ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018





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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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Accounting officer

S Wilson

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and Auditors' Report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2018. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates as a Multi Academy Trust with three schools during the financial year ending 31 August 2018:

- Marling School, an academy for pupils aged 11 to 18 in Stroud, drawing students from the local area as well as wider Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire and Bristol. It has a pupil capacity of 900 and had a roll of 972 in the school census for summer term 2018
- Berkeley Primary School, an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 in Berkeley, Gloucestershire. It has a pupil
 capacity of 190 and had a roll of 191 in the school summer term 2018. Berkeley Primary School also runs
 a Nursery School for pupils aged 2 to 4 and had a roll of 30.
- Cam Woodfield Junior School, an academy for mixed pupils aged 7 to 11 in Cam. It has a pupil capacity of 240 and had a roll of 184 in the summer term 2018.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Multi Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

The Trustees of Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust ('the Trust') are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year, and of the Governors serving on the three Local Governing Bodies, are included in the Governance Statement attached.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

In accordance with normal practice both Academies are members of the ESFA Risk Protection Arrangement which includes indemnities to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The RPA provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim.

TRUSTEES

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

On 1st September 2016 the Members appointed Trustees serving as Directors and Governors from both schools on a skills-based basis. These Trustees were appointed on a term of office that would end when their original term at the predecessor school would have ended, thus ensuring a staggered re election or replacement process.

The Trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement:

- Up to 10 Trustees who are appointed by Members
- The Chief Executive Officer
- The Finance Director
- A minimum of 2 Parent Trustees who are elected by parents of registered pupils at an Academy of the Trust, in the event that no Local Governing Bodies are established or if no provision is made for at least 2 Parent Local Governors on an established Local Governing Body

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Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Chief Executive Officer or Finance Director. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustees can be re appointed or re elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy Trust's development.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience. 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. These have been brought together into an induction pack for new Trustees, together with links to external information including the DfE guidance and resources on multi academy trusts, and the National Governance Association support and advice for newly appointed Trustees. New Trustees are invited to visit the academies and meet key personnel including the CEO, Headteachers, and Chairs of LGBs. A Finance Course for Trustees is planned. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority and other bodies. Other induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academies and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of committees and other groups. It receives reports from Local Governing Bodies and monitors their activities through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish working groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale. The Trust Board currently covers all aspects of the Trust business. There are plans in place when appropriate to create a Finance & Resources Committee and a Community & Standards Committee to mirror those in operation in the Trust's academies.

In addition to the Local Governing Bodies who meet at least 4 times per year there are 3 sub committees of each Local Governing Body as follows;

- The Pay and Conditions Committee is a sub committee of the Finance & Resources Committee and meets twice a year to consider teaching staff and support staff salaries.
- Community & Standards Committee this meets at least three times a year to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting, teaching and learning, assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues. It also looks at premises and site issues and monitors Health & Safety and IT Network development.

In addition, there are 2 further sub committees of Marling School:

- The Build Committee is also a sub committee of the Finance & Resources Committee meeting at least as necessary to monitor and report of the capital building taking place.
- Admissions Committee which meets twice a year and additionally as required to deal with all matters relating to admissions.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees; to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academies and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the Headteachers of the Academies and the Clerk to the Trustees.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting a strategic plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academies by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Trust, capital expenditure and staff structures.

The Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academies to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) of each Academy. The SLT comprises the Headteacher, Associate Headteacher, Associate Headteacher, Assistant Headteachers and the Business Manager in Marling School; Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Business Manager in Berkeley Primary School and Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher at Cam Woodfield Junior School. The SLT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance. The Headteacher of each Academy is responsible for the appointment of staff. Appointment panels for teaching posts of Head of Department and above include a governor and for a member of SLT they include the CEO or FD.

During the year the Chief Executive was the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Board of Trustees has agreed pay and performance management policies for all staff and these are reviewed annually. The Board has also agreed to abide by the terms of the School Teachers Pay and Conditions Document when considering any pay decisions relating to teaching staff. A Trustee has been delegated responsibility to consider the pay and performance of the Chief Executive and Finance Director.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

The Stroud and Rodborough Educational Charity is a related party as landowner of some of the land and buildings on the Marling School site.

Marling School has strong collaborative links with Stroud High School for Girls in managing and teaching a joint sixth form, sharing the ownership of land and sharing buildings and facilities.

Marling School is supported by the Marling School Parent Staff Association. Berkeley Primary School is supported by Berkeley Primary School Parent Teachers Association. Cam Woodfield Junior School is supported by a Parent Teachers Association that also supports the Infant School (not part of the Trust).

Trade Union facility time

Facility Time is the provision of paid or unpaid time off from an employee's normal role to undertake trade union duties and activities as a trade union representative. Under the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017, the Trust as a relevant public sector employer is now required to collect and publish, on an annual basis, a range of data in relation to their employees who are trade union representatives.

