# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS AND

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022**

**FOR** 

**HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD** 

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# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

**MEMBERS:** 

D Outhwaite

P Scarlett R Guthrie

S C N Somerville

S A Havers

**GOVERNORS** 

S W Beach (Vice Chair of Governors)

JK Braeckman (resigned 18.3.22) \*

S Davids (Staff) \*
J R S Tatchell \*

J Stenhouse (Chair of Governors) \*

J Williams

S J Hutley (resigned 8.9.21)

M Roberts \*

J E Dewhurst (Staff) R D Saunders \* C J Wall \*

D Woods (Principal & Accounting Officer) \*

D Spackman C Dunne

D Williams-Gualandi R Williams (resigned 9.9.21) A M Gray (appointed 10.12.21)

E Payne (appointed 10.10.21)

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

A J Everett

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM: G Samuels (appointed 1.1.22)

D Woods W J C Connelly

S R Jones (resigned 31.12.21)

M D Aldridge C M R Waring A D McCulloch A J Mackenzie

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

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**REGISTERED COMPANY** 

**NUMBER** 

7488870 (England and Wales)

<sup>\*</sup> members of the Resources committee

# REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

**AUDITORS** 

Cook & Partners Limited

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**SOLICITORS** 

Browne & Jacobson

**BANKERS** 

HSBC Plc

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The governors who are also directors of the academy for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the academy for the year ended 31 August 2022. The governors have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

# Objectives and aims

The principal object and activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of the Hockerill College Academy which aims to provide education for students of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 19 with an emphasis on languages and music.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Charitable Company has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the Academy and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum.

# Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The main objectives of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2022 are summarised below:

- > To ensure that every student enjoys the same high-quality education in terms of resources, tuition and care; To raise the standard of educational achievement of all students;
- > To improve the effectiveness of the Academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review;
- > To provide value for money for the funds expended;
- > To comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements;
- > To maintain close links with industry, commerce, universities and other educational establishments; and
- > To conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.
- > The objectives for 21/22 have largely been met as the College has returned to 'normal' operation post Covid. The key priorities have been on the themes of 'Pathways', Community' and 'Environment' with progress made in the areas of capital development planning, the securing of grants to improve campus facilities, recruitment of new staff and maintaining as internationally diverse student body as possible post-Brexit.

#### Public benefit

The Governors confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's objectives, aims and in planning future activities. The Governors consider that the Academy's Objectives, aims and activities are demonstrably to the public benefit.

#### Equal opportunities policy

The governors and staff at Hockerill Anglo-European College are committed to providing a safe and happy learning environment, promoting equality and diversity and ensuring the well-being of all members of the community. It is their clear intention to promote good behaviour and to exercise their responsibilities in ensuring the safeguarding and welfare of all students and staff within the community.

#### **Disabled persons**

Ramps and disabled toilets are installed and door widths are adequate to enable wheelchair access to most of the main areas of the Academy. The policy of the Academy is to support recruitment and retention of students and employees with disabilities. The Academy does this by adapting the physical environment, by making support resources available and through training and career development.

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# STRATEGIC REPORT

# Achievement and performance

# Charitable activities

The Academy is in its twelfth year of independent operation, although the College has been in operation since the 1980's. The College has been an Academy since 2011.

The College's results in public examinations at KS4 and KS5 continue to be outstanding.

At GCSE (KS4):

Progress 8 score +0.43

Attainment 8 score 64.8

Percentage of students achieving a grade 4 English Baccalaureate 88.5%

Percentage of students achieving a grade 4 or higher in English and Maths 93.8%

At IBDP (KS5)

Average Point Score 36

Percentage passing the Diploma 95.9%

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# STRATEGIC REPORT

#### Financial review

# Financial position

Approximately half of the Academy's income comes from the Department for Education (DfE) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to the running costs of the Academy.

The remainder of the Academy's income comes from boarding fees. Such income is shown as restricted income.

The Academy also receives money for the hire of school facilities, from pupils for meals, trips, exams etc. plus donations from benefactors. This income is unrestricted.

At 31 August 2022 the net book value of fixed assets was £31,270,000 (2021 £31,718,000) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and associated support services to the students and boarders of the Academy.

Under FRS102 the Academy has an historic deficit on the Essex County Council Local Government Pension Scheme of £810,000. This deficit has decreased during the year from £4,984,000.

# **Statement of Financial Activities**

Overall the fund has a surplus of £288,000 (2021 £99,000) net of Pension Deficit and reflecting transfers to restricted capital funds. The restricted fixed asset reserve has been decreased by £285,000 net of depreciation charges to £30,725,000 due to depreciation being in excess of capital spend in the year.

#### **Balance Sheet**

The main elements of the balance sheet are as follows:

#### Assets

- > Debtors of £3,415,000 (2021 £3,487,000) represents boarding income for the Lent & Summer terms not yet received. These monies due are either paid termly or payable by monthly payment plans and therefore not yet due.
- > £113,000 (2021 £77,000) of VAT is outstanding.
- > Prepayments total £303,000 (2021 £351,000) reflecting, school trips that have not yet been completed, costs incurred in advance, and accrued income which has been granted but is yet to be received.

# Liabilities

- > Creditors of £221,000 (2021 £149,000) represents costs incurred not yet paid for by the Academy Trust
- > Boarding and Other Deposits £777,000 (2021 £862,000) repayable when students leave the College
- > Accruals and Deferred Income £5,199,000 (2021 £5,761,000) reflecting:
- School trips that have not yet been completed.
- Donations not yet allocated
- Boarding fees invoiced in advance of the academic year 2022/23
- Other government grants issued in advance of the academic year 2022/23
- Monies held on account.

# Cash Flow

> Increased capital spend has led to a decrease of £143,000 (2021 £140,000 (increase)) in cash balances from those at 1 September 2021.

# Investment policy and objectives

Surplus cash balances are invested in a Close Brothers fixed rate bond, a Saffron BS charity Tracker or an HSBC deposit account. All accounts except the Close Brothers account allow same day access. Balances at 31 August 2022 were £1,860,000 (2021 £1,842,000).

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# STRATEGIC REPORT

# Financial review

# Reserves policy

The Governors review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Governors have determined that the minimum appropriate level of free reserves should be £200,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants/boarding revenues and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. The Academy's current level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets funds and the pension deficit) is £897,000 (2021 £609,000). This increase in reserves reflects the current uncertainty caused by the cost of living crisis and Ukraine and the consequent need for additional reserves.

