

LOSTOCK HALL ACADEMY

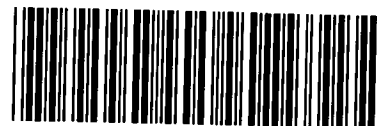
Lostock Hall Academy Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st August 2020

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Reference and Administrative Details

Year Ended 31st August 2020

Members

Mr B Burke
Mrs G F Gorman
Cllr C Hughes
Mrs M Scrivens

Trustees

Mrs H Archibald
Mrs A Ashworth
Mrs A Boardman
Mr B Burke
Mr I Crook
Mrs G F Gorman
Mrs A Kay
Mrs M Martin
Mrs D McNally
Mr D Roocroft
Mrs M Scrivens
Mrs K Shaverin
Mrs T Slater

Secretary

Mrs T Jones

Senior Leadership Team

Mrs J Butterworth
Mr N Clitheroe
Mrs T Jones
Mrs G F Gorman
Mr S Sloan
Mrs N Tucker

Principal and Registered Office

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Preston
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Company Registration Number

07657427 (England & Wales)

Independent Auditor

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Bankers

Lloyds Bank PLC
Fishergate
Preston
PR1 2JB

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Forbes Solicitors
Ground Floor Oak House
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Liverpool
L2 2QH

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Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31st August 2020

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period from the 1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report including a strategic report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for students aged 11 to 16 serving a catchment area in the South Ribble area of Lancashire.

Structure, Governance and Management

1.1 Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The trustees of Lostock Hall Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Lostock Hall Academy Trust.

Details of the trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 2.

1.2 Members' Liability

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

1.3 Trustees' Indemnities

The Academy has purchased indemnity insurance to protect governors and officers from claims arising in connection with Academy business. The insurance provides cover of up to £10,000,000 on any one claim (note 10).

1.4 Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The trustees are appointed by the following:

Parent governors	Elected by parents of the students of the Academy
Staff governors	Elected by staff of the Academy
Community governors	Appointed by the Governing Body

No more than one third of the trustees may be employees of the Academy.

1.5 Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees.

Induction and ongoing training is provided by Lancashire County Council Governor Training. The trustees also have access to online training.

1.6 Organisational Structure

The Academy is governed by its Governing Body, whose members are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. The organisational structure of the Academy consists of 3 levels: The Governing Body, the Principal, and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

The Governing Body is responsible for setting general policies, adopting a school development plan and budget, monitoring the school's performance, making major policy decisions, and appointing senior staff. Certain elements of these responsibilities are delegated to the following sub committees who make recommendations to the full Governing Body:

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Academic Achievement & Student Welfare Committee

Finance & Staffing Committee

Pay Committee

The Principal is also the Accounting Officer and has responsibility for ensuring that grant income is spent in line with the funding agreement.

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) comprises:

Principal	Mrs G F Gorman
Senior Assistant Principal	Mr N Clitheroe
Senior Assistant Principal	Mrs N Tucker
Assistant Vice Principal	Mrs J Butterworth
Assistant Vice Principal	Mr S Sloan
Assistant Vice Principal - Director of Business/Finance	Mrs T Jones

1.7 Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Governing Body has adopted a whole school pay policy which will be reviewed on an annual basis. It has been developed to comply with the current School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document and is in line with the Guidance on School Teachers' Pay and Conditions. Pay scales for senior staff are set and reviewed in accordance with this policy. Pay decisions are overseen by the Governing Body who will act with integrity, confidentiality, objectivity and honesty in the best interests of the school.

Support staff are covered by the National Joint Council (NJC) scheme conditions of service and the Academy has adopted the Lancashire County Council's pay and grading structure under the NJC scheme of conditions of service.

Governors are volunteers and receive no pay or remuneration.

1.8 Related Parties and Other Connected Charities and Organisations

There are no connected organisations in the year. Related party transactions are disclosed in note 26 to the accounts.

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Objectives and Activities

2.1 Objects and Aims

Lostock Hall Academy Trust was set up on the 1st August 2011. Its principal objective is the operation of Lostock Hall Academy (LHA) which is a non-selective school, providing education for 11-16 year olds of different abilities, in the South Ribble area of Lancashire. Students are drawn from the catchment area, in accordance with the Academy's admissions criteria. Prior to conversion LHA was a Specialist Arts, Maths and Computing College.

The principle objectives of LHA are:-

- To conduct its business to the highest possible standards, integrity and openness;
- To comply with all statutory legislation and curriculum requirements;
- To ensure that every pupil, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, disability or social background, achieves the best possible outcomes;
- To improve its overall effectiveness by continuous self-evaluation and improvement;
 - To provide value for money;
- To maintain and build on the close links with the local community and business.

LHA aims to provide an outstanding education for all its students in a caring, supporting environment. We aim to achieve this by providing:-

- Well-planned learning opportunities for all students, in order that they achieve in line with or exceed expectations in Key Stages 3 and 4;
- A broad, balanced and personalised curriculum that is fully inclusive and meets the social and academic needs of all our students;
- Our students with the knowledge, tolerance and skills necessary for them to succeed in and contribute to life in modern Britain, equipping them for life beyond Lostock Hall Academy, to the next phase of their education or training;
- An extensive programme of extra-curricular activities to enhance the taught curriculum provided;
- Professional development opportunities for all staff, including succession planning, targeted support and annual appraisals, in order that high standards are maintained;
- Activities available to all students to enhance and improve their leadership and support of others;
- Appropriate cross-phase (primary and tertiary) transition learning and activities.

Equal Opportunities

The Academy Trust aims to establish equal opportunity in all areas of its activities to develop a working environment where everyone's contribution is valued. The Academy fully supports the requirements and legislation of the Equality Act 2010.

Lostock Hall Academy Vision 2019-20

LHA will be the local secondary provider of choice. We will equip all our learners with the knowledge, skills, values and behaviours to achieve their full potential in a safe, stimulating and supportive environment. Educating the future, Academy students will be proud to achieve a successful career path through transition into work or training in all walks of adult life.

Academy Key Priorities

- To ensure the highest standards of leadership and management through reflective governance and the provision of developmental opportunities for staff at all levels.
- To provide a safe and secure learning environment, that supports the social and emotional wellbeing of all students and staff.
- To raise aspirations, build resilience, ensure enjoyment and independence in learning for all students.

