

MacIntyre Academies

(a company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2024

Company Registration Number: 08334745 (England and Wales)

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MacIntyre Academies Reference and Administrative Details

Members	Neil Macmillan Martin Zahra Adam Goldstein (resigned October 2024) Richard Stephenson (appointed May 2024) Neil Fraser (resigned May 2024) MacIntyre Care Denise Cockrem (appointed October 2024)
Trustees	Denise Cockrem (Chair from October 2024) Neil Macmillan (Chair to October 2024) Martin Zahra Sarah Burslem Amy Patel Neil Fraser (appointed May 2024) Ruth Smyth (appointed February 2024) Rhian Williams (appointed July 2024)
Company Secretary	Claire Toombs
Senior Management Team:	
Accounting Officer	Claire Toombs
Interim Head of Macintyre Academies	Andrew Moran
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MACINTYRE ACADEMIES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

MacIntyre Academies ("the MAT") operates four special schools and one children's home. The schools have a combined pupil capacity of 290 and had a roll of 279 in the most recent school census on 31 October 2024.

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report for the period ended 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report and a Directors' report under company law.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The MAT 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 MAT.

The Trustees are the Directors of the company for the purpose of company law. Details of the Trustees who served at any point in the period are included in the Reference and Administrative details on page 1. The terms "Trustees" and "Directors" are interchangeable within this report.

Members' Liability

The MAT is a multi-academy Trust that has 5 Members. The Academy sponsor MacIntyre Care has appointed three Members, Neil Macmillan, Martin Zahra and Adam Goldstein. Members have appointed two further to their number; Richard Stephenson from May 2024 and Denise Cockrem from October 2024. MacIntyre Care itself acts as a Corporate Member. Neil Fraser resigned as a Member in May 2024 and took on the role of Trustee, desiring to be more closely involved in the work of the Board.

Each Member of the 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.

Governors' Indemnities

The MAT purchases governors' liability insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which forms part of the academy insurance policy.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

An Internal Review of Governance during 2024 resulted in the appointment of 3 new Trustees, with 1 Trustee resigning as of July 2024.

The MAT Board ended the period with the following structure: two sponsor-appointed Trustees, 4 co-opted Trustees and the CEO of the sponsor, MacIntyre Care. Members of the Trust Leadership Group (TLG) attended Trustee meetings during the year as required.

The requirement to recruit new Trustees stems from the board identifying what further skills are required. The roles are advertised in governance forums and through professional networks. Additionally, identified individuals who have the skills required are approached by existing Trustees. Interested parties will submit a CV for consideration by the Chair of the Board. If candidates meet the profile required, they will be invited to attend an interview, and to also meet with representatives of the sponsor, MacIntyre Care, before being officially nominated for approval by the Board.

Policies and Procedures for the Induction and Training of Trustees

All new Trustees receive an induction covering their Trust Board responsibilities delivered by the MAT in conjunction with the Sponsor. The tailored induction for new Trustees provides a comprehensive understanding of the Trust, the Sponsor, the MacIntyre Academies vision, mission, ethos and approach. It also encompasses its operational structure and the responsibilities of both Trustees and Local Advisory Board (LAB) members. The Trust Board is a member of the National Governors Association (NGA) and uses its resources to create training for all new LAB and MAT Board members.

The Trustees agree policy and set the strategic direction of the MAT as defined through the Trust's three-year Strategic Plan. They approve all investment and the annual operating budget, and also monitor performance against the Strategic Plan and budget. The Trustees have oversight of the Academies' self-evaluation reports and school improvement plans, and take major decisions about the leadership of academies and the growth and direction of the Trust.

In addition, the Trust Board delegates to the Audit & Risk Committee the overview and scrutiny of financial performance, risk management, health & safety compliance and safeguarding. The Committee was chaired by Anthony Greenwood until 31 July 2024. Neil Fraser was appointed as the chair from 31 July 2024.