#### Going concern

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

# Principal risks and uncertainties

BREXIT has impacted student numbers for 21/22 as we have been unable to recruit students without British passports. This has entailed more in year recruitment particularly in Year 10. The hope is that in the medium term this will generate additional demand for the 6th form. The College's boarding fees continue to be competitive with independent schools and the addition of a new sports hall and science block make the College much more attractive. To boost demand for boarding places the College has been attending recruitment fairs both in the UK and overseas. In additional over the last two years the College has increased places in Year 7 by one class with additional Flexi boarders & day students.

#### **Future plans**

Hockerill is passionate that every student who comes to the College fulfils their potential, both academically and beyond the classroom. The journey through Hockerill should be a wonderful experience and the College Improvement Plan and Strategic Development Plan aim to develop Hockerill's pathways, community and environment to deliver on this vision.

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

# Incorporation

Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd was incorporated on 11 January 2011 and took over the operations of the Hockerill Anglo European College from the local authority on the 1 February 2011

# **Charity constitution**

Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd is a company Limited by guarantee with no share capital (registration no. 7488870), and an exempt charity within the meaning of Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011. It is not required to be registered with the Charity Commission but is, however, subject to the Charity Commissioner's regulatory powers which are monitored by the Department for Education.

The Academy's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy. Members of the Academy are nominated by (either) the Department for Education (or) by the Governors. The articles of association require the members of the Academy to appoint at least 3 Governors to be responsible for the statutory and constitutional affairs of the Academy and its management.

# Governors

The Governors act as trustees for the charitable activities of Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd and are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

The Governors, who were in office at 31 August 2022 and served throughout the period, except where shown, are listed on page 1.

#### Members' liability

Each member of the academy undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a member.

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

#### **Governors' Indemnities**

The academy has opted into the Department of Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

# **Principal activities**

The principal object and activity of the Academy is the operation of the Hockerill College Academy to provide education for students of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 19 with an emphasis on languages and music.

# Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Governors are subject to retirement at the end of their 4 year term but are eligible for re-election.

#### Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Governors

All new Governors are briefed on their responsibilities under charity Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) and the Companies Act and provided training as required. Refresher training for all governors is provided in house as required. The training and induction provided to new Governors depends on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction provides training on charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All new Governors are given a tour of the Academy and the chance to meet staff and students. All Governors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Governors. Due to low levels of new Governors in each period, induction is done on an informal basis and is tailored specifically to the individual.

#### **Basis of recruitment**

Governors are either elected as parent or staff governors, or co-opted as community or partnership governors.

#### Organisational structure

The management of the Academy is as set out in the Scheme of Management adopted by the members.

This prescribes that the governors will be responsible for the overall operations and strategic development of the Academy, but that they may delegate responsibilities relating to the operational affairs and development of the Academy to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). In ensuring that the Academy finances are properly administered and that books of accounts are maintained and duly audited at least once per year, the governors have also established a separate Resources Committee with appropriate delegated authorities.

The Principal and the Resources Director work closely on day-to-day matters of financial control and both meet regularly with the Chairman of Resources to debate such matters amongst others. The Governors have appointed Price Bailey Chartered Accountants as internal auditors who reported to Brian Muscroft (Audit Advisor (AA), formerly Responsible Officer). The AA's role is fully defined and includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's year end audit.

The internal auditors have undertaken a number of checks during the year and reported to the AA and the Audit & Risk Committee regularly during in the past year, which culminates in a report to Trustees and the ESFA.

The governors maintain oversight of the College finance's via regular Full Governors meetings, Resource committee meeting and Audit & Risk Committee meetings. The use of an Audit advisor and internal and external audit provide additional re-assurance on the strength of the College's finances. Accounts are produced monthly and distributed to all governors.

# **REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

# Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The governors have devolved the pay decisions for all key management personnel (except the Principal) to the Principal. The responsibilities of the key staff are reviewed annually alongside performance and pay progresses within a set pay band (subject to performance). In cases where key staff take on additional responsibilities the Principal & HR manager re-evaluate the role and potentially adjust the pay bands. Grades for all staff (including key staff) are agreed annually by the full governors.

In the case of the Principal a delegated governing committee evaluate performance and recommend any changes in grade within the proscribed pay bands. This is then ratified by the full governors.

# Trade union facility time

This information is published in accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017 because the academy had a full-time equivalent employee number of more than 49 throughout the entirety of any seven of the months within the year ended 31 August 2022.

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0.08%

#### Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials

Full-time equivalent employee number

during the relevant period 2

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time Number of employees 0% Nil 1-50% 2 51-99% Nil 100% Nil

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

£'000 Total cost of facility time 6 Total pay bill 7,726

Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time calculated as:

(total cost of facility time ÷ total pay bill) × 100

#### Paid trade union activities

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

(total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period ÷ total

paid facility time hours) × 100 100%

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

# Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

The Academy has a joint venture with the Bishops Stortford Hockey club (Hockerill Sports Trust HST) which oversees the All Weather Pitch (AWP) on the Academy's grounds. HST manages the rental of the AWP and uses these funds to re-lay the pitch as and when necessary. The AWP continues to be owned by the Academy. The Hockey Club and the college have free access to the AWP but pay an annual fee to the Hockerill Sports Trust for this access.

Independently of the academy there is a Hockerill Parents and Friends association (HPF). This association raises money on behalf of the College and periodically makes donations to the academy for specific projects. HPF is a separate registered charity.

# **Bishops Stortford Educational Trust (BSET)**

Hockerill is a founding member of BSET and continues to endorse the vision and values of the group. BSET's vision is to act as a co-operative, forward-thinking educational organisation to support provision from Early Years to Post-16 and beyond for the town of Bishop's Stortford and its surrounding villages. The Trust was created to formalise an already effective partnership between local primary and secondary schools and draws on the individual strengths of each institution. This collaboration is not only community-based but is the only Trust at present to include the state and independent sectors working together to provide high quality education. Open Days and Information Evenings have been co-ordinated in order to facilitate the community to attend as many as possible without encountering clashes.

# Risk management

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Academy, and its finances. The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess the risks that the college faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in 'The Governance Statement'. The key risks being faced by the College currently relate to Brexit, impacting the future mix of students for 21/22 onwards. For 21/22 we have recruited students in years 7-10 that have more than compensated for the reduced students numbers in year 12. The expectation is that the increased boarders in year 10 will boost 6th form numbers in future years. Additional boarders will be also be recruitment from recruitment fairs both in the UK and aboard.

