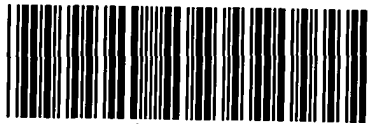


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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees

R Wilkin (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)*
T Kemp (Chair)*
A Binnell*
E O'Riordan
D Tee*(to 31/10/2021)
A Gander
D Sammy
A Baird*- Staff Governor (Left 31/05/2022)
Father G Dench
S Pether (Left 11/10/2021)
N Holmes (Left 13/11/2022)
H. Purdie*
M Butcher*
L Hepher (Left 11/05/2022)
K Parker (Appointed 30/11/2021)
S Harbott (Appointed 12/09/2022)
S Appiah Bimpong (Appointed 26/09/2022)
M Odysseos (Appointed 28/09/2022)

* Members of the Finance and Premises Committee

Members

T Kemp
A Williams
R Simpson

Company Secretary

C Cowler

Senior management team

- Headteacher
- Deputy Headteacher
- Deputy Headteacher
- Assistant Headteacher
- Assistant Headteacher
- Assistant Headteacher
- Assistant Headteacher
- Business Manager

R Wilkin
A Corless
K Wenborne
D Giles
A Baird
E McCall
F Scott
C Cowler

Company registration number

08212425 (England and Wales)

Registered office

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Independent auditor

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Bankers

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Solicitors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and independent auditor's reports of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Recommended Practice 2015, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", and the Academies' Accounts Direction 2021/2022 issued by the ESFA.

The principal activity of the company is the operation of a state-funded Academy, Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, providing a Catholic education for students aged 11 to 18. It has a pupil capacity of 1,049 and had a roll of 1,032 in the last school census.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The academy trust was incorporated as a company on 12/09/2012 and the predecessor school converted to academy status on 01/10/2012. The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust.

The trustees of Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School Academy Trust Limited are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law and they are the governors of the Academy.

The charitable company is known as Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School.

Details of the trustees who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

The trust has not given any indemnity in respect of any of its trustees.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of trustees

In accordance with the articles, the trustees of the charitable company are the governors. They are appointed as follows:

- a) 6 Foundation Governors recruiting
- b) 1 staff governors elected by the staff
- c) 3 parent governors elected by parents
- d) 1 community governors recruiting
- e) The Headteacher

In respect of those appointed by the governors, ((a), above) when a vacancy arises, the governors seek to make an appointment that would maximise the relevant skills and experience on the board as a whole.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees

The training and induction provided for new governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training in charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All governors are provided with the information needed (including policies, minutes, budgets, etc) to undertake their role as governors.

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Organisational structure

The board of governors, the majority of whom are non-executive, comprises those persons appointed under the Articles of Association. The board meets at least three times a year and has two committees, the other committees ceased in 2015. Governors have taken the decision to continue with a Staff Governor.

There is a Finance & Premises committee and a separate Audit & Risk Committee.

The committees are formally constituted with terms of reference and comprises of appropriately qualified and experienced members.

Governors delegate specific responsibilities to its committees, the activities of which are reported to and discussed at full Governing Body Meetings.

Day to day management of the company is undertaken by the Principal, supported by the Leadership Team.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer and the Business Manager is the Chief Finance Officer.

The Academy Trust does not have any subsidiary, joint ventures, or associates.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The senior management team (SMT) are the key management personnel of the trust. Trustees are also senior management although they receive no pay or other remuneration in respect of their role as trustees. Where staff trustees are in place, they receive remuneration for their role as staff and their pay is determined in the same way as applicable to all other staff. Further details of remuneration paid to staff who are trustees is set out within the notes to the accounts.

The pay of the Headteacher is set annually by the HR/Pay Committee, having regards to performance against objectives set the previous year and within a stated ISR (pay range) determined by the HR/Pay Committee. Pay of other SLT members is set by the Pay Committee again having regard to performance against previously agreed objectives and any recommendations made by the Headteacher and with reference to the National Leadership pay scale.

Trade Union Facility Time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
2	2

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of Employees
0	0
1% - 50%	0
51% - 99%	0
100%	0

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total Cost of facility time	0
Total Pay bill	£5,199,000
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time	0%

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours.	0%
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Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The academy trust does not have connected organisations or related party relationships.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal object of the company is the advancement of education in the United Kingdom. It achieves this object principally through the operation of Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, the aim being to provide the highest possible standard of education and pastoral care, maximising the life-chances of its students.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The long-term strategic intention of BUCHS is:

- To be the highest-achieving non-selective school in the Diocese and the Local Authority, resulting in an Ofsted grading of Outstanding at the next inspection.
- Excellence in STEM, complemented by an active programme of high-quality creative opportunities, some of which will be taught and some extra-curricular
- To enhance our Ursuline ethos by developing Catholic leadership of the highest quality amongst students and staff

There are other activities that are not included in the plan because they are a continuation from previous years of our work to improve all aspects of the school. This plan should be read in the light of the more constrained funding available over the plan period and the need to make efficiency savings in as many areas as possible.