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- To continually develop, teach and review a high quality, engaging broad and balanced curriculum through a research-based approach to teaching and learning in an inclusive and dynamic environment.
- To work collaboratively as part of a professional learning community and in partnership with parents/carers to ensure all students achieve through personalised learning, pastoral and health programmes.
- To maintain high levels of punctuality and attendance of students ensuring excellence for all.
- To ensure a positive image based on the strengths of the Academy is shared across the community to increase student recruitment.
- To provide a range of meaningful experiences linked to the labour market, along with encounters with further and higher education to support personalised career paths.

2.2 Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charities Commission guidance on Public Benefit. The key public benefit delivered by Lostock Hall Academy is the maintenance and development of the high-quality education provided by the school to the young people of South Ribble.

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Strategic report

3. Achievements and Performance

3.1 COVID

This year has been unprecedented due to the Covid-19 pandemic that saw all schools officially close on the 23rd March 2020, as the country went into a national lockdown. However, during this time the school remained open to vulnerable students and the children of key workers. The Senior Leadership Team continued to work on site and at home throughout the prolonged period of restrictions.

A daily report was submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) confirming the number of students of key workers, Looked After Children (LAC), teaching staff and non-teaching staff onsite. A separate school also ran for Year 10 students during Term 3.2 to provide additional support and to help prepare them ahead of the scheduled reopening of schools (September 2020).

Staff and student safety was of the highest priority from the outset of the pandemic. All staff who were classed as either 'extremely clinically vulnerable' or 'clinically vulnerable' were asked to work from home for the duration of the period of school closure. They were not included on any staff rosters for onsite working (keyworker/Year 10 school). Students and staff onsite followed strict protocols that were designed to maintain health and safety of all involved. Movement in and around the school was restricted to avoid unnecessary touching of surfaces/use of rooms.

Teaching and support staff worked continuously to support students who found remote working difficult, assisting with technical difficulties, and putting alternative measures in place when necessary. Disadvantaged and SEND students were supported whenever possible through the provision of equipment to support the process of online learning. The school also participated in all available voucher schemes and provided food packages for families in need.

It is worth noting that during the period of lockdown, staff across the school also fully engaged in completing a wide range of online CPD opportunities that were made available, many of which were designed to support remote learning/supporting students during the pandemic.

Returning in September 2020 through a risk assessment and following national guidance, clearly defined processes were put in place to assist in the protection of all, including the wearing of face masks and year group bubbles. These processes continue as we move forward and are regularly reviewed in line with national and local guidance. We have managed to ensure that all students remain in school or have quality on-line learning if self-isolating. At the point of writing the academy has been fortunate in securing the maximum amount of time in school for vast majority of students and staff.

3.2 Key Performance Indicators

The Academy monitors its performance on the examination results and Ofsted reports it receives. The Academy operates in line with the requirements of its Funding Agreement with the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and manages its reserves in line with the policies set out below.

Headline News: 2020 Results

SLT undertook a rigorous process of checking and moderating the centre assessed grades, reviewing the data provided and applying these compulsory elements: 'Previous results in your centre in this subject' and 'Performance of this year's students compared to those in previous years'.

We participated in FFT data analysis and SISRA Data Collaboration to identify how each subject compared to the 3-year school trend and the national picture. All subjects were asked to justify all grades with at least 10% of these grades undergoing a granular inspection. The system was robust, and all subject leaders were able to confidently explain the decisions made by their teams.

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Headlines figures

The Headlines figures show a positive set of results with increases upon last year.

GCSE Results	%Grade 4+ 2020 (2019)	%Grade 5+ 2020 (2019)	%Grade 7+ 2020 (2019)
English & Maths (all pupils):	85.1 (76.3)	57.9 (48.2)	16.7 (12.3)
English Language (all pupils)	87 (83)	65 (62)	23 (22)
English Literature (all pupils)	90 (86)	77 (73)	31 (30)
English best (all pupils)	93 (88)	78 (75)	33 (37)
Mathematics (all pupils)	86 (82)	62 (53)	21 (17)
Attainment 8 (DfE V2 calculated, new point scores) – All Pupils			52.48 (48.62)

This year saw unpublished results because of the pandemic and therefore comparative data can only be used with caution.

93% of students achieved 9-4 in English

86% of students achieved 9-4 in Maths.

In the following subjects, 100% of the students entered achieved 9-4 Grades:

Biology
Chemistry
French
Music BTEC
Music GCSE
PE BTEC
Photography
Physics

In the following subjects, 90% or more of the students entered achieved 9-4 Grades:

Art and Design

In the following subjects, 80% or more of the students entered achieved 9-4 Grades:

English Language
English Literature
History
Maths

In the following subjects, 70% or more of the students entered achieved 9-4 Grades:

Performing Arts BTEC
Business Studies
Computer Science
Geography
Science Combined

In the following subjects, 60% or more of the students entered achieved 9-4 Grades:

Design Technology

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BTECs	No of students	L2D* - L2D %	L2D* - L2M %	L2D* - L2P %
Music BTEC	12	8.3	50	100
PE BTEC	22	45.5	100	100
Technical Awards	No of students	L2D* - L2D %	L2D* - L2M %	L2D* - L2P %
Perf Arts BTEC	9	33.3	44.4	77.8
GCSEs	No of students	9 - 7 %	9 - 5 %	9 - 4 %
Art & Design	40	27.5	65	95
Biology	18	50	100	100
Business Studies	39	10.3	56.4	74.4
Chemistry	18	50	100	100
Computer Science	9	22.2	66.7	77.8
Design Technology	19	10.5	36.8	63.2
English	114	22.8	64.9	86.8
English Lit	114	30.7	77.2	89.5
French	16	62.5	93.8	100
Geography	53	24.5	60.4	79.2
History	74	25.7	66.2	86.5
Maths	114	21.9	59.6	86
Music GCSE	12	50	100	100
Photography	19	26.3	89.5	100
Physics	18	50	100	100
Science Combined	190	7.4	40	74.2

Progress 8	not calculated
Attainment 8	52.48
EBacc Entered	13.2%
EBacc Achieved (9-5)	8%
EBacc Achieved (9-4)	9%
APS EBacc	4.63
Basics (9-5 in English & Maths)	57.9%
Basics (9-4 in English & Maths)	85.1%
English Best 9-4	93%

Review of external provision for our *most able* students

Up until the period of school closure, a total of **fourteen** external *Gifted and Talented* events were completed with partnership schools/colleges. Further events were planned but were subsequently cancelled due to the national lockdown. Participation in these events aims to:

- provide a programme of interesting and challenging events for Year 9 and 10 students who are able, gifted and/or talented.
- to provide activities which stretch students and develop their skills, knowledge, and ability.
- to take students into studies beyond the examination syllabus.
- to widen students' experiences and support their personal development.
- to prepare students for post-16 study.
- to recognise and celebrate excellence.

