procedures.

Conclusion

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

Matter 1: Management accounts were not produced and circulated to the Board from September 2021 to March 2022 which is in breach of the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook. The Trust's governance statement includes details of how effective oversight was maintained during this period. We are satisfied that this has now been addressed.



Haines Watts Birmingham LLP
Reporting Accountant
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Date: 16 December 2022

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2022**

				2022	2021
	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from					
Donations and capital grants	2	-	-	70,836	85,309
Charitable activities					
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	21,940	4,738,164	-	4,320,376
Other trading activities	4	19,903	-	-	25,013
Investment income	5	89	-	-	82
Total		41,932	4,738,164	70,836	4,430,780
Expenditure on					
Raising funds		21,510	-	-	30,968
Charitable activities					
Academy trust's educational operations	7	20,333	4,489,599	240,764	4,150,378
Total		41,843	4,489,599	240,764	4,181,346
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		89	248,565	(169,928)	249,434
Transfers between funds	17	-	(84,357)	84,357	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		-	1,658,000	-	7,000
Net movement in funds		89	1,822,208	(85,571)	256,434
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		-	(1,735,719)	4,608,472	2,616,319
Total funds carried forward		89	86,489	4,522,901	2,872,753

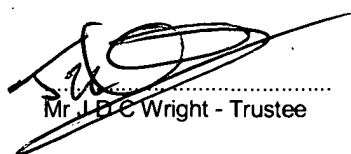
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KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Balance Sheet 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	4,471,869	4,608,472
Current assets			
Debtors	14	311,404	125,121
Cash at bank		<u>1,044,125</u>	<u>692,449</u>
		1,355,529	817,570
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(329,919)</u>	<u>(158,289)</u>
Net current assets		<u>1,025,610</u>	<u>659,281</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		5,497,479	5,267,753
Pension liability	18	<u>(888,000)</u>	<u>(2,395,000)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>4,609,479</u>	<u>2,872,753</u>
Funds	17		
Restricted funds:			
General restricted funds		974,489	659,281
Restricted fixed asset funds		4,522,901	4,608,472
Pension reserve		<u>(888,000)</u>	<u>(2,395,000)</u>
		4,609,390	2,872,753
Unrestricted funds:			
General fund		<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u>4,609,479</u>	<u>2,872,753</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 December 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mr. J. D. C. Wright - Trustee

Company Registered Number: 07681857

The notes form part of these financial statements

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	22	385,001	395,409
Interest paid		<u>-</u>	<u>(310)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>385,001</u>	<u>395,099</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(104,161)	(149,911)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		<u>70,836</u>	<u>69,476</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(33,325)</u>	<u>(80,435)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		351,676	314,664
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>692,449</u>	<u>377,785</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>1,044,125</u></u>	<u><u>692,449</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

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

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received 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 year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance related conditions), where it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Accounting policies - continued

Raising funds

Raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading.

Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Academy's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustee's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. 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 such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Academy's depreciation policy.

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 lives, as follows:

Long leasehold buildings	2%-20% straight line method
Long leasehold land	125 years straight line
Furniture, fittings and equipment	15%-20% straight line method
ICT equipment	33.3% straight line method

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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

Liabilities

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

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 as detailed in note 14. 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 as detailed in note 15. 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.

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Accounting policies - continued

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.

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/Department for Education.

Pension benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes, are contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme ('SERPS'), and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in note 18, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the Academy is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

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

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

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgments 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.

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1. Accounting policies - continued

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 18, 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 2021. 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 judgment

The annual depreciation charge for tangible fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. See note 13 for the carrying amount of the tangible fixed assets, and note 1 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

2. Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Donations and contributions from other organisations	-	-	-	5,874
Capital grants	-	70,836	70,836	69,476
School trips and music income	-	-	-	9,959
	<u>-</u>	<u>70,836</u>	<u>70,836</u>	<u>85,309</u>