Medium term objectives 22-23:

- To ensure that SEND students are effectively supported to fulfil their potential and grow in personality, relationships, knowledge and skills.
- To exploit IT systems in order to increase the efficiency of the school's work, both academic and pastoral.
- To ensure that MFL results at GCSE are at the same level as option subjects by 2024

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Public benefit

In setting the objectives and planning the associated activities, governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Strategic report

Achievements and Performance

The school has performed strongly in 2021-22: GCSE exam results were higher than 2019, despite the disruption suffered by the 2022 exam cohort because of COVID.

At A level, over 69% of grades were at A*-B, the best results ever recorded by the school.

37% of BTEC students achieved the maximum D*D* result.

Challenge in the Sixth Form was a key Ofsted recommendation from our last inspection, so this data demonstrates that this recommendation has been met. BTEC was identified as a relatively weak area in previous results, so this too has been turned around with these results, thanks to intensive quality assurance work throughout the year.

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At GCSE, 93% of students passed (L4+) both English and Maths: BUCHS outperformed all other Essex non-selective schools, as it did in 2018 and 2019. Our Disadvantaged students outperformed our family of schools with similar prior attainment in English, Maths and combined.

Science, a key strategic priority, gained over 3% in grades 9-7 compared to 2019, outperforming the national figure by 30%.

Our new methodology for monitoring quality of teaching is embedded and working well. Ofsted preparations have been extensive, with a visit due in academic year 2022-23, and key areas such as MFL have been strengthened with new leadership.

Numbers in the Sixth Form remained lower than we would like, but it may be that we simply have to adjust financially to this situation. Encouragingly, however, the number of boys admitted in Year 12 has risen. Academic outcomes are very high, so we will continue to market our Sixth Form to prospective students energetically. The difficulty of securing funding for capital projects other than condition improvement means that building new facilities for the Sixth Form, such as exist in other local schools, is a huge challenge and may affect our ability to retain or recruit some students.

Pastoral support continues to be a strength, with a significant number of students with attendance difficulties because of anxiety and poor mental health. Despite this, last summer the Local Authority reported that our attendance figures were the highest in the county at just over 96% (our expectation is 95%).

Chaplaincy provision has been strong and the school has returned to a full programme of liturgies, including in the Cathedral. The Justice and Peace Group, in particular, has done much work for the Ukrainian appeal, as well as local charities.

Improvement works have included new pitched roofs (only one remains to be replaced), LED lighting across the school, new double glazing in one of the main teaching blocks and modernisation of the fire alarm system.

Key Financial Performance Indicators

The ratio of current assets: current liabilities should be at least 1.7:1.
At 31 August 2022, the ratio was 4.4: 1 (2021: 3.7: 1).

Staff costs as a % of ESFA & LEA funding (excluding Capital grants) should not exceed 85%.
For 2021/2022 the percentage is 81.6% (2020/2021: 85.4%).

The revenue budget (excluding FRS102 LGPS deficit movements) should remain in breakeven or even better.
For 2021/2022 the revenue surplus was £278k (2020/2021: surplus £276k) and the carry forward was £1,148k (2021: £870k).

Going concern

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

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Financial review

We receive our income from a number of different sources. The majority of our income comes from central government via the Education and Skills Funding Agency who provide us with grant, based largely on our student numbers to cover our staffing and other general running costs (General Annual Grant - GAG). The ESFA may provide us with additional grants which are earmarked for specific purposes (such as Pupil Premium which must be used to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils). These appear in the accounts as DfE/ESFA grants. Where we receive grant or other funding from the Local Authority (such as where we undertake responsibilities on their behalf in respect of our students) this appears in the accounts as other government grants. Such income is collectively referred to as "Restricted Funds". Other income is received from parents (for example as contributions to trip or other costs) and from third parties (for example from our bank for interest on our account balances or from others who are charged for their use of our facilities). Such other income may be restricted or unrestricted, depending on whether it comes to us with conditions as to its use or whether it is available for spending at the discretion of the trustees.

We hold funds in two broad categories, funds which are available for spending and other funds which are not available for spending. Spendable funds are in turn sub-categorised between those which are available for spending at the discretion of trustees ("Unrestricted Funds") and those which are subject to condition or restriction, ("Restricted Funds").