# **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Cook & Partners Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

J Stenhouse - Governor

# GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# Scope of Responsibility

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

The Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, D Woods (01/09/2020 - present)), 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 Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

# GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' Report and in the Statement of governors' responsibilities. The governing body has formally met 5 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the governing body was as follows:

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
D Woods (Principal & Accounting Officer)	4	4
C Dunne	4	4
S W Beach (Deputy Chair of Governors)	4	4
FINA Gray	2	2
J Braeckman	3	3 ·
E Payne	1 .	2
S Davids	4 .	4
J Tatchell (Chair of Resources)	4	4
J Stenhouse (Chair of Governors)	4	4 .
J Dewhurst	3	4
M Roberts	4	4
R Saunders	4	4
J Williams	4	4
C Wall	3	4
D Williams-Gualandi	2	4
D Spackman	4	4

In the addition to the Full governor meetings the governors also attend specialist committees depending on their expertise

- Curriculum
- Pastoral & Boarding
- Resources
- Steering

The Resources Committee is a sub-committee of the main governing body. Its purpose is to approve the budget, monitor expenditure and income and to consider all new financial transactions. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Governor	Meetings Attended	Out of a Possible
D Woods (Principal & Accounting Officer)	5	5
J Tatchell (Chair of Resources)	5	5
C Dunne	5	5
A Gray	2	2
J Braeckman	4	4
M Roberts	1	3
S Davids	5	5
J Stenhouse (Chair of Governors)	5	5
R Saunders	4	5
C Wall	4	5

# GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer the Principal has the responsibility for ensuring the academy 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 trusts 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 has delivered improved value for money in the year as follows:

- > Staff utilisation is reviewed every year, linking to the budget & development plan to ensure that all staff are used effectively and that student outcomes are maximised.
- > All staff grades are reviewed against performance in the classroom to ensure that excellent teachers are rewarded and those needing help are provided with the tools to improve. Teachers not achieving the teaching standards have been held back financially & those exceeding them have been promoted to reflect the standard that they are teaching at.
- > Students receiving pupil premium have a dedicated resource to ensure that they can maximise their educational outcomes. In addition the SEN department identifies all student with minor to major learning difficulties and provides support so that they can improve their performance.
- > As a top 10 Comprehensive school we regularly host visitors from other schools and this helps to ensure that we maintain our value add for our students.
- > Staff & students have detailed analysis of their performance, helping them to take ownership of their own performance.
- > 52.2% of all the GCSE grades were 9-7 or equivalent & our attainment 8 & progress 8 scores were 64.8 & 0.43 respectively.
- > IB results continue to be above world averages 36 versus 31.98 points making Hockerill one of the top IB schools in the UK. This is reflected in 74% going to Russell Group universities of those who have gone to UK universities.
- > From a capacity survey we have identified that the College has capacity to expend its intake and have taken a bulge in Year 7 for 21/22 & 22/23. The intention now is to hold any further expand, and review capacity to ensure that the quality of education is not impacted for existing students.
- >The College has commissioned a condition survey and this has been used to develop a 5 year plan of maintenance works and capital improvements.
- > Financially the College continues to run a small surplus while investing significant funds into the College campus With uncertainty over cost of living, inflation and Ukraine this reserve has been expanded. Contracts are reviewed regularly to ensure best value and resulting savings are re-invested into the College. Benchmarking against other academies & state boarding schools has also been done to ensure we offer best value.
- > All capital projects are modelled using multiple scenarios to find the ones that best balance educational outcomes against costs. Use of opportunity cost is also used to ensure that only the key projects are implemented.
- > Hockerill is part of the CPC and leverages this membership to get best value from contracts. We also work with cost saving consultants and specialist in utilities & catering to ensure best value. Recent tendered contracts are Grounds Maintenance, Internal Audit and Catering.

Overall financial health is ensured by use of internal audit provided by Price Bailey but overseen by our audit advisor who has been an FD in a FTSE top 250 company. Governors review performance bi-monthly but receive accounts monthly. The Principal and Chair of Resources receive more detailed accounts monthly enabling closer control of financial performance.

# **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

As a boarding school we spend considerable time ensuring that boarding numbers are kept at near capacity and regularly have over 95% utilisation even for 21/22 where Brexit & Covid-19 have impacted the ability to recruit overseas boarders. This income is supplemented by holiday time hires. These hires are reviewed every two years to ensure best value

These value for money strategies have been reviewed by a School Resource Management Advisor during the year with a favourable report.

### The Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy 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 throughout the year ended 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

# Capacity to Handle Risk

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

#### The Risk and Control Framework

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

>comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body;

- > regular reviews by the Resources 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 Governors have considered the need for a specific internal audit function and have commissioned Price Bailey Chartered Accountants to provide internal audit support to the Audit Advisor (AA), Brian McArthur-Muscroft. The AA's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. The AA reports to the governing body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the governing body's financial responsibilities on an annual basis. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

- > Procurement
- > Producing management accounts
- > Adherence to the GDPR

These arrangements can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

# GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# **Review of Effectiveness**

As Accounting Officer, D Wood (Principal 01/09/2020 - present), has the responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the period in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the Audit Advisor;
- 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 Officers have been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

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J Stenhouse - Governor

D Woods - Accounting Officer

# STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

As accounting officer of Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of governors 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, under the funding agreement in place between the academy 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 board of governors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy'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 governors and ESFA.

D Woods - Accounting Officer

Date: 5-12-22

# STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The governors (who act as trustees of Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Governors and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the governors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the governors 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

In so far as the governors are aware:

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

J Stenhouse - Governor

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 7488870)

#### **Opinion**

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

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the academy 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 governors' 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'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 governors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

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

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

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

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 7488870)

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

# Responsibilities of governors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities, the governors (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the governors 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 governors are responsible for assessing the academy'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 governors either intend to liquidate the academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 7488870)

# Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

#### Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including Fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

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

# Auditors approach to assessing the risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud.

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the entity. The following laws and regulations are considered to be significant to the entity:

- > Financial reporting Standard 102
- > Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022
- > Academies Financial Handbook 2021
- > Charities SORP 2019
- > Companies Act 2006
- > UK General Data Protection Regulation

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud as follows:

- > Discussed the risk of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud with employees of the Academy in positions of management, service organisations and those charged with governance at the planning stage to confirm that risks had been adequately identified and that the controls in place are sufficient for the size and nature of the business to reduce those risks to an acceptably low level.
- > Undertook an initial analytical review of the financial statements to identify any potentially unusual or unexpected relationships or high risk audit areas.
- > Completed a risk assessment checklist and reviewed the Academy's risk matrix to aid in the identification of Audit Risks for a company of this size and nature.
- > We considered the risk of fraud through management override of controls, a common risk in an Academy of this size and nature, in response; we incorporated testing of manual journal entries into our audit approach and undertook a purely substantive approach to the audit with no reliance placed on controls.
- > Accounting policies were reviewed at the planning stage to identify any subjective measurements or complex transactions where management would have the potential to show bias.
- > Ensured all in the audit team are aware of the risks identified and particular areas that were susceptible to misstatement and during the audit planning meeting.
- > Throughout the audit additional substantive testing was undertaken in areas where there was perceived to be a medium or high risk of misstatement.
- > Audit testing was undertaken in a manner that was unpredictable in nature, selection and timing when compared to previous years work.
- > The engagement Partners final review of the audit file and financial statements included a detailed review of all areas of medium or high risk identified at the planning stage of the audit.
- Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above:
- > Financial reporting Standard 102, Companies Act 2006 and UK General Data Protection Regulation. The audit team all have a good understanding of the requirements under these laws and regulations common to most trading businesses and were alert throughout the audit to any potential instances of non-compliance.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD (REGISTERED NUMBER: 7488870)

- > Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, Academies Financial Handbook 2021, Charities SORP 2019, Jeffrey Oliver has been engaged on the audit of Academies for more than 5 years and has experience in the audit of charitable companies.
- > Further, at both the planning and completion stage of the audit enquiries where made of employees of the Academy in positions of management, service organisations and those charged with governance regarding any known instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations
- > These representations were corroborated where possible through the review of board minutes, correspondence with HMRC and companies house, Price Bailey the Academy's Internal Auditors and correspondence with OFSTED. No contradictory evidence was noted.

We consider that the work detailed above has ensured that the likelihood of detection of irregularities including fraud is considered to be high both at management level and during our audit approach. It is however worth noting that there is an inherent difficulty in detecting irregularities and there is no guarantee that all irregularities have been identified.

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

# Use of our report

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

Jeffrey Oliver FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Cook & Partners Limited

Statutory Auditor Manufactory House Bell Lane Hertford Hertfordshire

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Date: OSNUT

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENGY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd 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 Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

# Respective responsibilities of Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

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

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

#### Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes;

- Detailed review of internal Auditors testing of procurement systems and controls.
- Detailed review of Internal Auditors testing of management accounting systems and controls.
- Detailed review of Internal Auditors testing of adherence to GDPR.
- Analytical review of annual expenditure and income streams, comparing budgets and prior year balances.
- General attention given to potential regularity issues during accounts preparation work.

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO HOCKERILL ANGLO-EUROPEAN COLLEGE LTD AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENGY

# Conclusion

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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.

Cook & Partners Limited Reporting Accountant Manufactory House Bell Lane Hertford Hertfordshire

Date: 05/nh

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

				Restricted	2022	2021
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Fixed Asset Funds £'000	Total funds £'000	Total funds £'000
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and capital grants	4	18	-	33	51	31
Charitable activities Funding for the academy's educational operations Provision of boarding activities	5 27	-	5,400 5,372	80 -	5,480 5,372	5,202 4,838
Other trading activities Investment income	6 7	661 18	<u>.</u>	- 	661 18	437 18
Total		697	10,772	113	11,582	10,526
EXPENDITURE ON						
Raising funds Costs of fundraising		4	2		6	25
		4	2	-	6	25
Charitable activities Academy's educational operations Provision of boarding activities	9 27	708	5,309 5,029	455 209	6,472 5,238	6,471 4,918
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Total		<u>712</u>	10,340	664	11,716	11,414
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) Transfers between funds Other recognised gains/(losses)	21	(15) (30)	432 (235)	(551) 265	(134)	(888)
Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes		<u> </u>	4,311		4,311	14
Net movement in funds		(45)	4,508	(286)	4,177	(874)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		226	(4,601)	31,010	26,635	27,509
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		181	<u>(93</u> )	30,724	30,812	26,635

# BALANCE SHEET 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	14	31,270	31,717
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	15	3,831	3,915
Cash at bank		3,312	3,455
·		7,143	7,370
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	16	(6,298)	(6,873)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		845	497
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		32,115	32,214
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	17	(493)	(595)
PENSION LIABILITY	22	(810)	(4,984)
NET ASSETS		30,812	26,635
FUNDS Restricted funds:	21		
General Annual Grant (GAG) Pension reserve Restricted fixed asset fund		99 (810) 30,725	3 (4,984) 31,010
Bursary fund Restricted boarding fund		27 	29 351
		30,631	26,409
Unrestricted income funds		181	226
TOTAL FUNDS		30,812	26,635

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Governors and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

J Stenhouse - Governor

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations Interest paid	28	42 (5)	304 (5)
Net cash provided by operating activities	es	37	299
Cash flows from investing activities	•		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(207)	(114)
Capital grants from DfE/EFA Capital funding received from others		80 32	32 5
Interest received		18	18
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(77</u> )	(59)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(103)	_(100)
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(103</u> )	(100)
Change in cash and cash equivalents the reporting period	in	(143)	140
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		3,455	3,315
	•		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end the reporting period	of	<u>3,312</u>	3,455

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education Funding Agency, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Hockerill Anglo-European College Ltd meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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

#### Going concern

The Governors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The Governors make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date the financial statements are authorised for issue.

The Governors consider that the Academy has adequate resources to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus the financial statements have been prepared on this basis.

While Covid-19 has incurred additional costs it has not impacted the College's viability as a going concern.

#### Income

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

#### Grants

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not matched to relevant expenditure during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet.

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

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any unspent amount is reflected as a balance in the restricted general fund.

Capital grants are recognised when there is entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Amounts that remain unspent are carried forward and reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund.

# **Donations and Legacies**

Donations and legacies are included in the statement of financial activities on a cash received basis (where there are no performance related conditions) or on an accruals basis where receipt is probable at the balance sheet date.

Restricted Capital income is recognised when there is entitlement and is not deferred over the life of the asset on which the income is restricted. Amounts that remain unspent are carried forward and reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund.

# Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period to which the service relates. Fees receivable in advance are deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Income

#### Donated services and gifts in kind

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

Upon becoming an Academy the charitable company received donated assets from the local authority relating to property and other funds. The property has been included at valuation at the date of receipt and other funds at historic cost. The receipt of these assets has passed through The Statement of Financial Activities.