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1. **Wednesday 14th November (9.30am-1.30pm):** '3D Design – Design to Construct'.
(5 students in attendance including one disadvantaged student).
2. **Thursday 14th November (9.30am-1.30pm):** 'Textile Creations'.
(5 students in attendance including one disadvantaged student).
3. **Wednesday 20th November (9.30am-2.30pm):** 'Hospitality and Tourism event'.
(14 students in attendance including two disadvantaged students).
4. **Wednesday 03rd December (9.30am-1.00pm):** 'New Approaches to Drawing Workshop'.
(5 students in attendance including one disadvantaged student).
5. **Wednesday 04th December (1.00-3.00pm):** 'The English Challenge'.
(8 students in attendance). ***NB*** this is competition based and Lostock Hall Academy students won the event for the **fourth consecutive year**.
6. **Tuesday 21st January (10.30-2.30pm):** 'The Krypton Factor'.
(5 students in attendance including one disadvantaged student).
7. **Tuesday 04th February (9.00-2.30pm):** 'Year 11 UCLAN visit'.
(29 students in attendance including five disadvantaged students).
8. **Tuesday 25th February (10.00-12.30pm):** 'Challenge History – Genocide – Perpetrators versus Bystanders'.
(5 students in attendance).
9. **Friday 28th February (9.30-1.00pm):** 'Create, manipulate and edit in Graphic Design'.
(7 students in attendance including three disadvantaged students).
10. **Monday 02nd March (8.30-3.00pm):** 'STEM event at HMS Prince of Wales'.
(11 students in attendance including four disadvantaged students).
11. **Tuesday 03rd March (12.00-3.00pm):** 'Geography: Creating sustainability'.
(5 students in attendance).
12. **Thursday 05th March (9.30-1.30pm):** 'Design Engineering – Engineering behind Superheroes'.
(4 students in attendance including two disadvantaged students).
13. **Tuesday 10th March (9.30-1.30pm):** 'The Full English'.
(5 students in attendance).
14. **Wednesday 11th March (8.45-1.30pm):** 'Oxbridge Bound' event.
(10 students in attendance including one disadvantaged student).

Leadership (student) at Lostock Hall Academy

The Physical Education (PE) department continues to provide students with the opportunity to take up **leadership roles** within both timetabled lessons and extra-curricular activities. As a school we organise a wide range of primary school events at which our students help. Leadership courses that ran over the course of the 2019/20 academic year up until the period of school closure were:

Football referees 'laws of the game' awareness course (12 students);

Netball young leaders training (12 students);

The school also works with the South Ribble sports development team to deliver the '**Level 3 Bike-ability (road safety) course**' to our incoming Year 7 students (this course is a direct follow on from the Level 2 which students can complete at primary school). **Twenty-one** students completed this very important course during Term 1 of the academic year. The PE department keeps and maintains several bicycles (and safety equipment such as helmets) onsite in order to help facilitate the running of the course (students can complete the course on school bicycles so as to build up their confidence to ride their own on open roads).

Primary School Events

There continued to be a tremendous amount of activity in terms of working with our key partner primary schools right up until the period of school closure (further events were planned over the course of Term 3 but did not go ahead due to the national lockdown).

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Primary school events that ran at Lostock Hall Academy (2019/20 academic year) were:

Central Venue football leagues x 6 (after-school sessions);
Central Venue netball leagues x 4 (after-school sessions);
Indoor athletics district heats and finals x 4 (in school sessions, including the District finals).

The school grounds are also made available to:

Lostock Hall Primary School as they organize / run the local cross-country championships for this age group.

Many of the South Ribble district football teams that comprise of players from across the secondary schools within the area (students from Lostock Hall Academy are included within most of these teams).

General transition arrangements continued with meetings being held via Zoom or face to face where essential and possible to do so under strict guidance.

Health and wellbeing

Autumn term

Year 9 'Change Talks' – Mental Health and Wellbeing course
Parent/carer Mental Health Conference
Year 9 LCC medical questionnaires
NHS – EpiPen, Asthma and Anaphylaxis training
Staff CPD/Mental Health Awareness twilight
KS3/4 Mental Health assemblies
Staff First Aid training course
UCLan – Well-being counsellor training
Governors – Safeguarding training

Spring Term

Year 9 'Change Talks' – Mental Health and Wellbeing course
Year 9 DTP and Meningitis immunisation
Year 10 DTP Meningitis immunisation catch up

Summer term

School closed for lockdown from 20/03/2020

Type B Visits (LCC approved)

12/09/2019	Year 7 Anderton Centre visit
13/09/2019	Year 7 Anderton Centre visit
25/09/2019	Year 11 Manchester United vs. Rochdale football match
27/09/2020	Year 10 Ad Unlock Media Visit – Media City, Manchester
09/10/2019	London Gallery Art Visit
21/10/2019	Iceland Visit – x 4 days
03/12/2019	Year 10 - Geography field work visit
12/12/2019	Old Trafford visit – Europa League match
15/02/2020	Year 10/11 Poland visit – x 4 days
02/03/2020	Year 9 Liverpool HMS Prince of Wales visit

All visits scheduled for after 20/03/2020 were cancelled due to the lockdown.

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4. Financial Review

4.1 Operating and Financial Review

The School's total incoming resources during the year were £3,349,000.

Most of the School's income derives from central government funding via the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), in the form of current grants. Total funding received for the School's educational operations from the ESFA/DfE, in the year was £3,091,000 and further details are provided in note 3 to the accounts.

Total outgoing resources for the year were £3,522,000 the majority of which related to the direct provision of educational operations.

At the year end the Academy's total reserves were £4,400,000 including unrestricted funds of £232,000 and restricted funds of £4,168,000. Restricted funds include fixed assets of £5,905,000, less the LGPS scheme deficit of £2,118,000. The remaining balance on restricted funds of £381,000 relates to funding received in the year which is due to be spent in 2020/21 in accordance with the terms of funding. Further detail is provided in note 16.