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3. Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021/22 Total	2020/21 Total
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	4,002,265	4,002,265	3,405,880
Other DfE/ESFA grants				
UFSM	-	22,058	22,058	20,866
Pupil Premium	-	242,989	242,989	177,231
Teachers pay grant	-	-	-	45,431
Teachers pension grant	-	-	-	128,375
Others	-	121,262	121,262	77,346
	-	4,388,574	4,388,574	3,855,129
Other Government grants				
Local authority grants	-	343,471	343,471	241,765
Special educational projects	-	2,364	2,364	159,118
Other income from the academy trust's educational operations	21,940	3,755	25,695	-
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)				
Catch-up premium	-	-	-	60,640
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	3,725
COVID-19 additional funding (Non-DfE/ESFA)				
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	-	-	-
Other COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	-
	<u>21,940</u>	<u>4,738,164</u>	<u>4,760,104</u>	<u>4,320,377</u>

4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Hire of facilities	15,158	-	15,158	2,418
Catering income	1,245	-	1,245	10,000
Other income	3,500	-	3,500	12,595
	<u>19,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,903</u>	<u>25,013</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Short term deposits	<u>89</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>82</u>

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6. Expenditure

	Non-pay expenditure			2022	2021
	Staff costs	Premises	Other costs	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Raising funds					
Direct costs	5,474	-	16,035	21,510	15,752
Allocated support costs	-	-	-	-	15,216
Charitable activities					
Academy trust's educational operations					
Direct costs	3,082,559	169,884	311,258	3,563,701	2,983,109
Allocated support costs	547,292	408,149	231,554	1,186,995	1,167,269
	<u>3,635,325</u>	<u>578,033</u>	<u>558,848</u>	<u>4,772,206</u>	<u>4,181,346</u>

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	9,500
Auditors' remuneration for non-audit work	8,000	7,410
Depreciation - owned assets	240,764	157,796
Operating leases	24,343	49,100
Interest of defined benefit pension scheme cost	<u>40,000</u>	<u>39,000</u>

7. Charitable activities – academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Direct costs	17,591	3,546,111	3,563,702	2,983,109
Support costs	<u>2,742</u>	<u>1,184,253</u>	<u>1,186,995</u>	<u>1,167,269</u>
	<u>20,333</u>	<u>4,730,364</u>	<u>4,750,697</u>	<u>4,150,378</u>

	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	547,292	508,343
Technology costs	106,566	75,685
Premises costs	289,545	317,549
Other support costs	106,488	121,056
Governance costs	<u>137,104</u>	<u>144,636</u>
Total support costs	<u>1,186,995</u>	<u>1,167,269</u>

Certain items of expenditure have been recategorised within the 2021-22 accounts to align to the classifications in the ESFA's new standardised chart of accounts. The comparative expenditure has also been reclassified in order to present on a consistent basis.

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8. Staff costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,621,155	2,148,560
Social security costs	253,196	221,255
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	760,974	772,859
	<u>3,635,325</u>	<u>3,142,674</u>

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charitable company during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Teachers (FTE 2022 - 41, 2021 - 33)	45	37
Admin (FTE 2022 - 30, 2021 - 33)	40	42
Management (FTE 2022 - 5, 2021 - 3)	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>90</u>	<u>82</u>

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

	2022	2021
£60,001 - £70,000	2	2
£80,001 - £90,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the trust is 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 £420,029 (2021: £356,586).

9. Central services

The Trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- Human resources
- Financial services
- Education support services

The trust charges for these services on a flat 6.5% of budgeted total income for KTPS (2021: 0%) and 7.5% of budgeted total income for KHS. (2021: 0%)

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Kingstone High School	265,200	-
Kingstone and Thruxton Primary School	<u>65,005</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>330,205</u>	<u>-</u>

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10. Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

Principal and staff trustees only received remuneration in respect of services they provided undertaking the roles of Principal and staff and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Academy in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration was as follows:

Employer's remuneration:	2022 £	2021 £
D Bennett (Principal and Trustee)	£80,000 - £85,000	£80,000 - £85,000

Employer's pension contributions:	2022 £	2021 £
D Bennett (Principal and Trustee)	£15,000 - £20,000	£15,000 - £20,000

11. Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions accruing whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £1,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