In 2017-18 the Trust had one employee who was a trade union representative who spent less than 50% of their time on trade union activities. The total cost of facility time was £2,579.50 (0.06% of the Trust's total pay bill).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the Trust is to advance for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, managing and developing our schools so that they deliver an outstanding education for all

The Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (CBAT) vision is to develop a thriving partnership of schools that work together to generate and celebrate success and to create opportunities for our students and staff that raise aspirations and inspire excellence.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Schools in the Trust are committed to:

- Creating opportunities that raise aspirations and inspire excellence in students and staff
- Promoting high levels of personal development and well-being in our students
- Forming a distinctive partnership of schools that value their uniqueness and collegiality
- High quality leadership and teaching, with a highly creative curriculum
- Maintaining a relentless focus on high standards and excellent outcomes for our students
- Creating opportunities for staff development to enable us to recruit, develop and retain the very best teachers and leaders
- Innovating together for the benefit of our students and staff
- Fostering relationships where autonomy and accountability go hand in hand
- Creating a strong, financially resilient organisation that achieves efficiency savings for mutual benefit allowing us to focus resources on teaching and learning.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Key priorities for the year are contained in our Trust Strategic Plan which available from the CBAT Office. Priorities for 2017/18 were identified under the following headings:

Learning, teaching and assessment

- Develop accountability structures for reviewing outcomes, areas for improvement, improvement plans and accuracy of self-evaluation
- Support initial teacher training provision to academies through Cotswold Edge Teaching Alliance school direct
- Increase involvement of MAT primary students in outreach offer
- To ensure high quality continued professional development is available to staff within MAT schools
- Undertake an audit of leadership skills and expertise across the MAT to identify strengths, areas for development and future leaders
- Work towards building a centralised team for special educational needs and disability support

Develop financial and operational strength

- Centralised costs analysed and budgets created
- Increase efficiency savings through centralised services
- Establish business and operational systems to meet the needs of all academies
- Fully Implement the Scheme of Delegation to meet the needs of all academies
- Statutory policies are in place for each academy and start development of trust-wide polices
- Take a trust-wide approach to staffing and recruitment

Community

- Establish a brand and develop websites and prospectuses for the MAT and school
- Ensure CBAT website reflects the vision and ethos of the trust and is up to date
- To agree CBAT publicity plan and share our vision widely
- Bid for additional funds to improve facilities for students and staff
- Identify potential CBAT partners and promote the trust
- Identify opportunity for free schools and bid where appropriate
- Build relationships with wider stakeholders with an interest in school development/ improvement

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and Performance

The Multi Academy Trust has completed its second year of operation. Student recruitment is good in Marling and Berkeley School, including the Nursery and Sixth Form, although numbers have declined a bit in Cam Woodfield Junior School. This is due mainly to lower numbers in its infant feeder school but may also be affected by the Ofsted designation of 'Special Measures' across the MAT. Attendance and feedback at open events has been very positive.

Results this summer across the MAT were positive. In Berkeley School at Key Stage 2, 70% of pupils met expected standard in mathematics, 87% in reading and 91% in writing reflecting an improvement in reading and writing with a dip from last year's 100% in mathematics. The score for % achieving expected progress in reading, writing and mathematics was 65% which was a decrease from 75% last year. At Cam Woodfield 63% of pupils met expected standard in mathematics, 65% in reading and 65% in writing, with 52% achieving expected progress in reading, writing and mathematics.

At GCSE, the grades remained strong with 56% of all grades at A*-A or 9-7 and 97% of grades at A*-C or 9-4; both figures were up on the previous year and we are anticipating a strong Progress 8 figure. At A level, results were also very positive with 14% A* grades, 64% A*-B grades and a pass rate of 99% and these figures were also up on the previous year. The ALPS (A Level Performance System) score for the school is 3 which places the school in the top 25% of A level providers for value added.

To ensure that standards are continually assessed, the Trust operates a programme of lesson observations as part of performance appraisal (PA) and oversight. Additionally there are many peer observations that take place to support staff professional development.

This year saw the opening of the CIF funded new Female Changing Facility at Marling School and ongoing premises development planning across the Trust.

Continued professional development of staff remains an important part of the Trust's work and there is increasing requests for support for other schools. Marling School leads the Cotswold Edge Teaching Alliance which comprising five secondary schools, twelve primary schools and the Universities of Bristol and Bath Spa.

The Trust is exploring a number of routes to expansion. We bid unsuccessfully for a secondary free school In Cheltenham but are in further discussions with Gloucestershire and Swindon regarding further free school bids. The CEO is also in discussions with DGAT about the future sponsorship of Church of England Schools.

Key Performance Indicators

The main financial performance indicator is the level of reserves held at the Balance Sheet date. In particular, the management of spending against General Annual Grant (GAG) requires special attention the amount of carry forward is restricted to 12%. In period under review, the full GAG allocation was spent.

As funding is based on pupil numbers this is also a key performance indicator. Pupil numbers for 2017/18 were 1341 which is slightly up on the previous year.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the 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 Going concern policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

Most of the Trust's income is obtained from the DfE via the EFA 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 2018 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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The Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE and these 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 Trust's accounting policies.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Financial Handbook which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Headteacher, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending.

Trustees have adopted an Internal Assurance Policy and appointed South West Audit Partnership to undertake a programme of internal assurance checks on financial controls. During the year, the Trustees received Internal Assurance reports which contained no matters of significance.

During the year ended 31 August 2018, total expenditure of £6,167,689 was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE, together with other incoming resources of £5,979,077. The excess of expenditure over income for the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds) was £193,529.

At 31 August 2018 the net book value of fixed assets was £19,333,398 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Trust.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the 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 Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Trust, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free cash reserves should be approximately £200,000 - £300,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. The Trust's current level of reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds) is £310,708.

The defined benefit pension scheme reserve has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Trust's budgeted annual income. Whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund, nor any direct impact on the free reserves of the Trust.