#### Interest receivable

Interest receivable is included within The Statement of Financial Activities on a receipts basis.

# **Expenditure**

All expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that 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. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activity or funds then they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources for the activity or fund concerned.

Allocation basis's that have been used where applicable are as follows:

Estimated time spent on activities Estimated occupation levels Floor Area Pupil Numbers

### Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

# Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing £10,000 or more acquired since the Academy was established are capitalised as tangible assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the Government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities and carried forward in the balance sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fund in the Statement of financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the expected useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Academy's depreciation policy.

# **Depreciation**

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

Freehold buildings Expected Useful Life 36 years from 1 February 2011 until 31 August 2020.

From 1 September 2020 each assets expected useful life has been considered individually and on a component basis. Therefore the useful life varies depending on the building.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Tangible fixed assets

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

Where an asset comprises of two or more components which have substantially different lives, each component is depreciated separately over its useful economic life.

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.

#### Financial instruments

The academy holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the academy 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, other creditors and loans are basic 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.

#### **Taxation**

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Accordingly, the Academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### Fund accounting

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

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the Education Funding Agency and other agencies plus other income, including boarding income, which may be used for the main charitable activities and running costs of the Academy.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the surplus for the year.

# 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.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Liabilities

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the academy has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

### **Leased Assets**

Rentals under operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### Stocks

Uniform & catering supplies are not owned by the college. Stationery stocks are not deemed material.

#### Pensions

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

### Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS')

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are

determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The TPS is a multi employer scheme and the Academy is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid in each period.

### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit 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 operating surplus are the current service costs, past service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. 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 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 gains and losses.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

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 present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions which are disclosed in note 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31st 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

No areas of judgement (apart from those involving estimation) have been noted by the Governors that are considered to be critical to or have a significant effect on the academy's financial statements.

# 3. GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT

The funding agreement with the Secretary of State was varied on 16 July 2013 such that the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2022.

### 4. DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

4.	DUNATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS				
	Other donations and legacies	Unrestricted funds £'00018	Restricted funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'00051	2021 Total funds £'00031
5.	FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUC	CATIONAL OPE	RATIONS		
				2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	DfE/ESFA grant				
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	<del></del>	5,171	5,171	4,951
	DfE/ESFA capital grants				
	Devolved Capital	-	32	32	32
	Other capital allocations	<del>-</del>	48	48	
		<u>-</u>	80	80	32
	Other Government grant				
	Special educational projects		228	228	119
	Exceptional government funding				
	Coronavirus exceptional support		1	1	100
			5,480	5,480	5,202

The academy has been eligible to claim additional funding in year from government support schemes in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The funding received is shown above under "exceptional government funding" and in note 27, Boarding trading account, in the case of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme Grant.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 5. FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS - continued

- > The funding received for coronavirus exceptional support includes £1,300 COVID Vaccination programme (2021: £48,280 for the COVID 19 Catch up premium which was used to assist pupils that struggled during the lockdown periods, £12,079 COVID 19 Workforce fund and £40,390 COVID 19 Mass testing grant used to implement mass testing of students.) These costs are included in notes 8 and 9 below as appropriate.
- > The academy furloughed some of its boarding staff under the governments CJRS in 2021. The funding received of £nil (2021: £169,000) relates to staff costs in respect of staff which are included in note 11 below as appropriate.

# 6. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

6.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIE	ES				
	School trip and related income Music school School meals Departmental income Foreign Exchange Gains Miscellaneous items Income from facilities and services	;	Unrestricted funds £'000 188 186 177 2 3 18	Restricted funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000 188 186 177 2 3 18	2021 Total funds £'000 44 160 122 1 (2) 106 6
			661		<u>661</u>	<u>437</u>
7.	INVESTMENT INCOME					
			Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	2022 Total funds £'000	2021 Total funds £'000
	Deposit account interest		18		<u> 18</u>	18
8.	EXPENDITURE				,	
		NT.	3.4		2022	2021
			-pay expenditure	Other		
		Staff	Premises	Other costs	Total	Total
		costs £'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Raising funds Costs of fundraising	£ 000	2000	1000	2000	
	Direct costs	-	-	6	6	25
	Charitable activities	_				
	Academy's educational operation Direct costs		357	627	4,890	5,342
		3,906 513	478	591	1,582	3,342 1,129
	Allocated support costs  Provision of boarding activities	313	410	271	1,302	1,129
	Direct costs	1,652	209	130	1,991	1,891
	Allocated support costs	1,655	579	1,013	3,247	3,027
		7,726	1,623	2,367	11,716	11,414

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 8. EXPENDITURE - continued

# Net income/(expenditure) for the period includes:

Fees payable to auditor for:

	1 ces payaote to auditor for.					
					2022	2021
	Audit				13	13
	Other services				-	-
	Interest on CIF Loans				5	5
	Other operating leases				17	17
	Depreciation – owned assets				654	649
9.	CHARITABLE ACTIVITIE	cs .				
					2022	2021
			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
			funds	funds	funds	funds
			£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Direct costs - academy's educa	tional				
	operations		185	4,705	4,890	5,342
	Direct costs - provision of boa	rding				
	activities		-	1,991	1,991	1,891
	Support costs - academy's educ	cational	533	1.050	1.500	1 120
	operations Support costs - provision of bo	andina	523	1,059	1,582	1,129
	activities	arding	·	3,247	_3,247	_3,027
			<u>708</u>	11,002	11,710	11,389
					2022	2021
			Provision		2022	2021
		Academy's	of	Teaching		
		educational	boarding	school		
		operations	activities	hub	Total	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Analysis of support costs					•
	Support staff costs	513	1,655	-	2,168	2,167
	Technology costs	86	173	-	259	183
	Premises costs	478	579	-	1,057	842
	Other support costs	487	840	-	1,327	951
	Governance costs	18	<del>_</del>	<u> </u>	18	13
	Total support costs	1,582	3,247		4,829	4,156

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 10. STAFF COSTS

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Wages and salaries	5,881	5,805
Social security costs	562	562
Pension costs		1,739
	7,782	8,106
Staff restructuring costs Other wage costs and recharges	(56)	23 (9)
Total staff costs	7,726	8,120

# NON CONTRACTUAL STAFF SEVERANCE PAYMENTS

Included in staff restructuring costs is a single non-statutory/non-contractual severance payment totalling £nil (2021: £15,000)

# **KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the governors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel was £730,000 (2021: £833,000)

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

	2022	2021
Teachers	65	69
Administration and support	70	79
Management	10	10
	<u>145</u>	158

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

•	2022	2021
£60,001 - £70,000	. 6	5
£70,001 - £80,000	1	3
£100,000 - £110,000	•	1
£110,000 - £120,000	1	
	8	9

All of the above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2022, pension contributions for these staff amounted to £134,000 (2021 £152,000)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

# 11. GOVERNORS REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The principal and other senior staff Governors, only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff and do not receive any remuneration in respect of their services as Governors. Other Governors did not receive any payments nor expenses from the Academy in respect of their roles as Governors.