Funds not available for spending include the book value of fixed assets such as land, buildings and equipment. These have a value and are therefore included as assets in the accounts but clearly, we cannot spend this value. In common with all academies and Local Authorities, our share of the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit must also be reflected in our accounts and as this is not a conventional liability, it does not need to be deducted from spendable funds. We meet our obligations in respect of the LGPS by paying over pension contributions due as calculated by the scheme's actuaries.

The following balances held were held at 31 August:

Fund	Category	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
GAG	Restricted General Funds	656	496
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	Restricted General Funds	65	-
Other Income	Restricted General Funds	235	233
Sub-total General Restricted Funds		956	729
Other Income	Unrestricted General Fund	192	141
Unspent Capital Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	400	431
Sub-Total Spendable Funds		1,548	1,301
Net Book Value of Fixed Assets	Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	24	49
Share of LGPS Deficit	Restricted Pension Reserve	(902)	(3,304)
Total All Funds		670	(1,954)

During the year under review, and after transfers and actuarial gains, there was an increase of £227k (2021: increase of £224k) on general restricted funds, an increase of £51k (2021: increase of £32k) on unrestricted funds and after LGPS valuation adjustments, depreciation and capital income and expenditure, an overall increase of £2,624k (2021: decrease of £202k).

Reserves policy

The principal policy on reserves is that accumulation of unspent General Annual Grant balances should not breach any limits thereon set out in the Funding agreement. The level of reserves should never be in deficit.

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Each year the Governors review the resource requirements and grant and other income that is forecast for the coming year and an annual budget is formulated and approved.

Investment policy

There are no investments held beyond cash deposits retained with the major UK clearing banks. Speculative investments are not permitted.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The governors have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those relating to academic performance/finances/child welfare. The governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the company faces, and have developed policies and procedures to mitigate those risks. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The company has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

The risk management process has been codified in a risk register implemented by the Leadership Team and overseen by governors.

The principal financial risk faced by the company is that ongoing pressure on funding results in a risk that deficits may be experienced. The budgeting and reporting process, including scrutiny by the governors of actual financial performance, mitigates the risk.

As the nature of the financial instruments dealt with by the company is relatively simple (bank balances, debtors and 'trade' creditors), governors consider the associated risk in this area to be minimal.

The risk resulting from the company's share of the LGPS deficit is managed by following the advice of the scheme's actuaries, specifically as regards the level of contributions payable, ensuring that annual budgets are drawn up to reflect the actuary's advice.

Most of the company's income is obtained from the DfE (via the Education and Skills Funding Agency) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2022 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

Our fundraising practices

The trust and individual academies within it organise fundraising events and appeals and co-ordinate the activities of our supporters both in the academy and in the wider community on behalf of the trust.

The trust does not use professional fundraisers or involve commercial participators.

There have been no complaints about fundraising activity this year.

The trust complies with the Fundraising Regulator's Code of Fundraising Practice)

All fundraising is undertaken by the trust in a manner that seeks to ensure that it is not unreasonably intrusive or persistent. Contact is made through email, academy newsletters, our websites and via students. All fundraising material contains clear instructions on how a person can be removed from mailing lists.

Plans for future periods

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The company does not hold funds as a Custodian Trustee on behalf of others.

Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 9 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
T Kemp
Chair

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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Scope of responsibility

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 6 times during the year. Due to Covid restrictions some meetings were cancelled.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the board of trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
R Wilkin (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)	6	6
T Kemp (Chair)	6	6
G Dench	1	6
A Gander	5	6
A Baird	3	4
L Hephher	2	4
S Pether	1	1
A Binnell	4	6
D Sammy	2	6
E O'Riordan	4	6
D Tee	4	6
N Holmes	3	6
H Purdie	6	6
M Butcher	3	6

Conflict of interest

The Academy has an up to date register of business interests and payments to people on this list are monitored by the School Business Manager and reported to the Headteacher and Chairman of the Governors.

Governance reviews:

The Governors requested School Business Services to conduct a review of their Governance; this included a review of the website, register of pecuniary interests, Whistle Blowing Policy, New Governors Induction Pack, Data Protection and Security, School Development Plan, Self-Evaluation of Financial Competencies, Gifts and Hospitality Policy and Risk Register. The majority of areas were Effective with a couple of areas identified where small improvements could be made.

There were no unsatisfactory areas and the final report advised *"However, overall concerns were minimal, and testing concluded that BUCHS has well designed and managed financial policies and procedures in place."* The Governors also complete an skills audit and training as required.

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School Business Services will conduct a further review of Governance during this academic year.

Ofsted 2017 reported as follows:

Leadership, including that of governors, is focused on ensuring that all pupils receive a high-quality education. Despite staffing changes, you and your leadership team have endeavoured to provide pupils with highly effective teaching and learning. As a result, pupils achieve well across the curriculum. Your plans for further improvements to the quality of provision at the school are clearly laid out in the school's improvement plan and are already taking place.