Total restricted general funds and unrestricted funds amounted to £613,000 at 31st August 2020.

At the 31st August 2020, all assets shown in the accounts were used exclusively for providing education and associated support services to students of the Academy.

4.2 Reserves Policy

Restricted GAG reserves - The Trustees have considered the level of GAG reserves which they believe will provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between the spending and receipt of grants and unexpected or planned future revenue and capital costs. The Trustees believe that, under normal circumstances, the appropriate level of GAG reserve should be between 2% and 10% of GAG income and aim to keep the reserve within these parameters.

At the 31st August 2020, the school held GAG reserves of £365,000.

Unrestricted reserves - In addition to the GAG reserve, which can only be utilised for the restricted purposes set out in the Funding Agreement, the school holds unrestricted free reserves, which provide additional working capital and are not committed or designated. It is the Trustees' policy to aim to hold approximately 3 months' expenditure in unrestricted reserves, to provide an additional cushion over and above the restricted GAG reserve.

At the 31st August 2020, the level of unrestricted reserves held was £232,000.

4.3 Investment Policy

All investments are agreed by the Governing Body, which has regard to the Charity Commission guidance in relation to charity investment policy. The school does not currently hold any investments other than cash, which is held for its normal operations. The Governing Body has adopted a low-risk strategy to its cash holdings. Surplus cash is held in an instant access deposit account to ensure that there is always access to sufficient cash to meet short and medium term requirements, whilst earning a competitive rate of interest on any surplus balances.

4.4 Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The trustees have considered the principal risks and uncertainties that the Academy may be exposed to. A risk register has been completed and appropriate procedures put in place to mitigate the risks. A critical incident plan is also in place.

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, those relating to teaching, public profile, health and safety, school educational visits, child protection, finances, staffing issues, and trustees. These risks are reviewed on an annual basis by the board of trustees and the Senior Leadership Team.

The internal financial systems are based on the Academies Financial Handbook and are documented in the financial procedures. The systems are based on a framework of segregation of duties and schemes of delegation which include authorisation and approval. Financial management information is provided to the Governors monthly and is reviewed on a termly basis or more.

The financial information provided to the finance and staffing committee members is further enhanced by Responsible Officer reports compiled by internal auditor from the Academies Governing Body. No major issues have been identified. All recommendations for the improvements to systems and procedures have been implemented.

4.5 Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies note of the financial statements (note 1).

5. Plans for Future Periods

The school will continue to aim to provide a safe, happy and challenging environment for its students whilst ensuring that it meets the objectives for ensuring students:-

- Feel safe secure and supported
- Celebrate learning and achievement
- Contribute to the community
- Prepare for choice and opportunities

6. Auditor

In so far as the trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 16/12/2020 and signed on the board's behalf by:

M E Scrivens

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Mrs M Scrivens
Chair of Trustees

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Governance Statement

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7.1 Scope of Responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform to 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 Lostock Hall Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

7.2 Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The governing body has formally met 7 times during the year. An emergency structure of governor meetings was implemented during the national lockdown. This allowed the Chairs Group to represent all governors at virtual on-line meetings. Allocated time for questions from all governors based on information provided before the meeting was put in place.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the governing body was as follows:

		GOVERNORS MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST 2019-20							
		18/09/2019	04/12/2019	11/12/2019	30/01/2020	04/03/2020	26/03/2020	13/05/2020	06/07/2020
		AASW	F&S	FGB	AASW	F&S	FGB cancelled rescheduled to 13/05/20	Chairs	Chairs
GOVERNORS	Archibald Helen	X		X	X				
	Ashworth Annette	X	X	X		X			
	Boardman Alison	X		X	AP				
	Burke Barry	X		X	X			X	X
	Crook Ian	X	X	X		X		X	X
	Gorman Gaynor	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
	Kay Angela	X	X	X		X			
	Martin Mary	X		X	AP				
	McNally Diane	X	X	X		X			
	Roocroft David	AP		X	X				
	Scrivens Margaret	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
	Shaverin Kim	AP	X	X		X			
SLT	Slater Tracey	X	X	AP		X			
	Butterworth Julie	X		X	X				
	Clitheroe Neil	X		X	X				
	Jones Tracey	AP	X	X		X		X	X
	Sloan Steve	X		X	X				
	Tucker Nic	X		X	X				

The Financial & Staffing Committee is a sub-committee of the main governing body. Its purpose is to monitor the finances of the school and manage resources and risk.

The Academic Achievement & Student Welfare Committee is a sub-committee of the main governing body. Its purpose is to review and update the curriculum and monitor achievement.

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7.3 Review of Value for Money

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

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

Improving educational results:

Improving educational results for our students remains our key purpose and focus. We have ensured that resources are directed where they are most needed and most effective in improving outcomes for all our students. Our success in doing this is reflected in three consecutive years of improved attainment and progress.

- We regularly review our staffing structure to ensure that staff are deployed efficiently. Staff are appropriately qualified and experienced specialists in their curriculum area.
- The school's appraisal system and the monitoring of teaching and learning identify weaknesses in teaching. These weaknesses are swiftly dealt with through the school's capability procedures.
- Our curriculum model is reviewed each year to ensure that it meets the needs of all students. The size and number of teaching groups is adapted to reflect the size of the school population.
- Judicious use of pupil premium funding has led to improved learning for individual students. Gaps in performance between disadvantaged students and their peers have narrowed.
- The needs of students with Special Educational Needs are met by careful management of SEN funding and effective deployment of teaching assistants to curriculum areas.
- The school has invested in packages to support children with literacy difficulties including Reading Plus. These are bringing about rapid improvements in reading for these children.
- We bring in additional teaching staff in English and Maths to deliver 1to1 tuition to students working below Level 4 on entry from KS2. There is a clear impact showing improvement in outcomes for these students.
- We have effective and robust tracking systems in place to record all aspects of pupil progress and to ensure that intervention is specifically targeted at those students in most need.
- The School Development Plan and associated Faculty Development Plans identify priorities for improvement which are directly related to improving outcomes for students. Each action in these plans is carefully budgeted for and departmental capitation reflects these priorities.

Financial governance and oversight:

The governing body approve the annual budget following confirmation of the levels of income from the ESFA. The Chairs' Committee members receive monthly financial reports prepared by the school business manager and questions raised thereon are dealt with at the termly meetings as recorded in the minutes. The full governing body are informed of all actions at the full governing body meetings.