The value of staff Governors remuneration (including taxable benefits, employers' pension contributions and boarding payments) for the year ended 31 August 2022 was as follows:

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
D Woods (Principal)	135-137,000	130-135,000
S Davids	75-80,000	80-85,000
J Dewhurst	50-55,000	50-55,000

# 12. GOVERNORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The academy has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

#### 13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Restricted Fixed		
	Unrestricted funds £'000	Restricted funds £'000	Asset Funds £'000	Total funds £'000
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Donations and capital grants	19	8	4	31
Charitable activities Funding for the academy's educational				
operations	_	5,170	32	5,202
Provision of boarding activities	-	4,838	-	4,838
Other trading activities	437	-	-	437
Investment income	18			18
Total	474	10,016	36	10,526
EXPENDITURE ON				
Raising funds	•	24		25
Costs of fundraising	1	24	<del>:</del>	25
	1	24	-	25
Charitable activities				
Academy's educational operations	346	5,678	447	6,471
Provision of boarding activities	· •	4,711	207	4,918
Total	247	10.412	651	11 414
Total	<u>347</u>	10,413	654	11,414
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	127	(397)	(618)	(888)

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued 13. Restricted Fixed Unrestricted Restricted Asset Total funds funds **Funds** funds £'000 £'000 £'000 £'000 Transfers between funds (29)29 Other recognised gains/(losses) Actuarial gains on defined benefit schemes 14 14 Net movement in funds 98 (383)(589)(874)**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** Total funds brought forward 129 (4,218)31,598 27,509 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 227 (4,601) 31,009 26,635 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS 14. Assets Improvements Freehold Freehold under to buildings land construction property **Totals**

	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
COST At 1 September 2021 Additions	18,339	13,858	93	4,557 114	36,754 207
At 31 August 2022	18,339	13,858	93	4,671	36,961
<b>DEPRECIATION</b> At 1 September 2021 Charge for year	4,132 524			905 130	5,037 654
At 31 August 2022	4,656		<del>-</del>	1,035	5,691
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 August 2022	13,683	13,858	93	3,636	31,270
At 31 August 2021	14,207	13,858	<del></del>	3,652	<u>31,717</u>

15.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		•
		2022	2021
		£'000	£'000
	Trade debtors	3,415	3,487
	VAT	113	77
	Prepayments and accrued income	303	351

3,831

3,915

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

16.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DU	IE WITHIN ON	IF. VEAR		
10.	CREDITORS. AMOUNTS PALLING DO	E WITHIN OI	E I DAK	2022	2021
				£'000	£'000
	Other loans (see note 18)			101	101
	Trade creditors			221	149
	Other creditors			777	862
	Deferred income			4,891	5,410
	Accrued expenses	•		308	351
	Tiotada onpondo				
				6,298	6,873
	Deferred Income				
		Restricted	Restricted		
		General	Fixed Asset		
		Funds £000	Funds £000	2022	2021
	Deferred income at 1 September 2021	5,410	-	5,410	5,314
	Income deferred in the period	4,891	-	4,891	5,410
	Income released in the period	(5,410)	<del>_</del>	(5,410)	(5,314)
				4.001	5 440
	Deferred Income at 31 August 2022	4,891		4,891	5,410
	Deferred income is made up as follows:	Restricted	Restricted		
	Deferred income is made up as follows.	General	Fixed Asset		
		Funds £000	Funds £000	2022	2021
		r unus 2000	runus 2000	2022	2021
	Deferred boarding income	4,874	-	4,874	5,327
	Deferred rates grant	17	-	17	-
	Deferred HCC grant for new students 21/22	-	_	-	83
	T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T				
		4,891	-	4,891	5,410
					<del></del>
17.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DU	E AFTER MOI	RE THAN ONE		2021
				2022	2021
	04 1 ( + 10)			£'000	£'000
	Other loans (see note 18)			<u>493</u>	
18.	LOANS				
10.	Dorard		•		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given	below:			
	•			2022	2021
				£'000	£'000
	Amounts falling due within one year on dema	and:			
	Other loans			<u> 101</u>	<u> 101</u>
	Amounts falling between one and two years:				
	Other loans - 1-2 years			<u> 101</u>	<u> 101</u>
	Amounts falling due between two and five ye	ears:			
	Other loans - 2-5 years			<u>242</u>	<u>273</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 18. LOANS - continued

			2022 £'000	2021 £'000
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		•		
Repayable by instalments: Other loans more 5yrs instal	í		150	221

Loans received during the 31 August 2019 financial year are as follows:

£625,000 CIF Loan - Sports Hall - repayable over 10 years at an interest rate of 1.23%pa £50,000 CIF Loan - Fire Alarm replacement - repayable over 8 years at an interest rate of 1.73%pa £20,000 CIF Loan - Fire Safety improvements - repayable over 10 years at an interest rate of 1.23%pa £150,000 Salix Loan - LED Lighting improvements - repayable over 6 years. No interest charged.

All of the above loans are to repaid by way of an abatement of the GAG. Unspent capital funds will initially be used to cover repayments followed by unrestricted, boarding and GAG funds depending on the project. Repayments began in September 2019.

No security has been provided for any of the loans outstanding at the balance sheet date.

#### 19. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

Each member of the academy undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while they are a member, or within one year after they cease to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before they cease to be a member.