Governance at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School is strong. The governing body is led with expertise and understanding. As a consequence, governors are able to challenge and commend in equal measure. Together with your leadership team and staff, they are highly ambitious for the social and academic success of each pupil. Governors visit the school regularly and have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and areas for development.

Leaders, including governors, ensure that all safeguarding systems are robust.

The Finance and Premises Committee is a committee of the main board of governors. The Finance & Premises Committee. There is also an Audit & Risk Committee.

Attendance at Finance and Premises Committee meetings during the year was as follows:

Governors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
T Kemp (Chair of Committee)	5	5
R Wilkin	5	5
A Baird	4	4
A Binnell	4	5
M Butcher	2	2
H Purdie	3	3

Attendance at Audit and Risk Committee meetings during the year was as follows:

Governors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
T Kemp	3	3
R Wilkin (in attendance)	3	3
A Baird (in attendance)	1	2
A Binnell (Chair of Committee)	2	3
M Butcher	3	3
H Purdie	2	2

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer the headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy 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 available. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Catchup funding has been utilised providing extra mentoring staff to assist with challenging mental health issues.
- Student Led Tutoring.
- The drama studio flooring has been refurbished.

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- Cover has been managed by 2 members of SLT to maximise efficiencies with only one short term cover throughout the year.
- The timetable has been assessed regularly throughout the year to ensure cost effectiveness due to long term absence, maternity and resignations.
- Support staff shortages have been managed in house.
- Provision of additional outside covered eating areas.
- The staffroom has been refurbished to improve well being.
- New blinds have been fitted in the Hall to assist blackout effect for presentations.
- The Gym changing rooms have been refurbished.
- Toilets have been refurbished.
- The windows in A Block are currently being replaced.
- The boiler replacement is finished.
- The electric switches and new energy saving lights are nearly finished installation.
- The pitched roofs have been replaced.

The purpose of the system of internal control

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

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The risk and control framework

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

- Covid Risk
- 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 general purposes 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 Governing Body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. The Responsible Officer provides reports to the Governing body. SBS Responsible Officer visited 2 times during the year. Checks carried out included:

- Payroll Systems
- Purchase Systems
- Related Party Transactions
- Banking procedures

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- Control account/bank reconciliations
- GAG Income
- Non GAG Income
- Other Income
- Website Review
- Pecuniary Interests
- Whistle Blowing Policy
- New Governors Inductions Pack
- Data Protection and Security
- School Development Plan
- Self-Evaluation of Financial Competencies
- Gifts and Hospitality Policy
- Risk Register

A summary of key RO significant findings from the bought in services and actions implemented or planned in response thereto follows;

Recommendations from Responsible Officer service/Auditor and response from school with bullet points.

- Bishop Alan and Rob Simpson, Members had not completed business interest forms. – BUCHS lawyers confirmed by email this was not necessary. This has been noted in the FGB minutes.
- The financial regulations should be updated to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015
- Petty Cash authorisation moved from HT to SBM
- Slight tweak to SEN and Pupil Premium Policy
- The newly appointed Governor Clerk to update the training of Governors
- Consider the Structure of the Risk Register

The Governing Body are satisfied that the RO function has been delivered effectively.

Review of effectiveness

As accounting officer the Headteacher has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

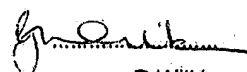
- the work of the Responsible Officer/LA Contractor
- the work of the external auditor
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and Premises Committee and a plan to address weaknesses where relevant and ensure continuous improvement of the system in place.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 9 November 2022..... and signed on its behalf by:



T Kemp
Chair



R Wilkin
Headteacher and Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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

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

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

R Wilkin
Accounting Officer



BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare 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:

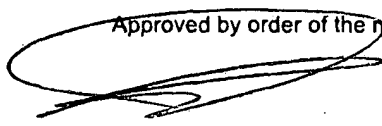
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting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

The 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 that grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 9 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



T Kemp
Chair

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinion

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

In our opinion the Financial Statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the Financial Statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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. 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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the Financial Statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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 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 charitable company, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Enquiry of management to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing internal assurance reports.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

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


BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Use of our report

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



**Louise Hallsworth FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Baxter & Co**

9 December 2022

**Chartered Certified Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

**Lynwood House
Crofton Road
Orpington
Kent
BR6 8QE**

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 October 2012 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 8 October 2012 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Review of payments to staff;
- Review of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- Review of grant and other income streams;
- Review of some key financial control procedures;
- Discussions with finance staff;
- Consideration of the record maintained by the Accounting Officer of the oversight they have exercised;
- Consideration of the programme of internal scrutiny implemented by the Academy Trust in order to comply with its obligations under 3.1 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021, issued by the ESFA.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Conclusion

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

Baxter & Co.