Investment Policy

All funds surplus to immediate requirements are invested to optimal effect. Where cash flow allows, sums in excess of £100,000 may be invested on deposit for extended periods.

Principal Risks And Uncertainties

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Trust are as follows:

Financial

The Trust has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the ESFA. In the last year 96% of the Trust's incoming resources was ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms. Additionally while the Local Authority remain in control of distribution of academy funds, there is a high risk that the academies will not receive the minimum per pupil funding set out in the national funding formula and this will results in uncertainty and turbulence with budgeting.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Whilst the Trust Academies are over subscribed, risks to revenue funding from a falling roll are small. However, the reduction in post 16 funding levels, lack of local implementation of the NFF minimum per pupil funding levels, unfunded pay staff pay rises, increased NI and pension contributions and increasing premises costs mean that budgets will be increasingly tight in coming years. The Trust is also adversely affected by being situated in one of the lowest funded education authorities which continues to affect its GAG funding.

At the year end, the Trust had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors where there would be a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in note 25 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However as the Trustees consider that the Trust is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

Failures in governance and/or management

The risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Trust's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational

The ongoing success of the Trust is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Safeguarding and child protection

The Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing

The success of the Trust is reliant on the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds

The Trust has appointed an Internal Assurance Partner to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Trust has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

The Trust 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 Trust. The register and plan are constantly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trustees examine the financial health of the Trust formally every term, reviewing performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all full Board meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Trust will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its students at all levels. The Trust will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives.

The Trust will continue to work with partner schools to improve the educational opportunities for students in the wider community.

Full details of our plans for the future are given in our Trust Improvement Plan, which is available on our website or from the Clerk to the Governors.

AUDITORS

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

N Riglar

Chair of Trustees

S Wilson

Accounting Officer

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the CEO, 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 Cotswold Beacon 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 Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 5 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
G Ayre	5	6
H Cerullo, Vice Chair	6	6
J Gilbert, Vice Chair	4	6
E Gray, Financial Director	6	6
N Riglar, Chair of Trustees	6	6
S Wilson, Chief Executive	6	6
N Wolstenholme	3	6

The main Board of Trustees includes the functions of an audit committee.

The Trustees are highly aspirational, and recognise that setting for and delivering against the highest aspirations can only be possible when schools are founded on a solid bedrock of statutory and regulatory organisation. To that end, they have outstanding policies, processes and systems in place to ensure safeguarding, to prevent any form of discrimination, and to ensure each pupil receives the individual support and assistance necessary to fulfil their full potential.

Trustees are clear on their responsibility to ensure the Academies deliver the very best opportunity for all students, regardless of extraneous factors. Whilst the 'pupil premium' is currently only applicable to a small cohort in the Academies, they are committed to ensuring that this is directly targeted at resolving those particular students individual vulnerabilities in as discrete and sensitive manner as possible. The outcomes for all at the Academies are closely aligned and Trustees routinely express their determination to close down what few gaps emerge.

Induction and training for new Trustees is encouraged and readily available.

REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

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

The Accounting Officer considers how the Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

Improving Educational Results

Staff at the Trust have worked hard to ensure that teaching and learning is effective for all students. To support teaching, there is in place a strong system for tracking student progress and achievement coupled with a

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

programme of early and appropriate intervention. We have ensured that resources are directed where they are most needed to meet education requirements and raise individual levels of attainment, including suitable intervention strategies.

The Trust deploys equipment, materials and services to provide students and staff with resources that support the quality of teaching and learning and provide an educational environment that promotes learning and recreation.

Financial Governance

The Trust closely follows its Financial Handbook guidelines on achieving best value (available on the Trust website). Governors and Trustees apply the four principles of best value; challenge, comparison, consultation and competition, in their review of the Trust expenditure. Budget holders are responsible for ensuring value for money within their area of responsibility. Annual budgets are based on a review of previous year's expenditure and department requests which are also reviewed to ensure these meet the needs of the Trust and its students.

Income generation

The Trust continues to generate income from letting out the school premises and we believe the community, as well as our students, benefit from the wide range of activities that can be offered via external providers. Lettings income provides a valuable source of income that is used primarily to maintain the premises but also to support the Trust's academic activities.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of 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 Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 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 ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance 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 South West Audit Partnership to carry out the role of Internal Assurance (IA).

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

The IA Officer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Trust's financial systems. On a quarterly basis, the IA Officer reports to the Board of Trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The IA Officer has delivered his schedule of work, following the IA checklist in three detailed reviews of the financial processes during the period of 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 including;

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchasing systems including capital
- Testing of income processes
- Testing of control account/bank reconciliations

No material control issues have been identified. The IA Officer is also available to give advice throughout the period.

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

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

- the work of the Internal Assurance Officer;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the 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 and Resources Committees and a plan to ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 3/12/18

and signed on their behalf, by:

N Riglar Chair of Trustees S Wilson
Accounting Officer

STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

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 Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

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

S'Wilson

Accounting Officer

3/12/18

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

The Trustees (who act as governors of Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education & 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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 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 with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

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

N Riglar Chair of Trustees

Date: 3/12/18

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31 August 2018 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, 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), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at 31 August 2018 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; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

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 Academy Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may
 cast significant doubt about the Academy Trust ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
 accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are
 authorised for issue.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST

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 Auditors' Report 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report (incorporating the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report) for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust 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 Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST

AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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 Auditors' Report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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for and on behalf of **Bishop Fleming LLP**