12. Comparatives for the statement of financial activities 31 August 2021

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments from				
Donations and capital grants	5,874	9,959	69,476	85,309
Charitable activities				
Funding for the academy's educational operations	-	4,320,377	-	4,320,376
Other trading activities	25,013	-	-	25,013
Investment income	82	-	-	82
Total	<u>30,969</u>	<u>4,330,336</u>	<u>69,476</u>	<u>4,430,780</u>
Expenditure on				
Raising funds	30,969	-	-	30,968
Charitable activities				
Academy trust's educational operations	-	3,992,582	157,796	4,150,378
Total	<u>30,969</u>	<u>3,992,582</u>	<u>157,796</u>	<u>4,181,347</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	-	337,754	(88,319)	249,434
Transfers between funds	-	(66,274)	66,274	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes	-	7,000	-	7,000
Net movement in funds	-	278,480	(22,046)	256,434
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	-	(2,014,199)	4,630,518	2,616,319
Total funds carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,735,719)</u>	<u>4,608,472</u>	<u>2,872,753</u>

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold £	Computer Equipment £	Furniture and Equipment £	Totals £
Cost				
At 1 September 2021	5,500,824	150,285	118,310	5,769,419
Additions	<u>4,189</u>	<u>50,711</u>	<u>49,261</u>	<u>104,161</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>5,505,013</u>	<u>200,996</u>	<u>167,571</u>	<u>5,873,580</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	981,706	126,179	53,062	1,160,947
Charge for year	<u>183,726</u>	<u>28,618</u>	<u>28,420</u>	<u>240,764</u>
At 31 August 2022	<u>1,165,432</u>	<u>154,797</u>	<u>81,482</u>	<u>1,401,711</u>
Net book value				
At 31 August 2022	<u>4,339,581</u>	<u>46,199</u>	<u>86,089</u>	<u>4,471,869</u>
At 31 August 2021	<u>4,519,118</u>	<u>24,106</u>	<u>65,248</u>	<u>4,608,472</u>

Leasehold land and buildings are subject to a 125 year lease with the local authority.

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is leasehold land of £652,000.

14. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	10,694	31,604
VAT	54,298	31,859
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>246,412</u>	<u>61,658</u>
	<u>311,404</u>	<u>125,121</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	109,333	-
Social security and other taxes	127,642	113,899
Accruals and deferred income	<u>92,944</u>	<u>44,390</u>
	<u>329,919</u>	<u>158,289</u>

Deferred Income

	2022 £	2021 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	27,495	31,376
Resources deferred in the year	28,904	27,495
Amounts released from previous years	<u>(27,495)</u>	<u>(31,376)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2022	<u>28,904</u>	<u>27,495</u>

At the balance sheet date the Trust was holding funds received in advance for Free School Meals, school trips and rates funding and for the 2022/23 academic year.

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Fixed asset funds £	2022 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	4,471,869	4,471,869
Current assets	89	1,281,767	73,673	1,355,529
Current liabilities	-	(307,278)	(22,641)	(329,919)
Pension liability	-	(888,000)	-	(888,000)
	<u>89</u>	<u>86,489</u>	<u>4,522,901</u>	<u>4,609,479</u>

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

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Restricted Fixed asset funds £	2021 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	4,608,472	4,608,472
Current assets	-	817,570	-	817,570
Current liabilities	-	(158,289)	-	(158,289)
Pension liability	-	(2,395,000)	-	(2,395,000)
	-	<u>(1,735,719)</u>	<u>4,608,472</u>	<u>2,872,753</u>