#### 20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

				2022
			Restricted	
			Fixed	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Asset	Total
	funds	funds	Funds	funds
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets	-	-	31,270	31,270
Current assets	329	6,765	49	7,143
Current liabilities	(148)	(6,049)	(101)	(6,298)
Long term liabilities	-	-	(493)	(493)
Pension liability		<u>(810</u> )		<u>(810</u> )
	<u> 181</u>	<u>(94)</u>	30,725	30,812

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

				2021
			Restricted	
			Fixed	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Asset	Total
	funds	funds	Funds	funds
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets	-	-	31,717	31,717
Current assets	351	6,967	52	7,370
Current liabilities	(125)	(6,584)	(164)	(6,873)
Long term liabilities	-	-	(595)	(595)
Pension liability	<u> </u>	<u>(4,984</u> )	<del></del>	(4,984)
	<u>226</u>	<u>(4,601</u> )	31,010	26,635

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

## 21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
		Net	Transfers	
		movement	between	At
	At 1.9.21	in funds	funds	31.8.22
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	3	91	5	99
Pension reserve	(4,984)	4,311	(137)	(810)
Restricted fixed asset fund	31,010	(550)	265	30,725
Bursary fund	29	(2)	-	27
Restricted boarding fund	<u>351</u>	<u>342</u>	(103)	590
	26,409	4,192	30	30,631
	20,409	4,192		30,031
Unrestricted funds	•			
Lettings/Interest	35	(12)	-	23
Private Funds	81	13	-	94
Other	110	<u>(16</u> )	(30)	64
	226	(15)	(30)	181
TOTAL FUNDS	26,635	4,177	-	30,812
Net movement in funds, included in the above	ve are as follows:			
·	Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
	resources	expended	losses	in funds
·	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	5,401	(5,310)	-	91
Pension reserve	•	-	4,311	4,311
Restricted fixed asset fund	113	(663)	-	(550)
Bursary fund	-	(2)	-	(2)
Restricted boarding fund	5,371	(5,029)		342
	10,885	(11,004)	4,311	4,192
Unrestricted funds				
Lettings/Interest	106	(118)	-	(12)
Private Funds	17	(4)	-	13
Other	574	(590)	-	(16)
				/
	<u>697</u>	<u>(712</u> )	<u> </u>	(15)
			<del></del>	
TOTAL FUNDS	11,582	<u>(11,716)</u>	4,311	4,177

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

## 21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

## Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	Transfers	
		movement	between	At
	At 1.9.20	in funds	funds	31.8.21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	16	(509)	496	3
Pension reserve	(4,502)	14	(496)	(4,984)
Restricted fixed asset fund	31,598	(617)	29	31,010
Bursary fund	45	(16)	-	29
Restricted boarding fund	223	128		351
	27,380	(1,000)	29	26,409
Unrestricted funds				
Lettings/Interest	61	3	(29)	35
Private Funds	65	16	-	81
Other	3	107		110
	129	. 126	(29)	226
TOTAL FUNDS	27,509	<u>(874</u> )	<del></del>	26,635

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £'000	Resources expended £'000	Gains and losses £'000	Movement in funds £'000
Restricted general funds				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	5,169	(5,678)	-	(509)
Pension reserve	-	•	14	14
Restricted fixed asset fund	36	(653)	-	(617)
Bursary fund	8	(24)	-	(16)
Restricted boarding fund	4,839	<u>(4,711)</u>		128
	10,052	(11,066)	14	(1,000)
Unrestricted funds				
Lettings/Interest	25	(22)	-	3
Private Funds	17	(1)	-	16
Other	432	(325)		107
	<u>474</u>	(348)		<u>126</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	10,526	<u>(11,414</u> )	14	<u>(874</u> )

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 21. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, Losses and Transfers £000	Balance at 31 August 2022 £000
Restricted fixed asset funds - analysis					
ESFA capital grants expended Unexpended Capital expenditure from	26,046 -	109	(199) -	122	26,078 -
other restricted and unrestricted funds Future Capital Projects	4,912	3	(455)	143	4,603
expended Unexpended	52			<del>-</del>	44
	31,010	112	(662)	265	30,725

#### **Restricted General Funds**

These represent funds generated by the Academy either from grants received or boarding operations, which can only be used for normal running costs of the academy.

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

The Bursary Fund is maintained to support boarders in financial difficulty. The fund is maintained by donations from the boarding community primarily ex-students.

#### **Restricted Fixed Asset Funds**

Represents assets inherited on conversion to an Academy, other surplus unrestricted funds, and other funds received which have or are to be used to finance the capital costs of the Academy less accumulated depreciation.

#### **Unrestricted Funds**

Represents funds generated by the academy from other operations and fundraising which can be used for any purpose at the discretion of the Governors.

### Transfers

During the year £30,000 was transferred from unrestricted funds, £132,000 from general restricted funds and £103,000 from boarding funds to cover capital expenditure incurred in improving the educational facilities of the Academy.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

The academy'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 Council. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

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

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

#### Teachers' pension scheme

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

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

#### Valuation of the teachers' pension scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £1,110 (2021 - £1,161).

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

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

#### Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £529 (2021 - £544), of which employer's contributions totalled £422 (2021 - £434). and employees' contributions totalled £107 (2021 - £110). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 25 per cent for employers and 25 per cent for employees.

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

The scheme is in deficit however the increasing contribution rates are deemed sufficient to cover the deficit and no further payments are currently required by the academy.

The amounts recognised in the Balance Sheet are as follows:

	pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Present value of funded obligations	(6,081)	(10,080)
Fair value of plan assets	5,271	_5,096
	(810)	(4,984)
Present value of unfunded obligations		
Deficit	(810)	(4,984)
Net liability	(810)	<u>(4,984</u> )

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

	Defined benefit pension plans	
·	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Current service cost	932	859
Net interest from net defined benefit		
asset/liability	161	133
Past service cost	<del></del>	
	1,093	992

Defined benefit

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

## 22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

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

	Defined benefit	
	pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Opening defined benefit obligation	10,080	8,279
Current service cost	932	859
Contributions by scheme participants	107	110
Interest cost	161	133
Oblig Unfunded Pension Payment	(4)	(4)
Benefits paid	(109)	(132)
Settlements	(701)	-
Remeasurements:		
Actuarial (gains)/losses from changes in		
demographic assumptions	(194)	(109)
Actuarial (gains)/losses from changes in		
financial assumptions	(4,725)	1,099
Oblig other remeasurement	534	(155)
	6,081	10,080

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

		Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021	
	£'000	£'000	
Opening fair value of scheme assets	5,096	3,777	
Assets Interest	85	64	
Admin Expenses	(2)	(2)	
Contributions by employer	422	434	
Contributions by scheme participants	107	110	
Asset Unfunded Pension Payment	-	(4)	
Benefits paid	(113)	(132)	
Settlements	(250)	-	
Return on plan assets (excluding interest			
income)	(74)	849	
	5,271	5,096	

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

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

	Defined benefit pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Actuarial (gains)/losses from changes in		
demographic assumptions	194	109
Actuarial (gains)/losses from changes in		
financial assumptions	4,725	(1,099)
Oblig other remeasurement	(534)	155
Return on plan assets (excluding interest		
income)	(74)	<u>849</u>
	4,311	14

The major categories of scheme assets as amounts of total scheme assets are as follows:

	Defined benefit	
	pension plans	
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Equities	2,967	3,262
Gilts	101	128
Other Bonds	233	237
Property	499	356
Cash	158	142
Alternative Assets	789	566
Other managed funds	524	405
	<u>5,271</u>	5,096

The expected return on assets is based on the long-term future expected investment return for each asset class as at the beginning of the period.