Chartered Accountants
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 22 September 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 Cotswold Beacon 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 Cotswold Beacon 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 Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 August 2011, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2017, 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 2017 to 2018. 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 year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 2017 to 2018 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 Academy Trust's income and expenditure.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the academy complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (continued)

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Joseph Scaife FCA DChA (Reporting Accountant)

Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 16 Queen Square Bristol

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted fixed asset	Total	Total
		funds 2018	funds 2018	funds 2018	funds 2018	funds 2017
	Note		£	3.	£	£
INCOME FROM:						
Donations & capital grants:						
Transfer on conversion Other donations and capital	2	94,083	(99,000)	3,427,993	3,423,076	2,252,389
grants Charitable activities:	2 3	247,109	27,220	118,688	393,017	131,790
Funding the Academy Trust's educational operations Teaching schools	21	154,127	5,399,026	-	5,553,153	4,835,312
Other trading activities	31 4	92,234	58,249 378	-	58,249 92,612	64,014 94,488
Investments	5	92,234 734	-	-	734	1,410
TOTAL INCOME		588,287	5,385,873	3,546,681	9,520,841	7,379,403
TOTAL INCOME						
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		27,460	-	-	27,460	32,314
Academy trust educational		54464		445.045		5 700 0 t F
operations Teaching schools	31	514,915 -	5,567,065 58,249	448,513 -	6,530,493 58,249	5,768,645 64,014
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	6	542,375	5,625,314	448,513	6,616,202	5,864,973
NET INCOME /						
(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS		45.010	(020 441)	2 000 160	0.004.620	1 514 400
Transfers between Funds	20	45,912 -	(239,441) (18,212)	3,098,168 18,212	2,904,639 -	1,514,430 -
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE						
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		45,912	(257,653)	3,116,380	2,904,639	1,514,430
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	291,000	-	291,000	273,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		45,912	33,347	3,116,380	3,195,639	1,787,430
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	\ <u>.</u>					
Total funds brought forward	·•	275,819	(1,200,556)	16,181,061	15,256,324	13,468,894
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED		321,731	(1,167,209)	19,297,441	18,451,963	15,256,324

The notes on pages 23 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

COTSWOLD BEACON ACADEMY TRUST (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER: 07692339

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	14		19,333,398		16,225,431
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	387,731		96,527	
Cash at bank and in hand		501,197		885,093	
		888,928		981,620	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	16	(495,560)		(639,474)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			393,368		342,146
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILIT	IES		19,726,766		16,567,577
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	17		(29,803)		(37,253)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			19,696,963	•	16,530,324
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		(1,245,000)		(1,274,000)
NET ASSETS			18,451,963		15,256,324
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST Restricted funds:					
General funds	20	77,791		73,444	
Fixed asset funds	20	19,297,441		16,181,061	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		19,375,232		16,254,505	
Pension reserve		(1,245,000)		(1,274,000)	
Total restricted funds			18,130,232		14,980,505
Unrestricted funds	20		321,731		275,819
TOTAL FUNDS			18,451,963		15,256,324

The financial statements on pages 20 to 48 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 3/12/18 and are signed on their behalf, by:

N Riglar Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 23 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities		_	_
Net cash used in operating activities	27	(403,304)	(144,280)
Cash flows from investing activities:		734	1,410
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(141,899)	(1,112,386)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		136,900	609,572
Cash transferred on conversion		25,541	219,553
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		21,276	(281,851)
Cash flows from financing activities: Repayments of borrowings		(1,868)	_
repayments of borrowings		(1,000)	
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,868)	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(383,896)	(426,131)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		885,093	1,311,224
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	28	501,197	885,093

The notes on pages 23 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 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 at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 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 Department for Education Group.

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 INCOME

All income is recognised once the Academy Trust has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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 entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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 when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance in the restricted fixed asset fund.

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it is measurable.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

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

1.5 EXPENDITURE

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations, including support costs and those costs relating to the governance of the Academy Trust apportioned to charitable activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

On conversion the Academy Trust was granted a 125 year lease from the Local Authority for the land and buildings previously occupied by the local authority school. On conversion the long term leasehold property was recognised as a donation from the Local Authority and was valued using the depreciated replacement cost method.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings - 50 years straight line
Long term leasehold buildings - 50 years straight line
Long term leasehold land - 125 years straight line
Furniture and fixtures - 25% straight line
Plant and equipment - 15% straight line

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.

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

1.7 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

1.9 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS

Liabilities and provisions 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. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

1.10 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 15. 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 costs as detailed in notes 16 and 17. 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 instruments.

1.11 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The Academy acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Academy does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The funds received, paid and any balances held at period end are disclosed in note 22.

1.12 TAXATION

The Academy Trust 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.

1.13 LEASED ASSETS

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.14 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Governments Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 25, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.15 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT

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 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.

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 25, 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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2018. 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 Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

1.16 CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY TRUST

The conversion from a state maintained school to an academy trust involved the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £nil consideration. The substance of the transfer is that of a gift and it has been accounted for on that basis as set out below.

The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from Cam Woodfield Junior School to an academy trust have been valued at their fair value. The fair value has been derived based on that of equivalent items. The amounts have been recognised under the appropriate balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in Donations - transfer on conversion in the Statement of Financial Activities and analysed under unrestricted funds, restricted general funds and restricted fixed asset funds.

Land and buildings have been included in the accounts at an estimation of their value at the date of conversion.

Pension assets and liabilities have been valued by Hymans Robertson LLP.