Reporting Accountant

Baxter & Co
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Kent
BR6 8QE

Dated: 9 December 2022....

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	18	15	557	590	342
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	249	6,005	-	6,254	6,259
Other trading activities	5	98	-	-	98	36
Total		<u>365</u>	<u>6,020</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>6,942</u>	<u>6,637</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	3	-	-	3	-
Charitable activities:						
- Grants	7	-	588	-	588	957
- Educational operations	8	311	6,075	25	6,411	6,272
Total	6	<u>314</u>	<u>6,663</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>7,002</u>	<u>7,229</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		51	(643)	532	(60)	(592)
Transfers between funds	17	-	588	(588)	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19	-	2,684	-	2,684	390
Net movement in funds		51	2,629	(56)	2,624	(202)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		141	(2,575)	480	(1,954)	(1,752)
Total funds carried forward		<u>192</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>670</u>	<u>(1,954)</u>

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

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

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2021	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	15	18	309	342
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	161	6,098	-	6,259
Other trading activities	5	36	-	-	36
Total		212	6,116	309	6,637
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Grants	7	-	47	910	957
- Educational operations	8	180	6,971	(879)	6,272
Total	6	180	7,018	31	7,229
Net income/(expenditure)		32	(902)	278	(592)
Transfers between funds	17	-	895	(895)	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	19	-	390	-	390
Net movement in funds		32	383	(617)	(202)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		109	(2,958)	1,097	(1,752)
Total funds carried forward		141	(2,575)	480	(1,954)

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	24	49
Current assets			
Debtors	13	705	588
Cash at bank and in hand		1,662	1,255
		2,367	1,843
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(540)	(500)
Net current assets		1,827	1,343
Total assets less current liabilities		1,851	1,392
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(279)	(42)
Net assets before defined benefit pension scheme liability		1,572	1,350
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19	(902)	(3,304)
Total net assets/(liabilities)		670	(1,954)
Funds of the Academy Trust:			
Restricted funds	17		
- Fixed asset funds		424	480
- Restricted income funds		956	729
- Pension reserve		(902)	(3,304)
Total restricted funds		478	(2,095)
Unrestricted income funds	17	192	141
Total funds		670	(1,954)

The Financial Statements on pages 20 to 44 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 9 November 2022..... and are signed on their behalf by:

T Kemp
Chair

Company registration number 08212425

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash used in operating activities	20		(419)		(68)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Capital grants from DfE Group		557		309	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(15)	
Net cash provided by investing activities			557		294
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of long term bank loan		269		(32)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities			269		(32)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			407		194
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			1,255		1,061
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			<u>1,662</u>		<u>1,255</u>

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

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 Financial Statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charitable company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the 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 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Donations

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

Other income

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

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £5,000 or more per item (or less if they form part of a larger purchase or project where the total cost exceeds £25,000) are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

Computer equipment	Over 3 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Over 5 years
Motor vehicles	Over 5 years

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.

1.6 Liabilities

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

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.7 Leased assets

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

1.8 Financial Instruments

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

Financial assets

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

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

Financial liabilities

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

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

1.9 Taxation

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

1.10 Pensions benefits

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

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

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

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.11 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy Trust at the discretion of the Trustees.

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder/donor and include grants from the Department for Education Group.

1.12 Agency Arrangement

Where the Academy Trust acts as agent in collecting and / or distributing from the ESFA or others, and subsequent disbursements are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Trust does not have control over charitable application of the funds. The funds received and paid, and any balances held are disclosed in note 26.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, will impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Trustees have not needed to exercise any subjective judgements that would be critical to the Academy Trust's Financial Statements.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Capital grants	-	557	557	309
Other donations	18	15	33	33
	<u>18</u>	<u>572</u>	<u>590</u>	<u>342</u>

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4 Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	5,644	5,644	5,495
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
- Pupil premium	-	111	111	109
- Others	-	142	142	320
	-	5,897	5,897	5,924
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	1	1	23
Other government grants	-	2	2	-
	-	3	3	23
COVID-19 additional funding				
DfE/ESFA				
Catch-up premium	-	-	-	69
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	32	32	3
Non-DfE/ESFA				
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	-	-	-	13
Other COVID-19 funding	-	24	24	42
	-	56	56	127
Other funding				
Catering income	246	-	246	149
Trips income	-	18	18	8
Other incoming resources	3	31	34	28
	249	49	298	185
Total funding	249	6,005	6,254	6,259

The Academy Trust has been eligible to claim additional funding in the year from government support schemes in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under "COVID-19 additional funding".