The MAT Board has approved a detailed leadership and meeting schedule, which creates an operating structure to enable the Trust Leadership Group (TLG) to report into Trust Board effectively. A detailed scheme of delegation clarifies ownership of strategic and operational decision-making at the different levels of governance.

Each Academy has a LAB, which acts as a local committee that provides challenge and scrutiny of their academy's self-evaluation reporting and school improvement plans. We aim for LABs to have a least two parent representatives, two staff representatives and local community members including representatives from business, education, health and social care fields.

The MAT Board delegates day-to-day running of the MAT academies to the Group Director of Education and Children's Services who line manages the Academy Principals and oversees the provision of central support functions. The Group Director operates as the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Accounting Officer of the MAT. The day-to-day running of each Academy is delegated to its principal.

During 2023-24, the Group Director had periods of absence due to a significant and enduring health condition. Throughout this period, the MAT had employed an interim CEO to ensure consistency and stability of leadership and management.

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel are the senior management team listed on page 1.

Remuneration for key management personnel is set through benchmarking within the sector. The Trustees approved the MAT Executive Pay Policy in June 2024, which sets the remuneration for the Group Director. As a small organisation, MacIntyre Academies employs consultants who fulfil key roles where the central support functions have a skills or capacity gap.

The Board's Pay Panel makes decisions about individual pay progression which is linked to their evidenced performance. The Audit & Risk Committee monitors the pay progression process.

Trade Union Facility Time

There are currently no MacIntyre Academies employees who are relevant trade union officials.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Transactions

MacIntyre Care is the Trust's Academy sponsor and helps with expertise and resources. MacIntyre Care is a national charity that supports children and adults with learning disabilities through the provision of care, support and education services.

Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

The Trust has maintained and developed arrangements aimed at providing employees with information on matters of concern to them. This includes regular email correspondence from the Group Director and termly newsletters. All employees have access to key documents including: the Staff Code of Conduct, relevant risk assessments, Safeguarding Policy, Pay Policy, Equality and Diversity Policy and Objectives.

Employees are consulted regularly at school and MAT level so that their views can be considered when making decisions which are likely to affect them. This includes an annual employee engagement survey.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objects

The purpose of the MAT is to develop and manage schools for children and young people with special education needs who need to be educated in specialist settings. The Trust's mission is to become a leading Special Academy Trust that provides outstanding outcome-focused education by promoting high aspirations, empowering parents as partners and successfully equipping every child for adult life.

All of the MAT's activities over this period have been in the pursuit of this aim.

Aims

The vision of MAT is for all young people to have confidence and belief in their potential, be ready for a successful adult life and connected where they live. To achieve this vision, we have identified the following strategic objectives:

- To ensure our ways of working are solution-focussed, optimistic and compassionate.
- To work in partnership to develop and implement good practice based on evidence, sharing our learning widely and building a national reputation for excellence.
- To deliver good or outstanding provision by being ambitious for learners and families in all that we do.
- To ensure the Trust is sustainable and that our Academies receive high quality back-office support.

Public Benefit

The MAT receives the majority of its income from the Department for Education and from local authorities.

The Trustees of the MAT have given due regard in exercising their duties in respect of the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission and are satisfied that they meet the public benefit criteria as requested by Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

STRATEGIC PERFORMANCE

The Audit and Risk Committee regularly scrutinise the performance of the Trust's academies by reviewing attainment, progression, attendance, safeguarding, compliance reports and behavioural data. LABs also receive a termly performance dashboard and principal's report.

Endeavour Academy (and co-located Children's Home)

Endeavour Academy in Oxford is for children and young people aged between 8 and 19 with autism and severe learning difficulties who benefit from an autism-specific environment.