Further details of the transaction are set out in note 29.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

•	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
Transfer on conversion	94,083	(99,000)	3,427,993	3,423,076	2,252,389
Donations for trips and visits Capital Grants	247,109 -	27,220 -	- 118,688	274,329 118,688	105,914 25,876
	247,109	27,220	118,688	393,017	131,790
	341,192	(71,780)	3,546,681	3,816,093	2,384,179
Total 2017	200,346	(305,831)	2,489,664	2,384,179	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

		Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
	DfE/ESFA grants				
	General Annual Grant Start up Grants Other DfE/ESFA grants Capital Grants	· .	5,070,959 90,000 132,533 18,212	5,070,959 90,000 132,533 18,212	4,435,105 - 83,863 -
		•	5,311,704	5,311,704	4,518,968
	Other Government grants	_:			
	High Needs Nursery income funded	- 82,599	61,453 -	61,453 82,599	26,211 39,529
		82,599	61,453	144,052	65,740
	Other funding	<u> </u>			
	Internal catering income Income for hosting trainee teachers Other income and grants recieved Nursery income unfunded/fee paying	18,702 20,510 18,466 13,850	- - 25,869 -	18,702 20,510 44,335 13,850	16,175 8,500 208,419 17,510
		71,528	25,869	97,397	250,604
		154,127	5,399,026	5,553,153	4,835,312
	Total 2017	270,383	4,564,929	4,835,312	
4.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES				
		Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
	Lettings External catering Fees received Other	49,838 6,638 35,758	- - - 378	49,838 6,638 35,758 378	54,913 13,428 26,147 -
		92,234	378	92,612	94,488

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

5.	INVESTMENT INCOME					
			Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018	Total funds 2017 £
	Bank interest		734	-	734	1,410
	Total 2017		1,410	-	1,410	
6.	EXPENDITURE					
		Staff costs 2018 £	Premises 2018 £	Other costs 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	Expenditure on fundraising trading Direct costs Support costs	26,384 -	:	1,076 -	27,460 -	32,314 -
	Education: Direct costs Support costs Teaching schools	3,767,147 911,592 56,020	391,715 345,265 -	548,479 566,295 2,229	4,707,341 1,823,152 58,249	4,165,951 1,602,694 64,014
	·	4,761,143	736,980	1,118,079	6,616,202	5,864,973
	Total 2017	4,290,914	620,464	881,481	5,792,859	
7.	EDUCATIONAL DIRECT CO	STS				
					Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	Pension finance costs Educational supplies Examination fees Trips and visits expenditure Supply teachers Wages and salaries National insurance Pension cost Depreciation				5,000 191,818 99,166 252,495 24,226 2,941,920 282,796 518,205 391,715	4,000 195,051 115,682 162,625 12,249 2,638,953 264,398 468,720 304,273
					4,707,341	4,165,951
	Total 2017				4,165,951	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

8.	EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT COSTS		
		Total	Total
		2018	2017
		3	£
	Pension finance costs	29,000	26,000
	Educational supplies	497	15,312
	Staff development	12,917	14,612
	Recruitment and support Maintenance of premises and equipment	11,130 85,371	6,595 71,020
	Cleaning	20,495	16,798
	Rent and rates	67,076	38,653
	Energy costs	102,113	108,863
	Insurance	59,490	40,835
	Security and transport	19,633	22,635
	Catering	62,401	77,568
	Technology costs	63,996	53,453
	Office overheads	155,046	99,298
	Legal and professional	26,453	9,605
	Bank interest and charges	1,432	1,046
	Governance	44,054 670,771	29,531
	Wages and salaries National insurance	672,771 46,613	605,573 43,399
	Pension cost	272,454	234,086
	Depreciation	70,210	87,812
	Sopresiation		
		1,823,152	1,602,694
	Total 2017	1,602,694	
			
9.	NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD		
	This is stated after charging:		
		2018 £	2017 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
	- owned by the Academy Trust	461,925	392,085
	Auditors' remuneration - audit	12,000	10,000
	Auditors' remuneration - non-audit	2,905	2,905
	Operating lease rentals	17,929	15,500

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

10.	STAFF COSTS		
a.	Staff costs		
	Staff costs were as follows:		
		2018 £	2017 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	3,540,278 330,108 795,913	3,260,380 308,943 709,342
	Agency staff costs Staff restructuring costs	4,666,299 76,579 18,265	4,278,665 12,249
		4,761,143	4,290,914
	Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
		2018 £	2017 £
	Severance payments	18,265	

b. Non-statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Severance payments includes non-contractual settlement payments to 2 employees for £16,000 and £2,265. Both the severance payments were funded from GAG.

c. Staff numbers

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

	2018 No.	2017 No.
Management	10	9
Teachers	89	69
Support	127	144
	226	222
Average headcount expressed as a full time equivalent:		
	2018	2017
	No.	No.
Management	8	9
Teachers	69	56
Support	. 53	48
•	130	113

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

10. STAFF COSTS (continued)

d. Higher paid staff

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

	•	2018 No.	2017 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000		1	, 1
In the band £90.001 - £100.000		1	1

e. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the Executive Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £201,615 (2017: £267,481).

As staff Trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a Trustee, where staff Trustees do not form part of the key management personnel other than in their role as Trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 12 has not been included in the total benefits received by key management personnel above.