The financial information provided to the finance and resources committee members is further enhanced by termly Responsible Officer reports compiled by an internal auditor from the Academies Governing Body.

Better purchasing:

Examples of steps taken to ensure value for money when purchasing include:

Economies of scale / fitness for purpose and benchmarking all included in examples below:

- Membership of the Crescent Purchasing Consortium enabling access to discounts on many goods and services as well as access to assistance re tendering processes for e.g. Academy insurance.
- Membership of the Crown Commercial Service, supported by the Department for Education.
- Information gathered from other academy colleagues regarding suppliers and services contracted by them.
- Energy costs secured through Zenergi at discounted rates for educational establishments.

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All efforts are made to ensure that all goods and services are secured in the most economic, efficient, and effective way.

Better income generation:

- The Academy hired out its facilities through a management company SLS, to the local community prior to the national lockdown. Since July 2020 SLS have ceased trading and the academy is looking at new alternative solutions to generate income through lettings within our community. All income generated therefrom is continually monitored to ensure all costs associated with this operation are met from the income generated. New ways to increase the income stream are also considered on an on-going basis.

Reviewing controls and managing risks:

- The academy uses the HCSS budgeting and accounting system to process all its financial activities. This system has built-in checks, set by the Director of Business & Finance to ensure capitation spend does not exceed that set within the budget and different levels of authorisation of documentation are set.
- Each departmental head is issued with monthly financial reports to ensure they are aware of spending within their departments.
- The Internal Financial regulations describe the procedures in place for the separation of duties on the finance front.
- The academy has taken out full and comprehensive insurance cover through Zurich Insurance.
- A risk register has been developed and is updated on an annual basis.
- HR services are purchased through an educational HR legal company.

Future Objectives:

We recognise the need to annually review the curriculum and staffing levels considering varying roll numbers and associated increases in staffing and other operational costs.

7.4 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 the Academy Trust's policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Lostock Hall Academy Trust for the year ended 31st August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. Further to national recommendation monthly accounts are completed and reviewed by the Chairs' Committee.

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7.5 Capacity to Handle Risk

The trustees have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the financial statement. They have met throughout the national lockdown to review the impact of virus control measures and the risk of future uncertainty. The immediate cost incurred by the Academy to ensure the safe delivery of care and education of students has been met by the COVID grant awarded by the Department for Education. Ongoing costs for the coming year associated with additional staffing cover, necessary equipment to support learners who may be required to isolate from home and cleaning are being closely monitored and additional provision has been made in the 2020/21 budget. However, the magnitude of the cost of impact is indeterminate and trustees will continue to assess the risk to the academy and likely impact on the academy trust's level of reserves. Trustees have also identified that the academy's ability to generate income through lettings will continue to be compromised as community groups adhere to local and national restrictions.

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ended 31st August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

7.6 The Risk and Control Framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees have considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Board have appointed CWR Chartered Accountants, the external auditor, to perform additional checks.

The reviewer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the academy's financial systems. The checks carried out in the current period include:

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchase systems
- Review of control accounts/bank reconciliations

CWR Chartered Accountants reported to the Board twice during the year on the operation of systems of control. No material control issues were identified because of this work.

7.7 Review of Effectiveness

Ofsted carried out a full section 8 inspection January 2018 and Lostock Hall Academy was judged as "good" overall. Ofsted says that "determined leadership has ensured that the academy has successfully tackled under-performance." Governors were identified as "key partners" in the improvement of the academy with clear systems in place to hold all to account for outcomes. Policy is now consistently followed, and Governance greatly improved.

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Pupil Premium students have underperformed in comparison to other students but have improved generally in comparison to previous years. The school has used resources effectively to enhance the progress of disadvantaged students, but the Trust are pleased to report that the gap has narrowed, demonstrating effective use of resources.

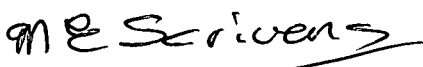
As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the Board;
- the Responsible Officer;
- external audit;
- the work of the Chairs Committee within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework

Internal financial procedures have been updated and reviewed as applicable. All recommendations by the Responsible Officer have been considered and implemented if appropriate.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 16/12/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs M Scrivens
Chair of Trustees



Mrs G F Gorman
Accounting Officer

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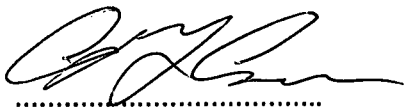
Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

Year Ended 31st August 2020

As Accounting Officer of Lostock Hall Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy Trust, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

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



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Mrs G F Gorman
Accounting Officer

Date: 16/12/20

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Year Ended 31st August 2020

The trustees (who act as governors of Lostock Hall Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (including the Strategic Report and Directors' Report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Education & Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

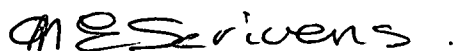
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on16/12/2020.....and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs M Scrivens
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Lostock Hall Academy Trust

Year Ended 31st August 2020

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lostock Hall Academy Trust (the 'Academy Trust') for the year ended 31st August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flows and the 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 and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy Trust's affairs as at the 31st August 2020, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Other information includes the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report), the governance statement, and the Accounting Officer's statement. 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.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 21, the trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements


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

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 auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

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


Mr Jeffrey Bellamy FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of CWR Chartered Accountants
20 Mannin Way
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LA1 3SW

Date: 16-12-20

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

Year Ended 31st August 2020

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 31st August 2020 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Lostock Hall Academy Trust during the year from the 1st September 2019 to the 31st August 2020 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 Lostock Hall Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Lostock Hall Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Lostock Hall Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Lostock Hall Academy Trust's Accounting Officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Lostock Hall Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1st September 2019, 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 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from the 1st September 2019 to the 31st August 2020 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 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusions includes:

- Obtaining evidence including those tests relevant to the circumstances of the Academy Trust as prescribed in Section 4 of Annex B of the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the ESFA; and
- Planning and performing any additional tests we deemed necessary to express an opinion on regularity.

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Year Ended 31st August 2020

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from the 1st September 2019 to the 31st August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.