Opened	September 2014			
Regulatory inspections/results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retained its Good Ofsted judgement in November 2022. • The residential provision was rated as 'requires improvement to be good' in June 2023. Positive Assurance visit in Jan 2024. 			
Total places available	32 places			
Total places filled	32 places			
Pupil Attendance	Average pupil attendance was 93.1%			
Positive destinations	100% of leavers left for positive destinations			
Student Progression	Did not meet any targets	Partially met targets	met targets	Exceeded targets
	0%	55%	43%	2%

Discovery Academy

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Discovery Academy in Nuneaton is for children and young people with an autism spectrum condition (ASC) or an identified social, emotional or mental health (SEMH) need aged 9 – 19 years.

Opened	September 2015			
Regulatory inspections/results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved a Good Ofsted judgement in Jan 2024. 			
Total places	108 places			
Total places filled	99 places			
Pupil Attendance	Average pupil attendance was 70.8%			
Positive destinations	93% of leavers left for positive destinations			
Student Progression	Did not meet any targets	Partially met targets	met targets	Exceeded targets
	19%	21%	43%	17%

Quest Academy

Quest Academy in Rugby, caters for children and young people aged between 7 and 19 years who have additional needs associated with ASC or SEMH difficulties.

Opened	September 2017			
Regulatory inspections/results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achieved a Good Ofsted judgement with outstanding features in February 2022. 			
Total places	100 places			
Total places filled	100 places			
Pupil Attendance	Average pupil attendance was 87.25%			
Positive destinations	100% of leavers left for positive destinations			
Student Progression	Did not meet any targets	Partially met targets	met targets	Exceeded targets
	0%	16%	30%	54%

Venture Academy

Venture Academy, in Henley in Arden, is a turnaround school which supports pupils in years 5-11 (ages 9-16) who may have SEMH and/or a diagnosis of Autism or an associated condition.

Transferred to the Trust	September 2020			
Regulatory inspections/results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venture Academy joined the Trust in September 2020 and was its first turnaround school having previously been rated inadequate since 2015. The Academy achieved a Requires Improvement judgement in September 2022 which was in line with its planned improvement journey. 			
Total places	50 places			
Total places filled	48 places			
Pupil Attendance	Average pupil attendance was 73.8%			
Positive destinations	100% of leavers left for positive destinations			
Student Progression *remaining 5% new students	Did not meet targets	Partially met targets	met targets	Exceeded targets
	11%	15%	46%	28%

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the MAT has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Promoting the success of the company

The Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018 require charitable companies to detail how they promote the success of the charity to achieve its charitable purposes.

The Trust delivers on this requirement through its Strategic Plan which sets out to ensure that:

- Everyone connected to the MAT are leaders and role models, and show compassion for each other, young people and their families.
- The learning experience for young people is stimulating, engaging and highly personalised.
- Each Academy is networked in their local community acting as a hub for families and building supportive links.
- The Trust has outstanding governance and leadership that sets high expectations and a rigorous process of scrutiny at every level.

FINANCE REVIEW

Each academy operated within the revenues received from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and Local Authorities top-up and short breaks funding individually allocated to each child.

The Trust's financial position for 23/24 shows a positive movement in restricted general funds for the year. The main reasons for this financial performance were:

- Higher than forecast grant funding
- Staff vacancies
- Cost savings due to procurement initiatives

The net current assets of the MAT have increased during the year, however the cash position has decreased slightly primarily due to increased levels of monies owing from Debtors as at 31 August 2024. The overall balance sheet position of the Trust and key indicators such as current ratio remain strong.

The majority of the Academy Trust's income is obtained from the ESFA and local authorities' high needs top-up funding. The use of this funding is restricted to educational purposes.

The Trust has £3,463,121 (2022/23: £3,277,040) in revenue reserves as at the Balance Sheet date.

The liability arising from obligations to the pension benefit scheme is £0, no change from last year.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the MAT to ensure the progress and growth of its academies and to support the capacity building needs required to implement the Trust's business plan. The Trust has used carry-forward resources from the restricted and unrestricted funds to support capacity building, cover the medium- and long-term needs for the renewal of buildings, furnishings and equipment, and major improvement projects.