The returns on gilts and bonds are assumed to be the gilt yield and corporate bond yield respectively at the relevant date. The returns on equities and property are to be a margin above gilt yields.

Actual return on scheme assets was £11,000 (2021: £913,000)

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

	2022	2021
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25%	1.65%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.95%	3.90%
Rate of increase in pensions for payment	2.95%	2.90%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	1.25%	2.90%
Commutation of pensions lump sums	-	50.00%

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

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

	2022	2021
Retiring today		
Males	21	21.6
Females	23.5	23.6
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.3	22.9
Females	24.9	25.1
Sensitivity analysis		
	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Discount rate +0.1%	5,949	9,856
Discount rate -0.1%	6,216	10,309
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	6,259	10,486
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	5,909	9,690
CPI rate +0.1%	6,206	10,103
CPI rate -0.1%	5,959	10,058

#### Impact of McCloud/Sargeant judgement

GAD estimated the impact on past service liabilities to be 3.2% of active liabilities based on a salary increase assumption of CPI plus 1.5% p.a.

Adjusting this to reflect the Employer's own salary increase assumption from 31 March 2016 (which is that salaries will increase at 2.2% until 31 March 2020 and 3.7% thereafter), gives an estimated impact of 1.8% of active liabilities.

Adjusting this to allow for the additional accrual of liabilities since 31 March 2019 and an approximate adjustment to strip out members who are unlikely to be affected by the outcome of the judgement gives an estimated impact of 1.5% of active liabilities.

This is equivalent to 1.2% of the Employer's total liabilities at the accounting date (i.e. active liabilities are estimated to be 79% of the Employer's total liabilities at the accounting date).

GAD estimated the impact on the service cost to be 3.0% of payroll based on a salary increase assumption of CPI plus 1.5% p.a.

Adjusting this to reflect the Employer's own salary increase assumption from 31 March 2016 (as set out above), gives an estimated impact of 1.7% of payroll.

Making an approximate adjustment to strip out members who are unlikely to be affected by the outcome of the judgement gives an estimated impact of 0.9% of payroll.

This is equivalent to 2.1% of the projected service cost.

A past service cost of £80,000 has been included within the service cost in the statement of profit and loss for 2019 as an estimate of the impact of the Mccloud/Sargeant judgement.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 22. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS - continued

On 13 May 2021, the government issued a ministerial statement on the proposed remedy to be applied to LGPS benefits in response to the McCloud and Sargeant cases and it is not believed that there is any material difference between the approach underlying the estimated allowance and the proposed remedy. Therefore no further adjustment has been included at 31 August 2022. A more detailed analysis will be undertaken once a more significant volume of member data becomes available.

#### 23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the period of the Funding Agreement, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any asset for which a Government capital grant was received, the academy is required either to re-invest the proceeds or to repay to the Secretary of State for Education the same proportion of the proceeds of the sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State.

Upon termination of the Funding Agreement, whether as a result of the Secretary of State or the academy serving notice, the academy shall repay to the Secretary of State sums determined by reference to:

- (a) the value at that time of the academy's site and premises and other assets held for the purpose of the academy; and
- (b) the extent to which expenditure incurred in providing those assets was met by payments by the Secretary of State under the Funding Agreement.

#### 24. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital projects contracted for at either the 31 August 2022 or 31 August 2021.

#### 25. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

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

	<b>2022</b> £000	<b>2021</b> £000
	2000	2000
Amounts due within one year	16	16
Amounts due between one and two years	16	. 16
Amounts due between two and five years	9	
	41	53

### 26. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The governors are not aware of any transactions between the academy and related parties which require disclosure in accordance with FRS 102 in either the current or previous financial years.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 27. ACADEMY BOARDING TRADING ACCOUNT

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Income		
Fee Income	5,313	4,669
Furlough Grants	•	170
Other Income	59	
	5,372	4,839
Direct costs		
Teaching and educational support staff costs	1,652	1,525
Other student related costs	13	11
Bad debts	11	39
Commissions	27	26
Other costs	80	83
	1,783	1,684
Allocated support costs		
Support staff costs	1,655	1,729
Catering costs	774	602
Maintenance of premises and equipment	193	197
Furniture costs	25	43
Other premises costs	361	254
Technology costs	173	122
Other support costs	47	64
Contingency costs		16
	3,247	3,027
Total Costs	5,030	4,711
Transfer to Restricted Fixed Asset Fund	(103)	-
Surplus/(Deficit) on Boarding Activities	239	128
Surplus at 1 September 2021 Surplus at 31 August 2022	351 590	223 351

The costs for 2022 do not include £208,000 (2021 :£207,000) of depreciation which is allocated directly to the restricted fixed asset fund.

## 28. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£'000	£'000
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of		
Financial Activities)	(134)	(888)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	655	648
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	(80)	(32)
Interest received	(18)	(18)
Interest paid	5	5
Defined benefit pension scheme cost	932	859
Defined benefit pension sch finance cost	76	69
Defined benefit scheme admin expenses	2	2
Defined benefit scheme settlements	(451)	(5)
Capital funding from other sources	(32)	-

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

## 28. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES - continued

Difference between pension charge and cash contributions  Net cash provided by operations	<u>(422)</u> 42	<u>(434)</u> 304
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(575)	63
Decrease in debtors	84	35
ACTIVITIES - Continued		

### 29.. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

Not each	At 1.9.21 £'000	Cash flow £'000	At 31.8.22 £'000
Net cash Cash at bank	3,455	_(143)	3,312
	3,455	(143)	3,312
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year Debts falling due after 1 year	(101) (595)	102	(101) _(493)
	(696)	102	_(594)
Total	2,759	<u>(41</u> )	2,718

## 30. INVESTMENTS

The academy owns 100% of the issued ordinary shares of Hockerill Enterprises, a company incorporated in England (registration number 3027362). Hockerill Enterprises has been dormant throughout the year ended 31 August 2022.