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Mr Jeffrey Bellamy FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of CWR Chartered Accountants
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Date: 16-12-20

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Statement of Financial Activities incorporating Income & Expenditure Account

Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted General Funds £000	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	2	-	102	140	242	1,270
Charitable activities:						
Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations	3	-	3,091	-	3,091	2,836
Other trading activities	4	16	-	-	16	59
Investments	5	-	-	-	-	1
Total		16	3,193	140	3,349	4,166
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
Academy trust's educational operations	6,7	12	3,332	121	3,465	3,303
Total		12	3,332	121	3,465	3,303
Net income/(expenditure)		4	(139)	19	(116)	863
Transfers between funds	15	-	(37)	37	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	15, 26	-	(82)	-	(82)	(624)
Net movement in funds		4	(258)	56	(198)	239
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	15	228	(1,479)	5,849	4,598	4,359
Total funds carried forward	15	232	(1,737)	5,905	4,400	4,598

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

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Balance Sheet

Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	2020 £000	2020 £000	2019 £000	2019 £000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		5,767		5,566
Current assets					
Debtors	12	287		496	
Cash at bank and in hand		822		1,057	
		<u>1,109</u>		<u>1,553</u>	
Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(299)</u>		<u>(565)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>810</u>		<u>988</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>6,577</u>		<u>6,554</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(59)		(64)
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>6,518</u>		<u>6,490</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	26		(2118)		(1,892)
Net assets including pension liability			<u>4,400</u>		<u>4,598</u>
Funds of the Academy Trust:					
Restricted funds					
Fixed asset fund	15	5,905		5,849	
Restricted income fund	15	381		413	
Pension reserve	15	<u>(2,118)</u>		<u>(1,892)</u>	
Total restricted funds			<u>4,168</u>		<u>4,370</u>
Unrestricted income funds	15		232		228
Total funds			<u>4,400</u>		<u>4,598</u>

The financial statements on pages 27 to 52 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on the 16/12/2020 and are signed on their behalf by:

M. Scrivens

Mrs M Scrivens
Chair of Trustees

Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number: 07657427

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 31st August 2020

	Notes	2020 £000	2019 £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19	(49)	46
Cash flows from investing activities	21	(182)	(168)
Cash flows from financing activities	20	(4)	(1)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(235)</u>	<u>(123)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st September 2019		1,057	1,180
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st August 2020	22/23	<u>822</u>	<u>1,057</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st August 2020

1 Accounting policies

General information and basis of preparation

Lostock Hall Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in England. The address of the registered office is given in the Reference and Administrative Details given on page 2 of these financial statements and the principal place of business is Todd Lane North, Lostock Hall, Preston, PR5 5UR. The nature of the Academy Trusts operations and principal activities are set out in the Trustees' Report on page 4.

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102) 2019), the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

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

Going concern

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

Income

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

- **Grants receivable**

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year Ended 31st August 2020

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Income (continued)

- **Donations**

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

- **Other income**

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

- **Donated goods, facilities and services**

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

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure (continued)

- **Expenditure on raising funds**

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

- **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £3,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

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

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

Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Leasehold buildings	over the term of the lease
Refurbishment to Land & Buildings	2-10% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	10-25% straight line
Computer equipment	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	20% straight line

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

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

Assets on conversion represent the transfer of leasehold assets, initially valued at £4,599,000 per the 2011 ESFA valuation, into the Academy on conversion to academy status in 2011 depreciated over a 50 year period.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

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.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Academy Trust 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 are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Financial instruments

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

Financial assets – trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 12. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

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

Financial liabilities – trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in notes 13 and 14. 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. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Taxation

The Academy Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Part 11, Chapter 3 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.

Pensions Benefits

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

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

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

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

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fund Accounting

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

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

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

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 26, 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 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31st August 2020. 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.

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2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
Capital grants	-	140	140	1,135
Trips and other non public funds	-	102	102	135
	-	242	242	1,270

Income from donations and capital grants was £242,000 (2019 - £1,270,000) of which £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to unrestricted funds, £102,000 (2019 - £135,000) was attributable to restricted general funds and £140,000 (2019 - £1,135,000) was attributable to restricted fixed asset funds.

£140,000 (2019 - £1,135,000) of government grants were received for capital and maintenance works.

3 Funding for Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	2,717	2,717	2,703
Other DfE Group grants	-	283	283	89
	-	3,000	3,000	2,792
Other Government grants				
Local Authority grants	-	53	53	44
Coronavirus exceptional support	-	38	38	-
	-	91	91	44
Other income from the Academy Trust's educational operations	-	-	-	-
	-	3,091	3,091	2,836

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3 Funding for Academy Trust's educational operations (continued)

Funding for Academy Trust's educational operations was £3,091,000 (2019 - £2,836,000) of which £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to unrestricted funds, £3,091,000 (2019 - £2,836,000) was attributable to restricted general funds and £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to restricted fixed asset funds.

£3,091,000 (2019 - £2,836,000) of government grants were received for the purposes of the day to day running costs of the Academy and its charitable objectives.

4 Other trading activities

		Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
Hire of facilities	20	-	-	-	20
Sale of educational goods and services	12	4	-	4	12
Court settlement claim	7	-	-	-	7
Supplies of staff	9	6	-	6	9
Student teacher income	11	6	-	6	11
		<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>59</u>

Income from other trading activities was £16,000 (2019 - £59,000) of which £16,000 (2019 - £59,000) was attributable to unrestricted funds, £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to restricted general funds and £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to restricted fixed asset funds.

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted Funds £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
Short term deposits	-	-	-	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

Investment income was £nil (2019 - £1,000) of which £nil (2019 - £1,000) was attributable to unrestricted funds, £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to restricted general funds and £nil (2019 - £nil) was attributable to restricted fixed asset funds.

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6 Expenditure

	Staff Costs £000	Non Pay Expenditure Premises £000	Other Costs £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
Academy Trust's educational operations					
Direct costs	2,181	6	273	2,460	2,360
Allocated support costs	536	245	224	1,005	943
	<u>2,717</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>497</u>	<u>3,465</u>	<u>3,303</u>

Expenditure on the £12,000 (2019 - £33,000) of the above expenditure on the Academy Trust's educational operations was attributable to unrestricted funds. £3,332,000 (2019 - £3,159,000) was attributable to restricted general funds and £121,000 (2019 - £111,000) was attributable to restricted fixed asset funds.

Net income/expenditure for the year includes:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Operating lease rentals	13	13
Depreciation	121	111
(Gain)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Fees payable to the auditor for:		
Audit	3	3
Other services	7	7
	<u>144</u>	<u>134</u>

No additional transactions have taken place under Section 5.2 of the 2019 Academies Financial Handbook which require additional disclosure.