- The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support covers £56k of staff costs. These costs are included in notes 6 and 8 below as appropriate.

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5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Hire of facilities	26	-	26	5
Catering income	3	-	3	-
Other income	21	-	21	13
Supply teacher insurance claims	48	-	48	18
	<u>98</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>36</u>

6 Expenditure

	Staff costs £'000	Non-pay expenditure Premises £'000	Other £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Expenditure on raising funds:					
- Direct costs	3	-	-	3	-
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	4,074	20	346	4,440	4,652
- Allocated support costs	1,137	454	380	1,971	1,620
Grants - support costs	-	588	-	588	957
	<u>5,214</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>7,002</u>	<u>7,229</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	9	8
- Other services	7	9
Operating lease rentals	14	15
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	25	31
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	53	52
	<u></u>	<u></u>

Included within expenditure are the following transactions:

	2022 £
Gifts made by the Academy Trust - total	<u>35</u>

Clarification – While the majority of disclosure in these accounts are rounded to £'000, the disclosure of gifts made is not. The value of gifts for the year is £35 (and not £35k).

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7 Analysis of grant expenditure

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Improvements to Diocesan property occupied by the Academy Trust	-	588	588	957

8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Total 2022 £'000	Total 2021 £'000
Direct costs				
Educational operations	15	4,425	4,440	4,652
Support costs				
Educational operations	296	2,263	2,559	2,577
	311	6,688	6,999	7,229

Analysis of costs

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Direct costs		
Teaching and educational support staff costs	4,074	4,324
Staff development	6	2
Depreciation	20	25
Technology costs	2	22
Educational supplies and services	118	110
Examination fees	84	69
Educational consultancy	20	11
Other direct costs	116	89
	4,440	4,652

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8 Charitable activities (Continued)

Support costs

Support staff costs	908	909
Defined benefit pension scheme - staff costs (FRS102 adjustment)	229	199
Staff development	1	4
Depreciation	5	6
Technology costs	50	45
Maintenance of premises and equipment	786	978
Cleaning	54	10
Energy costs	114	92
Rent, rates and other occupancy costs	59	58
Insurance	20	25
Security and transport	5	5
Catering	153	94
Defined benefit pension scheme - finance costs (FRS102 adjustment)	53	52
Legal costs	1	1
Other support costs	102	82
Governance costs	19	17
	<u>2,559</u>	<u>2,577</u>

9 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Wages and salaries	3,733	3,902
Social security costs	375	382
Pension costs	862	905
Defined benefit pension scheme – staff costs (FRS102 adjustment)	229	199
Staff costs - employees	<u>5,199</u>	<u>5,388</u>
Agency staff costs	15	30
Staff restructuring costs	-	14
Total staff expenditure	<u>5,214</u>	<u>5,432</u>
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Severance payments	-	14

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9 Staff

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Staff numbers

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Teachers	58	60
Administration and support	48	54
Management	9	9
	<u>115</u>	<u>123</u>

The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was as follows:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Teachers	54	56
Administration and support	36	40
Management	9	9
	<u>99</u>	<u>105</u>

Higher paid staff

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
£60,000 - £70,000	2	4
£70,001 - £80,000	2	1
£120,001 - £130,000	1	1
	<u></u>	<u></u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £769,990 (2021: £829,098).

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10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

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

R J Wilkin (Headteacher):

- Remuneration: £125,000 - £130,000 (2021: £120,000 - £125,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £30,000 - £35,000 (2021: £25,000 - £30,000)

A Baird (Staff Governor):

- Remuneration: £55,000 - £60,000 (2021: £45,000 - £50,000)
- Employer's pension contributions: £10,000 - £15,000 (2021: £10,000 - £15,000)

During the year, expenditure payments totalling £115 (2021: £nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2021: 0 Trustees). Reimbursements were made for expenses incurred in the normal course of employment.

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

11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2022 was not separately identifiable. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost				
At 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022	74	13	26	113
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2021	25	13	26	64
Charge for the year	25	-	-	25
At 31 August 2022	50	13	26	89
Net book value				
At 31 August 2022	24	-	-	24
At 31 August 2021	49	-	-	49

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12 Tangible fixed assets

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The Academy occupies the Land & Buildings under the terms of a licence to occupy that does not confer substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership. The land and buildings are owned by Ursuline Sisters Brentwood Trustees (the landlord) upon charitable trusts under a charitable endowment in connection with the Congregation of the Sisters of the Order of St Ursula of the Diocese of Brentwood. The land and buildings have been leased by the landlord to The Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee (the tenant) under the terms of a 42 year lease. The landlord has agreed that the tenant and the academy trust could jointly enter into a supplemental agreement with the Secretary of State for Education which grants the academy trust the right to occupy the land and buildings, subject inter-alia to the landlord's ability to give two year's notice of termination of the agreement.