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17. Movement in funds

	Balance at 31 August 2021 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains, losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Restricted general fund					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	627,926	4,002,265	(3,571,345)	(84,357)	974,489
Other DfE/ESFA Grants:					
UFSM	-	22,058	(22,058)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	242,989	(242,989)	-	-
Rates relief	-	23,711	(23,711)	-	-
PE & sports grant	-	17,600	(17,600)	-	-
COVID Catch up	31,355	-	(31,355)	-	-
Others	-	79,951	(79,951)	-	-
Local authority	-	345,835	(345,835)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	3,755	(3,755)	-	-
	659,281	4,738,164	(4,338,599)	(84,357)	974,489
Restricted pension fund					
Pension reserve	(2,395,000)	-	(151,000)	1,658,000	(888,000)
	(1,735,719)	4,738,164	(4,489,599)	1,573,643	86,489
Restricted fixed asset fund					
DfE/ESFA capital grants	-	70,836	-	(70,836)	-
Accumulated capital fund	4,608,472	-	(240,764)	155,193	4,522,901
	4,608,472	70,836	(240,764)	84,357	4,552,901
Total restricted funds	2,872,753	4,809,000	(4,730,363)	1,658,000	4,609,390
Unrestricted funds	-	41,932	(41,843)	-	89
Total funds	2,872,753	4,850,932	(4,772,206)	1,658,000	4,609,479

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

General Annual Grant (GAG): must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

Other DfE/ESFA Grants: are utilised for the purposes intended by the donor.

Other Restricted General Funds: include payments made towards Academy trips.

The Pension Fund: is the surplus/(deficit) in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds: include the fixed assets transferred on conversion to Academy, capital grants, additions and depreciation.

Unrestricted Funds: are all those income and expenses for general use in the Academy.

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17. Movement in funds - continued

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

	Balance at 31 August 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains, losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
Restricted general fund					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	270,801	3,405,880	(2,980,411)	(66,274)	627,926
Other DfE/ESFA Grants:					
UFSM	-	20,866	(20,866)	-	-
Pupil premium	-	177,231	(177,231)	-	-
Teachers pay grant	-	45,431	(45,431)	-	-
Teachers pension grant	-	128,375	(128,375)	-	-
COVID Catch up	-	60,640	(29,285)	-	31,355
COVID other	-	3,725	(3,725)	-	-
Others	-	77,346	(77,346)	-	-
Local authority	-	400,833	(400,833)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	9,959	(9,959)	-	-
	270,801	4,330,336	(3,875,582)	(66,274)	659,281
Restricted pension fund					
Pension reserve	(2,285,000)	-	(117,000)	7,000	(2,395,000)
	(2,014,199)	4,330,336	(3,992,582)	(59,274)	(1,735,719)
Restricted fixed asset fund					
DfE/ESFA capital grants	-	69,476	-	(69,476)	-
Accumulated capital fund	4,630,518	-	(157,796)	135,750	4,608,472
	4,630,518	69,476	(157,796)	66,274	4,608,472
Total restricted funds	2,616,319	4,399,812	(4,150,378)	7,000	2,872,753
Unrestricted funds	-	30,969	(30,969)	-	-
Total funds	2,616,319	4,430,781	(4,181,347)	7,000	2,872,753

Analysis by Fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2022 were allocated as follows:

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Kingstone High School	540,714	335,069
Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School	397,487	324,212
Kingstone Academy Trust	36,377	-
	974,578	659,281
Restricted fixed asset fund	4,522,901	4,608,472
Pension reserve	(888,000)	(2,395,000)
Total	4,609,479	2,872,753

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17. Movement in funds - continued

Analysis by cost

	Teaching £	Other support £	Educational supplies £	Other (excluding depreciation) £	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
KHS	2,214,762	156,302	65,807	707,539	3,415,621	3,007,359
KTPS	648,965	95,267	8,999	188,953	930,919	899,192
KAT	114,598	-	-	-	151,000	117,000
Total	2,978,325	564,262	74,806	896,492	4,497,539	4,023,551

18. Pension and similar obligations

The charity'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 Worcestershire County Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS to the period ended 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £68,224 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 (2021 - £47,042) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' pension scheme

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

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

Valuation of the teachers' pension scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £424,157 (2021 - £366,298).

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 charity has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The charity has set out above the information available on the scheme.

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18. Pension and similar obligations - continued

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £151,081 (2021 - £134,513), of which employer's contributions totalled £115,268 (2021 - £102,575), and employees' contributions totalled £35,813 (2021 - £31,938). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20.1 per cent for employers and 5.70 per cent for employees.