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7 Charitable activities

	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
Direct costs – educational operations	2,460	2,360
Support costs – educational operations	1,005	943
	<u>3,465</u>	<u>3,303</u>

Analysis of direct costs

Direct staff costs	2,181	2,000
Learning resources	55	69
Examination fees	25	38
School trips and visits	90	111
Other direct costs	109	142
Total direct costs	2,460	2,360

Educational operations £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
2,181	2,181	2,000
55	55	69
25	25	38
90	90	111
109	109	142
<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,460</u>	<u>2,360</u>

Analysis of support costs

Support staff costs	536
Depreciation	114
Premises costs	197
Other support costs	142
Governance costs	16
Total support costs	1,005

Educational operations £000	Total 2020 £000	Total 2019 £000
536	536	566
114	114	107
197	197	148
142	142	107
16	16	15
<u>1,005</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>943</u>

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8 Staff

(a) Staff costs

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Staff costs during the period were:		
Wages and salaries	1,946	1,838
Social security costs	179	169
Pension costs	584	497
	<u>2,709</u>	<u>2,504</u>
Supply staff costs		
Staff restructuring costs	8	62
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>2,717</u>	<u>2,566</u>
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Redundancy payments	-	-
Severance payments	-	-
Other restructuring costs	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

(b) Non-statutory / non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory / non-contractual severance payments totalling £nil (2019: £nil).

(c) Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year, and the full-time equivalents, was as follows:

	2020 Number	2020 Full-time equivalent	2019 Number	2019 Full-time equivalent
Teachers	35	28	34	26
Administration and support	35	23	36	24
Management	6	6	6	6
	<u>76</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>56</u>

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8 Staff (continued)

(d) Higher paid staff

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

	2020 No.	2019 No.
£60,001 - £70,000	2	-
£70,001 - £80,000	-	-
£80,001 - £90,000	-	1
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

(e) Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the trustees and the senior leadership team as listed on page 2. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £490,000 (2019: £452,000).

9 Related party transactions - Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees have been paid remuneration or have received other benefits from employment with the Academy Trust. The Principal and other staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

Mrs G F Gorman (Head teacher and trustee):

Remuneration	£90,000 - £95,000. (2019: £85,000 - £90,000)
Employers' pension contributions	£20,000 - £25,000. (2019: £10,000 - £15,000)

Mrs H Archibald (staff trustee):

Remuneration	£45,000 - £50,000. (2019: £45,000 - £50,000)
Employers' pension contributions	£10,000 - £15,000. (2019: £5,000 - £10,000)

Mrs A Kay (staff trustee):

Remuneration	£15,000 - £20,000. (2019: £15,000 - £20,000)
Employers' pension contributions	£0 - £5,000. (2019: £0 - £5,000)

During the year ended 31st August 2020, no travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to trustees (2019: £nil).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 27.

10 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Land and Buildings £000	Furniture and Fixtures £000	Computer Hardware £000	Motor Vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost					
At 1 st September 2019	6,174	37	100	6	6,317
Additions	307	7	8	-	322
At 31 st August 2020	6,481	44	108	6	6,639
Depreciation					
At 1 st September 2019	624	29	92	6	751
Charged in period	110	4	7	-	121
At 31 st August 2020	734	33	99	6	872
Net book values					
At 31 st August 2019	5,550	8	8	-	5,566
At 31 st August 2020	5,747	11	9	-	5,767

12 Debtors

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Trade debtors	21	16
VAT recoverable	-	47
Other debtors	215	403
Prepayments and accrued income	51	30
	<u>287</u>	<u>496</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Trade creditors	155	452
Other taxation and social security	-	-
Loans	13	13
Other creditors	77	53
Accruals and deferred income	54	47
	<u>299</u>	<u>565</u>

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Loans	59	64
	<u>59</u>	<u>64</u>

Other creditors relates to a loan received to fund energy efficient projects in the academy funded via the ESFA Salix scheme with no interest charged on the balance outstanding. The cost of repaying the loan will be offset by the energy cost savings resulting from the works carried out. Loan repayments are made in September and March of each year for the life of the loan.

The total repayable after more than five years is £18,000.

15 Funds

	Balance at 1 st September 2019 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, Losses and Transfers £000	Balance at 31 st August 2020 £000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	406	2,717	(2,721)	(37)	365
Pupil premium	-	101	(101)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	220	(220)	-	-
Local Authority grants	-	53	(44)	-	9
Other restricted funds	7	102	(102)	-	7
Pension reserve	(1,892)	-	(144)	(82)	(2,118)
	<u>(1,479)</u>	<u>3,193</u>	<u>(3,332)</u>	<u>(119)</u>	<u>(1,737)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE/ESFA capital grants	283	140	-	(285)	138
Capitalised assets post conversion	1,554	-	(49)	322	1,827
ESFA building valuation	4,012	-	(72)	-	3,940
	<u>5,849</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>(121)</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>5,905</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>4,370</u>	<u>3,333</u>	<u>(3,453)</u>	<u>(82)</u>	<u>4,168</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>228</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>(12)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>232</u>
Total funds	<u>4,598</u>	<u>3,349</u>	<u>(3,465)</u>	<u>(82)</u>	<u>4,400</u>

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

The General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy. At the year end the carry forward of GAG funding was £365,000.

Other DfE/ESFA Grants include monies received outside GAG funding. These funds have been spent in full by the 31st August 2020.

Local Authority grants represent amounts payable to the Academy predominantly from Lancashire County Council. At the year end the carried forward on these funds was £9,000.

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15 Funds (continued)

Other restricted funds include monies from educational visits & non-public funds, catering and donations. The donations received are for restricted purposes and as at the year-end £7,000 of the income received in this fund remained unspent.

The pension reserve represents the value of the School's share of the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme. The value of the deficit had decreased to £2,118,000 at the 31st August 2020.

DfE/ESFA capital grants represent capital monies received during the period from the ESFA. The funds received are restricted for specific capital projects and as at the year-end £138,000 remained unspent.

Capitalised assets post conversion represents the value of assets purchased since conversion to academy status. These will be depreciated in line with the accounting policies set out in note 1.

Assets on conversion represent the transfer of leasehold assets, initially valued at £4,599,000 per the 2011 ESFA valuation into the Academy on conversion to academy status in 2011 depreciated over a 50 year period.