The Trustees of the academy trust have considered carefully the requirements of and guidance notes within the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the ESFA. They have concluded, taking into account the rights and obligations placed upon the academy trust by the supplemental agreement, that the substance of the arrangement is not materially different to its legal form. Accordingly they have concluded that it would be misleading to recognise the academy's right to occupy its buildings as a fixed asset on its balance sheet.

13 Debtors

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
VAT recoverable	85	95
Other debtors	558	437
Prepayments	62	56
	<u>705</u>	<u>588</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000 as restated
Government loans	65	33
Trade creditors	84	149
Other taxation and social security	93	97
Other creditors	133	114
Accruals and deferred income	165	107
	<u>540</u>	<u>500</u>

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15 Deferred income

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000 as restated
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	57	52
Deferred income at 1 September 2021	52	55
Released from previous years	(52)	(55)
Resources deferred in the year	57	52
Deferred income at 31 August 2022	57	52

Deferred income relates to trips and similar income of £45k (2021: £42k) received in advance and catering income of £12k (2021: £10k).

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Government loans	279	42
Analysis of loans	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Not wholly repayable within five years by instalments	144	-
Wholly repayable within five years	200	75
	344	75
Less: included in current liabilities	(65)	(33)
Amounts included above	279	42
Loan maturity		
Debt due in one year or less	65	33
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	34	33
Due in more than two years but not more than five years	101	9
Due in more than five years	144	-
	344	75

The Salix energy loans are repayable over eight years. Annual repayments of £41,622 are made in two instalments of £20,811 each per annum. The loans are interest free.

The CIF loans are repayable over ten years, with annual repayments of £23,825. No repayments have been taken in the year ended 31 August 2022.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2022 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	496	5,644	(6,072)	588	656
Pupil premium	-	111	(111)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	32	(32)	-	-
Other Coronavirus funding	-	24	(24)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	142	(77)	-	65
Other government grants	-	3	(3)	-	-
Other restricted funds	233	64	(62)	-	235
Pension reserve	(3,304)	-	(282)	2,684	(902)
	<u>(2,575)</u>	<u>6,020</u>	<u>(6,663)</u>	<u>3,272</u>	<u>54</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE group capital grants	431	557	-	(588)	400
Capital expenditure from GAG	49	-	(25)	-	24
	<u>480</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>(588)</u>	<u>424</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(2,095)</u>	<u>6,577</u>	<u>(6,688)</u>	<u>2,684</u>	<u>478</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	141	365	(314)	-	192
	<u>141</u>	<u>365</u>	<u>(314)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192</u>
Total funds	<u>(1,954)</u>	<u>6,942</u>	<u>(7,002)</u>	<u>2,684</u>	<u>670</u>

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

The Restricted General Funds are used to fund the general operating costs of the Academy.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

The Restricted LGPS Fund represents the Academy's share of the LGPS Pension Fund deficit.

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund represents investment in fixed assets, net of related depreciation. Unspent capital grants (if any) are also held in this fund and their use is restricted to the capital projects for which the grant was paid.

Unrestricted Funds represent balances held at period end that can be applied at the discretion of the Governors, to support any of the Academy's charitable purposes.

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17 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2020 £'000	Income £'000	Expenditure £'000	Gains, losses and transfers £'000	Balance at 31 August 2021 £'000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	289	5,495	(6,183)	895	496
Pupil premium	-	109	(109)	-	-
Catch-up premium	-	69	(69)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	3	(3)	-	-
Coronavirus job retention scheme grant	-	13	(13)	-	-
Other Coronavirus funding	-	42	(42)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	1	320	(321)	-	-
Other government grants	-	23	(23)	-	-
Other restricted funds	195	42	(4)	-	233
Pension reserve	(3,443)	-	(251)	390	(3,304)
	<u>(2,958)</u>	<u>6,116</u>	<u>(7,018)</u>	<u>1,285</u>	<u>(2,575)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE group capital grants	1,032	309	-	(910)	431
Capital expenditure from GAG	65	-	(31)	15	49
	<u>1,097</u>	<u>309</u>	<u>(31)</u>	<u>(895)</u>	<u>480</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>(1,861)</u>	<u>6,425</u>	<u>(7,049)</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>(2,095)</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	109	212	(180)	-	141
Total funds	<u>(1,752)</u>	<u>6,637</u>	<u>(7,229)</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>(1,954)</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted funds: General £'000	Fixed asset £'000	Total Funds £'000
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	24	24
Current assets	192	1,775	400	2,367
Current liabilities	-	(540)	-	(540)
Non-current liabilities	-	(279)	-	(279)
Pension scheme liability	-	(902)	-	(902)
Total net assets	192	54	424	670
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	49	49
Current assets	141	1,271	431	1,843
Current liabilities	-	(500)	-	(500)
Non-current liabilities	-	(42)	-	(42)
Pension scheme liability	-	(3,304)	-	(3,304)
Total net assets	141	(2,575)	480	(1,954)

19 Pension and similar obligations

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £98k were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2022 (2021: £100k) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

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19 Pension and similar obligations

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Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £657k (2021: £697k).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 25% for employers and 5% to 12.5% for employees.