In addition, we have built up reserves for unforeseen contingencies across our academies. The Department for Education has not set a limit to the amounts which can be carried forward. The MAT's year on year revenue is stabilising. As such the general reserves balance will now be maintained at no more than £3 million to ensure appropriate funds for the following 4 areas:

- Staff salary contingency
- Planned maintenance of essential services
- Unplanned emergencies
- Investments

At 31 August 2024 the Trust had generated total funds which amounted to £21,327,485 consisting of £0 in pension reserve; a surplus in restricted general funds of £3,463,132; and £17,864,323 in restricted fixed asset funds representing the net book value of fixed assets held by the MAT.

There is a capital expenditure and investment plan of £289,956 for 2024/25 which will be funded from the MAT reserves.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and have decided to place funds in cash deposits on fixed- and short-term arrangements, to meet the requirements of the MAT's cash flow.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The MAT Board has an Audit & Risk (A&R) Committee which monitors the strategic management of risk in the MAT. This Committee acts as the MAT's Finance Committee, and oversees regulatory compliance, health and safety and safeguarding.

The MAT uses its Risk Register to identify and mitigate key risks that the organisation may be exposed to. This is regularly refreshed and reported to the A&R Committee each term. The MAT has identified the following key risks and mitigating strategies:

Risk	Mitigations
An academy is judged to be 'inadequate' or 'coasting' by the regulators.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach to school improvement. • Experienced Principals in post supported and challenged by an external School Improvement Partner.
Government policy changes and/or per pupil funding does not increase in line with costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring the MAT is delivering value for money and high-quality education. • Maintaining strong relationships with funding bodies and referral partners.
External economic pressures, for example interest rates, fuel costs and pay award expectations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A robust budget setting process based upon modelling different scenarios. • Scrutiny of financial information and reporting by Trustees. • Reviewing procurement on a MAT basis to secure better value for money.
Pension liabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department for Education guarantee for local government pension scheme liabilities in the event of an academy trust closure.

A failure to maintain adequate/safe standard of school buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialist staff are employed at each academy to ensure it well maintained and safe.• Regular conditions surveys inform the MATs capital expenditure plan and maintenance schedules.
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FUNDRAISING

There has been no fundraising activity during 2023-24.

ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data for the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024	
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	Total energy used in the period = The energy consumed has been broken down by – - Gas = 698,013 - Electricity = 365,791
Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e	
Gas consumption	698,013 kWh x 0.18316 = 127,848 kgCO2e = 127,848 tCO2e
Owned transport – mini-buses	Company Transport: 170,202 No. of miles ----- TOTAL 170,202 x 1.17682 = 200,297.35 kWh TOTAL MILES = TOTAL KM (TOTAL 170202 x 0.18315) = 31,172.53 kgCO2e = 31,172.35 tCO2e
Total scope 1	159,020 tCO2e (sum of Gas + owned)

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<p>Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e</p> <p>Purchased electricity</p>	<p>$365,791 \text{ kWh} \times 0.21233 = 77,668 \text{ kgCO}_2\text{e}$</p> <p>$= 77,668 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$</p>
<p>Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO2e</p> <p>Business travel in employee owned vehicles</p>	<p>TOTAL MILES = TOTAL KM</p> <p>$54,426 \times 0.18315 = 9,968.67 \text{ kgCO}_2\text{e}$</p> <p>$= 9,968.67 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$</p>
<p>Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e</p>	<p>246,656 tCO2e</p> <p>(Scope 1 + S2 + S3)</p>
<p>Intensity ratio</p> <p>Tonnes CO2e per pupil</p>	<p>$246,656 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e} / 278 \text{ pupils}$</p> <p>$= 887 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e per pupil}$</p> <p>(this is the most common intensity ratio)</p>

Quantification and Reporting Methodology

We have followed the 2019 HM Government Environmental Reporting Guidelines. We have also used the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Standard and have used the 2024 UK Government’s Conversion Factors for Company Reporting.