11. CENTRAL SERVICES

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

- Financial services:
- human resources;
- strategic management staff salaries;
- legal, audit and governance;
- school improvement planning; and
- brand development, website and prospectus production

The Academy Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

5% of GAG funding

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Marling School	200,789	187,358
Berkeley Primary School	35,266	32,851
Cam Woodfield Junior School	15,685	-
T-1-1	251,740	220,209
Total		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Chief Executive and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Chief Executive and staff, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments from the Academy Trust in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration, including pension contributions in the year was as follows; S Wilson: Remuneration £95,000 - £100,000 (2017: £95,000 - £100,000), Employer's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2017: £45,000 - £50,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2016: £10,000 - £15,000) and D Marklove: Remuneration £15,000 - £20,000 (2017: £55,000 - £60,000), Employer's pension contributions £Nil - £5,000 (2017: £15,000 - £15,000).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2016: £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2018, expenses totalling £897 (2017: £465) were reimbursed to 2 Trustees (2017: 1).

13. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Academy Trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business, and provides cover up to £5,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Long term leasehold land and buildings £	Motor vehicles, fixtures and fittings	Plant and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST						
At 1 September 2017 Additions Transfer on	4,241,104 79,793	13,083,516 -	68,812 13,535	43,016 -	352,005 48,571	17,788,453 141,899
conversion	3,427,993	-	-	-	-	3,427,993
At 31 August 2018	7,748,890	13,083,516	82,347	43,016	400,576	21,358,345
DEPRECIATION						
At 1 September 2017 Charge for the year	318,908 76,660	899,235 315,055	62,365 6,204	27,135 5,800	255,379 58,206	1,563,022 461,925
At 31 August 2018	395,568	1,214,290	68,569	32,935	313,585	2,024,947
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31 August 2018	7,353,322	11,869,226	13,778	10,081	86,991	19,333,398
At 31 August 2017	3,922,196	12,184,281	6,447	15,881	96,626	16,225,431

Included in freehold land and buildings is freehold land at valuation of £489,064 (2017: £489,064) which is not depreciated.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

15.	DEBTORS		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	VAT recoverable	109,114	14,506
	Other debtors	25,703	24,595
	Prepayments and accrued income	252,914	57,426
		387,731	96,527
16.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	ESFA loans	4,967	2,484
	Trade creditors	161,579	192,940
	Other taxation and social security	80,226	70,173
	Other creditors	63,351	156,487
	Accruals and deferred income	185,437	217,390
		495,560	639,474
		2018	2017
	DEFERRED INCOME	£	£
	Deferred income at 1 September	170,117	103,028
	Resources deferred during the year	60,197	170,117
	Amounts released from previous years	(170,117)	(103,028)
	Deferred income at 31 August	60,197	170,117

At the Balance Sheet date the Academy was holding funds received in advance for trips booked for the 2018/19 academic year and ESFA grants received in advance.

17. CREDITORS:

AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

2018 £	2017 £
ESFA loans 29,803	37,253
Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:	
2018	2017
3	£
Repayable by instalments 9,935	17,385

Included within ESFA loans is a Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) loan of £34,770 repayable in sixmonthly instalments over 8 years with an applicable annual interest rate of 0%.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

18.	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Financial assets measured at fair value through income and		
	expenditure	501,197	885,093
	Financial assets measured at amortised cost	167,528	46,399
		668,725	931,492
	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(220,507)	(279,950)

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash at bank and in hand.

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, trade debtors and accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, ESFA loan and accruals.

19. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The Academy distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the year ended 31 August 2018 the Academy received £30,702 and disbursed £39,904 from the fund. An amount of £63,271 is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that is repayable to ESFA.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

Total of funds

20. STATEMENT OF FO	JNDS			·	······································	
	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General funds Unrestricted fixed assets	212,020 63,799	588,287 -	(528,963) (13,412)	-	-	271,344 50,387
•	275,819	588,287	(542,375)			321,731
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG) Universal Infant Free	19,624	5,070,959	(5,051,219)	-	-	39,364
School Meals	-	40,478	(40,478)	-	-	-
PE and Sports Grant	-	25,590	(25,590)	•	-	-
High Needs	-	61,453	(61,453)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium Start up grant	- 10,499	66,465 25,000	(66,465)	-	-	- - 6 6 4 0
Council canal works repair	10,499	25,000	(28,851)	•	-	6,648
income	25,000	-	-	(18,212)	-	6,788
Teaching school	-	58,249	(58,249)	-		-
Other restricted funds	18,321	118,467	(130,009)	•	-	6,779
Devolved formula capital income	_	18,212				18,212
Pension reserve	(1,274,000)	(99,000)	(163,000)	-	291,000	(1,245,000)
	(1,200,556)	5,385,873	(5,625,314)	(18,212)	291,000	(1,167,209)
RESTRICTED FIXED ASS	ET FUNDS					
Fixed assets transferred on conversion Fixed assets purchased from GAG and other	10,865,557	3,427,993	(281,770)	-	-	14,011,780
restricted funds	9,596		(9,596)	-	-	-
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	40,976	15,354	(24,583)	-	-	31,747
ACMF - Science block ACMF- West block	585,856 2 549 150	-	(12,936)	-	-	572,920 3,464,727
CIF - Electrical works	3,548,159 28,272	-	(83,432) (597)	- -	-	27,675
CIF - Creative arts block	944,390	_	(21,119)	-	_	923,271
CIF - Changing rooms Other restricted fixed	158,255	-	(2,372)	-	-	155,883
assets funds	-	103,334	(12,108)	18,212	-	109,438
	16,181,061	3,546,681	(448,513)	18,212		19,297,441
Total restricted funds	14,980,505	8,932,554	(6,073,827)	•	291,000	18,130,232
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

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

RESTRICTED FUNDS

The General Annual Grant (GAG) represents funding received from the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) during the period in order to fund the continuing activities of the school.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) represents funding received from the ESFA fund for the provision of infant free school meals.