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

	Balance at 1 st September 2018 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, Losses and Transfers £000	Balance at 31 st August 2019 £000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	417	2,703	(2,710)	(4)	406
Pupil premium	-	89	(89)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	1	(1)	-	-
Local Authority grants	-	43	(43)	-	-
Other restricted funds	6	135	(134)	-	7
Pension reserve	(1,086)	-	(182)	(624)	(1,892)
	(663)	2,971	(3,159)	(628)	(1,479)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE/ESFA capital grants	449	1,135	-	(1,301)	283
Capitalised assets post conversion	287	-	(38)	1,305	1,554
ESFA building valuation	4,085	-	(73)	-	4,012
	4,821	1,135	(111)	4	5,849
Total restricted funds	4,158	4,106	(3,270)	(624)	4,370
Total unrestricted funds	201	60	(33)	-	228
Total funds	4,359	4,166	(3,303)	(624)	4,598

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16 Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31st August 2020 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted General Funds £000	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £000	Total Funds £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,767	5,767
Current assets	232	739	138	1,109
Current liabilities	-	(299)	-	(299)
Non-current liabilities	-	(59)	-	(59)
Pension scheme liability	-	(2,118)	-	(2,118)
Total net assets	232	(1,737)	5,905	4,400

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

	Unrestricted Funds £000	Restricted General Funds £000	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £000	Total Funds £000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	5,566	5,566
Current assets	228	1,042	283	1,553
Current liabilities	-	(565)	-	(565)
Non-current liabilities	-	(64)	-	(64)
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,892)	-	(1,892)
Total net assets	228	(1,479)	5,849	4,598

17 Capital commitments

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	138	283

18 Commitments under operating leases

Operating leases

At 31st August 2020 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Amounts due within one year	13	13
Amounts due between one and five years	36	64
Amounts due after five years	-	-
	49	77

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19 Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	(116)	863
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation (note 11)	121	111
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(140)	(1,135)
Interest receivable (note 5)	-	(1)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable (note 26)	109	153
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost (note 26)	35	29
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	209	(401)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(267)	427
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(49)	46

20 Cash flows from financing activities

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Repayments of borrowing	(13)	(13)
Cash inflows from borrowing	9	12
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(4)	(1)

21 Cash flows from investing activities

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	-	1
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(322)	(1,304)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	140	1,135
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(182)	(168)

22 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020	2019
	£000	£000
Cash at bank and in hand	822	1,057
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	-	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	822	1,057

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23 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 st September 2019	Cash flows	Acquisition / disposal of subsidiaries	Finance leases	Other non- cash changes	At 31 st August 2020
Cash	1,057	(235)	-	-	-	822
Cash equivalents	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overdraft facilities repayable on demand	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1,057	(235)	-	-	-	822
Loans falling due within one year	(13)	-	-	-	-	(13)
Loans falling due after more than one year	(64)	5	-	-	-	(59)
Finance lease obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(77)	5	-	-	-	(72)
Total	980	(230)	-	-	-	750

24 Contingent Liabilities

During the period of the funding agreement, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any capital asset for which a Government Capital grant was received, the School is required to either re-invest the proceeds or to repay 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, as the Secretary of State may require.

25 Members' Liability

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

26 Pension and similar obligations

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31st March 2016 and of the LGPS 31st March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £12,065 (2019: 11,421) were payable to the schemes at 31st August 2020 and are included within creditors.

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26 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31st March 2016 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5th March 2019. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at April 2023, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1st September 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £456,000 (2019: £312,000).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the [Teachers' Pensions website](#).

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

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Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31st August 2020 was £140,000 (2019: £138,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £113,000 (2019: £111,000), and employees' contributions totalled £27,000 (2019: £27,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 17.2% for employers and the rate for employees remains dependant on the earnings of the employee.

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 18th July 2013.

As described in note 1, the LGPS obligation relates to the employees of the Academy Trust, who were the employees transferred as part of the conversion from the maintained school and new employees who were eligible to, and did, join the Scheme in the period. The obligation in respect of employees who transferred on conversion represents their cumulative service at both the predecessor school and the Academy Trust at the balance sheet date.

Principal Actuarial Assumptions	At 31 st August 2020	At 31 st August 2019
Rate of increase in salaries	3.9%	3.6%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.5%	2.2%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.8%	1.8%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.4%	2.1%

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

	At 31 st August 2020	At 31 st August 2019
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	22.3	22.8
Females	25.0	25.5
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	23.8	25.1
Females	26.8	28.2

Sensitivity analysis

		Sensitivity 1	Sensitivity 2	Sensitivity 3	Sensitivity 4
	Central	+0.1% pa discount rate	+0.1% pa inflation	+0.1% pa pay growth	1 year inc in life expectancy
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Liabilities	4,877	4,782	4,975	4,888	5,020
Assets	(2,759)	(2,759)	(2,759)	(2,759)	(2,759)
Deficit	2,118	2,023	2,216	2,129	2,261
Projected service cost	188	184	194	188	194
Projected net interest	37	37	39	37	40

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26 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

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

	Fair value at 31 st August 2020	Fair value at 31 st August 2019
Equities	1,258	1,371
Government bonds	-	-
Other bonds	190	46
Property	375	252
Cash and other liquid assets	50	52
Other	886	1,147
Total market value of assets	2,759	2,868

The actual return on scheme assets was (£24,000) (2019: £323,000).

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Current service cost (net of employee contributions)	(71)	(32)
Past service cost	(35)	(119)
Interest income	52	70
Interest expense	(87)	(99)
Benefit changes, gain/(loss) on curtailment and gain/(loss) on settlement	-	-
Admin expenses	(3)	(2)
Total operating charge	(144)	(182)

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26 Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2020 £000	2019 £000
At 1st September	4,760	3,531
Current service cost	184	143
Past service cost	35	119
Interest cost	87	99
Employee contributions	27	27
Actuarial (gain)/loss	(143)	877
Benefits paid	(73)	(36)
At 31st August	4,877	4,760

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

	2020 £000	2019 £000
At 1st September	2,868	2,445
Interest income	52	70
Return on plan assets (excluding interest income)	-	-
Assets distributed on settlements	-	-
Actuarial (loss)/gain	(225)	253
Employer contributions	113	111
Employee contributions	27	27
Benefits paid	(73)	(36)
Administrative expenses	(3)	(2)
At 31st August	2,759	2,868

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27 Related Party Transactions

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

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 9.