Intensity measurement

The chosen intensity measurement ratio is total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO2e per pupil, the recommended ratio for the sector.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

Outline measures taken in the previous years and any plans moving forward.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

The Trust will be focusing in the coming year on finalizing a Whole Trust Green Strategy which will include an approach to reducing waste and energy consumption.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The MAT's Trust Development Plan for 2024/25 aims to:

1. Drive the quality of education and outcomes:
 - Develop a strategic view of the quality of Education across the Trust, and introduce a Director of Education role and re-align our governance structure in order to support this objective
 - Deliver robust and ambitious school development plans (SDPs) for each academy – with the support of our school improvement partner (SIP)
 - Ensure at least 'Good' inspection judgements across all settings
 - Develop and implement a robust recovery plan for Endeavour House
 - Develop an annual planning and M&E cycle for the whole Trust

2. Create a Great Place to Work:
 - Conduct following reviews:
 - i. Pay and remuneration
 - ii. Upper Pay Scale
 - iii. Recruitment and retentionAnd implement findings
 - Create a teacher development programme for those not wishing to progress to leadership roles, and in order to embed good practice throughout the Trust
 - Create a senior leadership development programme for Deputies and Heads of School in order to identify and retain talent for the future

3. Raise our profile with key stakeholders and build partnerships which further our goals:
 - Commence Wave 3 project – developing 2 new special schools: identifying and working with key stakeholders (local groups, employers and businesses)
 - Work alongside our partners to develop Venture Academy into an inspirational learning environment
 - Improving external and internal comms:
 - i. Strategic updates for staff & LABs
 - ii. Regular bulletins for (e.g.) DfE, LAs
 - iii. Annual impact statement – progress vs. KPIs
 - Research-/evidenced-based practice, with a focus on:
 - i. Practice & interventions
 - ii. Curriculum design
 - iii. Long-term outcomes for leavers
 - iv. Social return/impact study
 - v. Apply for the Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) programme with Birmingham University through Innovate UK – to develop bespoke curriculum for new schools and to support curriculum development in existing schools

4. Develop and retain our market-leading capabilities:
 - Review and develop our Central Team structure and delivery model
 - Enhance our Executive Leadership Team capacity and focus
 - Further develop our Financial procedures; our business review cycle and exploring centralized procurement opportunities
 - Review our governance and compliance framework to enable the Trust to assure itself of the effectiveness of key processes
 - Trust-wide IT review to identify future needs and to develop an IT Strategy for:
 - i. Admin and support
 - ii. Curriculum
 - iii. IT resilience and safety
 - iv. Websites & online learning platforms
 - v. AI – challenges & opportunities

Invest in the continuous professional development of staff and leaders – developing and embedding our CPD pathways for all staff.
Consolidate systems and procurement of key services/goods and evidence value-for-money in these areas.

AUDITOR

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

There is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information. The Multi Academy Trust has reappointed Moore Kingston Smith LLP as auditors. Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on 11 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Denise Cockrem

Chair MacIntyre Academies Trust

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that the Multi 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 Group Director and Accounting Officer for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between MacIntyre Academies and the Secretary of State for Education.

They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 6 times (and in addition held one extraordinary meeting) during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the governing body *was as follows*:

	Governance Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Neil Macmillan (Chair)	7	7
Anthony Greenwood	3	7
Martin Zahra	4	7
Amy Patel	5	7
Adam Goldstein*	1	7
Sarah Burslem	6	7
Neil Fraser**	7	7
Ruth Smyth	4	4
Rhian Williams	1	1
Richard Stephenson*	1	1

*Adam Goldstein and Richard Stephenson are Members and are required to attend the AGM only but have an open invite to all Board meetings.