PE and Sports Grant represents funding received from the ESFA and must be used to fund improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils to encourage them to develop healthy lifestyles.

High Needs funding is received from the Local Authority to cater for pupils with learning difficulties and other disabilities.

Pupil Premium funding represents amounts received from the ESFA to cater for disadvantaged pupils.

Council canal works income represents the amount received from Stroud District Council for the replacement of the School's bridge, that was removed during the Council's canal works.

ACMF - West block represents funding received from the ESFA which was transferred from the restricted fixed asset fund to restricted funds during the year.

Teaching school fund represents amounts provided by the ESFA to outstanding schools to help build alliances with other schools to provide high quality training and development to new and experienced school staff.

Start Up Grant represents one off funding received from the ESFA to contribute to the cost of converting and sponsoring Cam Woodfield Junior School from a school to an Academy, ready to become part of the Multi Academy Trust.

Other restricted funds represents restricted donations received from charitable bodies and parents.

Pension reserve represents the Academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy. The Academy is following the recommendations of the actuary to reduce the deficit by making additional contributions over a number of years.

FIXED ASSET FUNDS

Fixed assets transferred on conversion represent the building and equipment donated to the school from Gloucestershire County Council on conversion to an Academy.

Fixed assets purchased from GAG represent amounts spent on fixed assets from the GAG funding received from the ESFA.

DfE/ESFA Capital grants represents devolved capital funding received for the period.

ACMF and CIF represents funding received from the ESFA for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects and is split by each project funded.

Other restricted fixed asset funds represents capital grants that have been received from associations in Gloucestershire.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

OTHER INFORMATION

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 2018.

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY FUND BALANCE

Fund balances at 31 August 2018 were allocated as follows:

Total	Total
2018	2017
£	£
103,670	114,499
123,508	136,440
49,566	-
47,119	34,525
75,659	63,799
399,522	349,263
19,297,441	16,181,061
(1,245,000)	(1,274,000)
18,451,963	15,256,324
	2018 £ 103,670 123,508 49,566 47,119 75,659 399,522 19,297,441 (1,245,000)

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY COST

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciat- ion £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Marling School Berkeley Primary School Cam Woodfield	2,781,675	655,654	144,737	662,747	4,244,813	4,246,640
	594,082	179,353	33,115	156,278	962,828	883,706
Junior School Cotswold Beacon	307,231	24,967	10,908	61,640	404,746	-
Academy Trust	58,627	51,618	3,555	172,078	285,878	205,542
	3,741,615	911,592	192,315	1,052,743	5,898,265	5,335,888

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

20. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

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STATEMENT OF FUNDS	- PRIOR YEAR					
	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
GENERAL FUNDS						
General funds Unrestricted fixed assets	313,359 5,859	566,627 -	(558,675) (51,351)	(109,291) 109,291	-	212,020 63,799
	319,218	566,627	(610,026)	-	-	275,819
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG) Universal Infant Free	24,936	4,435,105	(4,440,417)	-	-	19,624
School Meals	-	32,994	(32,994)	-	-	-
PE and Sports Grant	-	8,785	(8,785)	-	-	-
High Needs	-	26,211	(26,211)	•	-	-
Pupil Premium	3,517	42,084	(45,601)	-	-	-
Council canal works repair						05.000
income	25,000	-	(40.400)	-	-	25,000
AMCF - West block	-	- C4 014	(18,408)	18,408	-	-
Teaching school Berkeley Start Up Grant	16,206	64,014	(64,014) (5,707)	-	-	10,499
MAT sponsorship grant	20,975	-	(20,975)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	13,503	118,919	(114,101)	-	•	18,321
Pension reserve	(1,005,000)	(405,000)	(137,000)	•	273,000	(1,274,000)
	(900,863)	4,323,112	(4,914,213)	18,408	273,000	(1,200,556)
RESTRICTED FIXED ASS	SET FUNDS					
Fixed assets transferred on conversion Fixed assets purchased from GAG and other	8,611,720	2,463,788	(209,951)	•	-	10,865,557
restricted funds	23,447	-	(13,851)	`-	-	9,596
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	30,089	25,876	(14,989)	-	-	40,976
	3,571	-	(3,571)	· -	-	-
ACMF - Science block	598,192	-	(12,336)	(40.400)	-	585,856°
ACMF- West block	3,630,670	-	(64,103)	(18,408)	-	3,548,159 28,272
CIF - Electrical works CIF - Creative arts block	28,838 964,474	<u>-</u>	(566) (20,084)	-	-	944,390
CIF - Changing rooms	158,255	_	(20,004)	-	-	158,255
Other restricted fixed assets funds	1,283	-	(1,283)	-	-	-
	14,050,539	2,489,664	(340,734)	(18,408)	-	16,181,061
Total restricted funds	13,149,676	6,812,776	(5,254,947)		273,000	14,980,505
Total of funds	13,468,894	7,379,403	(5,864,973)	-	273,000	15,256,324

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

24	ANALVOIC OF NET	ASSETS RETWEEN FUNDS
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	Unrestricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018	Total funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors due within one year Creditors due in more than one year Pension scheme liability	50,387 396,584 (125,240) -	443,144 (365,353) - (1,245,000)	19,283,011 49,200 (4,967) (29,803)	19,333,398 888,928 (495,560) (29,803) (1,245,000)
	321,731	(1,167,209)	19,297,441	18,451,963
ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS -	PRIOR YEAR			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	2017 £	2017 £	2017 £	2017 £
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors due within one year Creditors due in more than one year Provisions for liabilities and charges	63,799 350,391 (138,371) - -	461,600 (388,156) - (1,274,000)	16,161,632 169,629 (112,947) (37,253)	16,225,431 981,620 (639,474) (37,253) (1,274,000)
	275,819	(1,200,556)	16,181,061	15,256,324

22. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

23. GENERAL INFORMATION

Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Cainscross Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 4HE.

24. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2018 the Academy Trust had capital commitments as follows:

•	2018	2017
	£	£
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	-	1,910

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

25. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Academy Trust's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teacher's Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Gloucestershire County Council. Both are multi-employer Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or the end of the financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers 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. 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 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay, including a 0.08% employer administration charge.
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £422,597 (2017: £396,519).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx).

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

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2018 was £297,000 (2017: £250,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £242,000 (2017: £205,000) and employees' contributions totalled £55,000 (2017: £45,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 25.2 - 28.8% for employers and 5.5 - 12.5% for employees.

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

	20°	l 8 2017
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.80	% 2.50 %
Rate of increase in salaries	2.70	% 2.70 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.40	% 2.40 %

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

	2018	2017
Retiring today Males Females	22.4 years 24.6 years	22.4 years 24.6 years
Retiring in 20 years Males Females	24.0 years 26.4 years	24.0 years 26.4 years

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The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	Fair value at	Fair value at
	31 August	31 August
	. 2018	2017
	£	£
Equities	1,330,000	1,062,000
Bonds	404,000	280,000
Property	154,000	103,000
Cash	-	-
Cash and liquid assets	39,000	30,000
Total market value of assets	1,927,000	1,475,000
The actual return on scheme assets was £77,000 (2017: £28,000).		
The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as	s follows:	
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	2018	2017
	£	£
Current service cost	(371,000)	(312,000)
Interest income	` 41,000	23,000
Interest cost	(75,000)	(53,000)
Total	(405,000)	(342,000)
Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were	as follows:	
	2018	2017
	2010 £	2017 £
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Opening defined benefit obligation	2,749,000	1,945,000
Interest cost	75,000	53,000
Current service cost	371,000 55,000	312,000
Contributions by scheme participants	55,000 (238,000)	45,000 (98,000)
Actuarial gains	(23,000)	(31,000)
Benefits paid	(22,000) 182,000	523,000
Liability transferred on conversion	102,000	<u> </u>
Closing defined benefit obligation	3,172,000	2,749,000

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25. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Movements in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets:

	2018	2017
	3	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	1,475,000	940,000
Interest income	41,000	23,000
Actuarial losses	53,000	175,000
Employer contributions	242,000	205,000
Benefits paid	(22,000)	(31,000)
Employee contributions	55,000	45,000
Asset transferred on conversion	83,000	118,000
Closing fair value of scheme assets	1,927,000	1,475,000
		

26. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2018 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

2018	2017
£	£
14,750	15,745
9,485	25,120
24,235	40,865
	14,750 9,485

27. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2018 £	2017 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	2,904,639	1,514,430
Adjustment for:	•	
Depreciation charges	461,925	392,085
Interest received	(734)	(1,410)
Increase in debtors	(222,661)	(31,763)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(146,397)	123,643
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	•	(25,876)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	187,000	107,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	34,000	30,000
Transfer on conversion	(3,621,076)	(2,252,389)
Net cash used in operating activities	(403,304)	(144,280)

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28.	ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
		2018 £	2017 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	501,197	885,093
		501,197	885,093

29. CONVERSION TO AN ACADEMY TRUST

On 1 April 2018 Cam Woodfield Junior School converted to Academy Trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations and assets and liabilities were transferred to Cotswold Beacon Academy Trust from Gloucestershire County Council for £NIL consideration.

The transfer has been accounted for as a combination that is in substance a gift. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance Sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as a net gain in the Statement of Financial Activities as Donations - transfer on conversion

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of Financial Activities.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds £
Leasehold land and buildings Budget surplus/(deficit) on other school funds	- 68,542	•	3,427,993 -	3,427,993 68,542
LGPS pension surplus/(deficit) Other identified assets and liabilities	- 25,541	(99,000) -	-	(99,000) 25,541
Net assets/(liabilities)	94,083	(99,000)	3,427,993	3,423,076

The above net assets include £25,541 that were transferred as cash.

30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy's operations 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 a trustee has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

During the year the trust employed a wife of one of the trustees as a member of support staff who received £18,896 (2017: 25,014) in remuneration and pension contributions of £620 (2017: 7,463) as per the normal pay scale.

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31.	TEACHING SCHOOL TRADING ACCOUNT				
		2018	2018	2017	2017
INC	OME	£	Ė	£	£
	DIRECT INCOME				
	Grants	46,000		61,089	
	OTHER INCOME				
	School income	12,249		2,925	
	TOTAL INCOME		58,249		64,014
EXP	ENDITURE				
	DIRECT EXPENDITURE				
	Educational costs	58,249		64,014	
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		58,249		64,014
	SURPLUS FROM ALL SOURCES				