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

The amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Present value of funded obligations	(3,141,000)	(4,543,000)
Fair value of plan assets	<u>2,253,000</u>	<u>2,148,000</u>
	(888,000)	(2,395,000)
Present value of unfunded obligations	-	-
Deficit	<u>(888,000)</u>	<u>(2,395,000)</u>
Net liability	<u>(888,000)</u>	<u>(2,395,000)</u>

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Current service cost	290,000	249,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	40,000	39,000
Admin expenses	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
	<u>328,000</u>	<u>286,000</u>
Actual return on plan assets	<u>(50,000)</u>	<u>318,000</u>

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18. Pension and similar obligations - continued

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening defined benefit obligation at start of period	4,543,000	3,915,000
Current service cost	290,000	249,000
Contributions by scheme participants	36,000	34,000
Interest cost	78,000	70,000
Benefits paid	(60,000)	(4,000)
Remeasurements:		
(Loss)/gain on assumptions	(2,063,000)	370,000
Experience gain/(loss)	317,000	(91,000)
	<u>3,141,000</u>	<u>4,543,000</u>

Changes in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets at start of period	2,148,000	1,630,000
Assets interest	38,000	31,000
Admin expenses	(2,000)	(2,000)
Contributions by employer	181,000	173,000
Contributions by scheme participants	36,000	34,000
Benefits paid	(60,000)	(4,000)
Assets other remeasurement	(88,000)	286,000
	<u>2,253,000</u>	<u>2,148,000</u>

The amounts recognised in other recognised gains and losses are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Gain/(loss) on assumptions	2,063,000	(370,000)
Experience (loss)/ gain	(317,000)	91,000
Assets other remeasurement	(88,000)	286,000
	<u>1,658,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>

It should be noted that the actuary's 31 August 2022 FRS102 valuation of the scheme's liabilities takes into account the anticipated Pensions Increase Order which is expected to apply from 1 April 2023. As the PI Order each April is linked to the CPI inflation for the year to the preceding September, this is viewed as a constructive obligation as at the Academy Trust's year end. Ordinarily the impact is minimal and dealt with as an experience loss in the year that the PI Order takes effect. Given the currently high levels of CPI inflation, however (CPI rose by 10.1% to September 2022) the estimated impact has been incorporated into the 31 August 2022 valuation by the scheme's actuary and is allowed for in the experience loss above.

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
Equities	73.40%	83.20%
Bonds- Other	2.70%	-
Property	8.30%	4.40%
Cash	1.80%	2.50%
Other	13.80%	9.80%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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18. Pension and similar obligations - continued

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance Sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2022	2021
Discount rate	4.30%	1.70%
Future salary increases	4.40%	4.20%
Future pension increases	3.00%	2.80%
Inflation assumption	2.90%	2.70%

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

Retiring today		
Males	22.6	22.7
Females	25	25.1
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	24.1	24.4
Females	27	27.1

Sensitivity analysis

	2022	2021
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	(65)	(94)
Discount rate -0.1%	66	96
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	62	142
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	(61)	(138)
CPI rate +0.1%	66	95
CPI rate -0.1%	(65)	(93)

19. Capital commitments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements	<u>251,081</u>	<u>-</u>

20. Long-term commitments, including operating leases

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	23,146	34,067
Between one and five years	<u>27,521</u>	<u>48,244</u>
	<u>50,667</u>	<u>82,311</u>

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21. Related party disclosures

Owing to the nature of the Trust and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2022 other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

22. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	78,726	249,434
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	240,764	157,795
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	(70,836)	(69,476)
Interest paid	-	310
Increase in debtors	(186,283)	(26,269)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	171,630	(33,385)
Difference between pension charge and cash contributions	<u>151,000</u>	<u>117,000</u>
Net cash provided by operations	<u>385,001</u>	<u>395,409</u>

23. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1/9/21 £	Cash flow £	At 31/8/22 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	<u>692,449</u>	<u>351,676</u>	<u>1,044,125</u>
	<u>692,449</u>	<u>351,676</u>	<u>1,044,125</u>
Total	<u>692,449</u>	<u>351,676</u>	<u>1,044,125</u>