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

Total contributions made	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Employer's contributions	205	208
Employees' contributions	50	49
Total contributions	<u>255</u>	<u>257</u>

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19 Pension and similar obligations

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Principal actuarial assumptions	2022 %	2021 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.10	1.65
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.10	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.65
RPI increases	3.55	3.30
CPI increases	3.10	2.90

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

	2022 Years	2021 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.0	21.6
- Females	23.5	23.6
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.3	22.9
- Females	24.9	25.1

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

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Discount rate + 0.1%	5,274	7,486
Discount rate - 0.1%	5,463	7,761
Life expectancy + 1 year	5,536	7,941
Life expectancy - 1 year	5,205	7,316
Salary growth rate + 0.1%	5,376	7,635
Salary growth rate - 0.1%	5,360	7,609
Pensions growth rate + 0.1%	5,456	7,746
Pensions growth rate - 0.1%	5,281	7,500

Defined benefit pension scheme net liability

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Scheme assets	4,466	4,318
Scheme obligations	(5,368)	(7,622)
Net liability	(902)	(3,304)

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19 Pension and similar obligations

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

	2022 Fair value £'000	2021 Fair value £'000
Equities	2,512	2,764
Other Bonds	198	201
Gilts	86	109
Cash	134	120
Property	423	301
Other assets	1,113	823
Total market value of assets	4,466	4,318

The actual return on scheme assets was £11,000 (2021: £784,000).

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Current service cost	432	405
Interest income	(72)	(53)
Interest cost	125	105
Administration expenses	2	2
Total operating charge	487	459

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations

	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2021	7,622
Current service cost	432
Interest cost	125
Employee contributions	50
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(2,745)
Benefits paid	(116)
At 31 August 2022	5,368

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19 Pension and similar obligations

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

	2022 £'000
At 1 September 2021	4,318
Interest income	72
Actuarial loss/(gain)	(61)
Employer contributions	205
Employee contributions	50
Benefits paid	(116)
Administration expenses	(2)
At 31 August 2022	4,466

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

	Notes	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		(60)	(592)
Adjusted for:			
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income		(557)	(309)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	19	229	199
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	19	53	52
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		25	31
(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(117)	403
Increase in creditors		8	148
Net cash used in operating activities		(419)	(68)

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2021 £'000	Cash flows £'000	31 August 2022 £'000
Cash	1,255	407	1,662
Loans falling due within one year	(33)	(32)	(65)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(42)	(237)	(279)
	1,180	138	1,318

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22 Long-term commitments

Operating leases

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

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Amounts due within one year	11	11
Amounts due in two and five years	7	10
Amounts due after five years	-	1
	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>

23 Capital commitments

	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the Financial Statements	<u>659</u>	<u>520</u>

At 31 August 2022 the Academy Trust was committed to an electrical upgrade project; the anticipated costs of the project was £237k due to be funded by CIF capital grant and CIF loans. The project was partly completed during the year, in which costs of £7k were incurred. The anticipated future costs to completion at 31 August 2022 are £230k.

The Academy Trust was also committed to a windows replacement project; the anticipated costs of the project were £556k due to be funded by CIF capital grant, CIF loan and Trust reserves. The project was partly completed during the year, in which costs of £126k were incurred. The anticipated future costs to completion at 31 August 2022 are £429k.

24 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the Trustees have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the AFH and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

F Scott, a close family member of H Purdie, a trustee, is employed by the academy trust. The appointments were made in open competition and the respective trustee was not involved in the decision making process regarding the appointment. The employee is paid within the normal pay scale for their role and does not receive any special treatment as a result of their relationship to the respective trustee.

In entering into this transaction, the academy trust has complied with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

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25 Members' liability

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

26 Agency arrangements

The academy trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2022 the Trust had unspent bursary funding brought forward of £13,211 (2021: £7,754), received £16,814 (2021: £16,818) and disbursed £13,241 (2021: £11,361) from the fund. A balance of £16,784 (2021: £13,211) was due for disbursement at 31 August 2022 and is shown in creditors: amounts falling due in one year.