Neil Fraser resigned as a Member in May 2024 and became a Trustee.

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

This Committee was under the Chairmanship of Anthony Greenwood until 31 July 2024, when Neil Fraser was appointed. The purpose of the Committee is to ensure probity and efficiency in the management of the MAT's resources, review of financial controls and the risk register, and the monitoring of the feedback from LABs on the management of risk.

REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

The Accounting Officer is responsible for ensuring the MAT 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, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer for the Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- complying with the Trust's Finance Policy which ensures value for money is considered in purchasing and procurement decisions including the use of benchmarking, multiple quotations or full tendering exercises - depending on amount being spent.
- the sharing of expertise across the MAT to ensure the quality of Education and to create opportunities for collaboration and the sharing of good practice;
- ensuring sufficient capital funds are allocated to ensure the MAT's estate is safe and well maintained.

The MAT Board is accountable for approving all major financial decisions. LABs are accountable for monitoring the spend of an academy and can make recommendations regarding future priorities for spending to the MAT Board. The MAT does not operate a separate finance committee but ensures financial governance and oversight is strong and effective. This is achieved by having a standing item and report at every MAT Board meeting. The Audit & Risk Committee use high level data in a key risk dashboard. The dashboard facilitates the consideration of all key risks including safeguarding, health and safety and financial risks.

The accounts from the previous year and the proposed annual budget for the next year are reviewed at the Audit & Risk Committee prior to being presented to the MAT Board for approval.

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 reassurance of effectiveness.

The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risk of the achievement of school 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 MacIntyre Academies for the reporting period.

CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The MAT Board has reviewed the risks to which MacIntyre Academies is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The MAT Board is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing MacIntyre Academies' significant risks that was designed and in place during the period ending 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

This process is regularly reviewed by the Trustees.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

- Comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the MAT Board
- Regular interviews by the Trust Leadership Group 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 or segregation of duties
- Identification and management of risks

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint JD Education Finance Services to carry out a programme of internal checks. The internal reviewer's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Trust's financial systems.

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

The Accounting Officer has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the period in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal reviewer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- the Accounting Officer having been advised of the system of internal control in place during the period and a plan to address any weakness and ensure continuous improvement of the systems in place.

Signed



Denise Cockrem

Chair of MacIntyre Academies Trust

Signed



Claire Toombs

MacIntyre Academies Trust Accounting officer

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As Accounting Officer of MacIntyre Academies Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement 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 Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates' safety and management.

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

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 the ESFA.

Signed



Claire Toombs
Accounting Officer

Date: 11 December 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 11 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed



Denise Cockrem

Chair MacIntyre Academies Trust

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of MacIntyre Academies

for the year ended 31 August 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of MacIntyre Academies ('the academy') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and the related 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, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy trust's affairs as at 31 August 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the ESFA.

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 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 FRS's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

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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 strategic report and the trustees' annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the trustees' annual report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 20, the trustees (who are also the directors of the 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 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 Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees;

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- conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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.

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

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

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Trust.

Our approach was as follows:

- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Trust through the use of permanent audit file information, updated this year for any changes that have been identified by management or by our own investigations and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP 2019, the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, the Academies Financial Handbook 2023 and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council;
- we obtained an understanding of how the Trust complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance and through reviews of relevant accounting and management records;
- we assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, based on our work as outlined above;
- we inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, using associated documentary evidence to better understand items of interest;
- based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. As well as specific audit testing, this included approaching accounting records with an inquisitive and sceptical mindset such that we examined items that were felt to be of interest or of higher risk in this area, and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

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To address the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we carried out the following work:

- procedures were undertaken to identify any unusual or unexpected matters, and the rationale behind any such matters was examined;
- journal entries were reviewed to identify unusual transactions;
- judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were reviewed.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

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

James Saunders (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP, Statutory Auditor

Date:

6th Floor
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MacIntyre Academies Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to MacIntyre Academies and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the year ended 31 August 2024

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 June 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by MacIntyre Academies during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 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 MacIntyre Academies and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to MacIntyre Academies 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 MacIntyre Academies and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of MacIntyre Academies' accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of MacIntyre Academies' funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 4 March 2014 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, 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 2023 to 2024. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

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MacIntyre Academies and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the year
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The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- review of financial records for unusual transactions;
- sample testing expenditure transactions were reasonable, appropriate and appropriately authorised in accordance with the trust's procurement policy;
- review the minutes of the Board meetings;
- review the processes and controls to identify related party transactions and potential conflicts;
- obtaining formal representations from the Board and the accounting officer; and
- reviewing any evidence of impropriety resulting from our work and determining whether it was significant enough to be referred to in our regularity report.

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Date:

Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Reporting Accountant

6th Floor
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London
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MacIntyre Academies
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	2	40,389	-	94,443	134,832	343,035
Charitable activities:						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	3	39,955	13,478,591	-	13,518,546	13,547,369
Total		80,344	13,478,591	94,443	13,653,378	13,890,404
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
Academy trust educational operations	4, 5	-	12,976,009	713,092	13,689,101	13,498,012
Total		-	12,976,009	713,092	13,689,101	13,498,012
Net income / (expenditure)		80,344	502,582	(618,649)	(35,723)	392,392
Transfers between funds	13	(80,344)	(146,490)	226,834	-	-
Other recognised (losses)/gains						
Actuarial (losses) / gains on defined benefit pension schemes	14, 20	-	(170,000)	-	(170,000)	1,596,000
Net movement in funds		-	186,092	(391,815)	(205,723)	1,988,392
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	13	-	3,277,040	18,256,168	21,533,208	19,544,816
Total funds carried forward		-	3,463,132	17,864,353	21,327,485	21,533,208

All of the academy's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

A comparative Statement of Financial Activities is detailed in note 23 of the accounts.

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Balance Sheet
as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		17,864,351		18,256,168
			<u>17,864,351</u>		<u>18,256,168</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	11	1,562,723		915,815	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,866,964</u>		<u>3,351,307</u>	
		4,429,687		4,267,122	
Liabilities					
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(966,553)</u>		<u>(990,082)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>3,463,134</u>		<u>3,277,040</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			21,327,485		21,533,208
Net assets excluding pension liability			<u>21,327,485</u>		<u>21,533,208</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	20		-		-
Total net assets			<u>21,327,485</u>		<u>21,533,208</u>
Funds of the academy trust:					
Restricted funds					
Fixed asset fund	13	17,864,353		18,256,168	
Restricted income fund	13	3,463,132		3,277,040	
Pension reserve	13	-		<u>-</u>	
Total restricted funds			21,327,485		21,533,208
Unrestricted income funds	13		-		-
Total funds			<u>21,327,485</u>		<u>21,533,208</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 December 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:



Denise Cockrem
Chair

Company no: 08334745

MacIntyre Academies
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	15	(163,068)	1,164,038
Cash flows from investing activities			
	16	(321,277)	(840,247)
Cash flows from financing activities			
	17	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(484,345)</u>	<u>323,791</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September 2023		3,351,307	3,027,516
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August 2024	18	<u>2,866,962</u>	<u>3,351,307</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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1 Statement of Accounting Policies

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

Company information

MacIntyre Academies is a private company limited by guarantee, domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Seebeck House 1, Seebeck Place, Knowlhill, Milton Keynes, England, MK5 8FR

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: 'Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest thousand pound.

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 company to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. This expectation is based on trust risk assessments and updated budgets and forecasts, supported by confirmed funding. The trustees therefore 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**

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

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

- **Sponsorship Income**

Sponsorship income provided to the academy trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions) where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

- **Donations**

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

- **Other Income**

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

- **Transfer of existing academies into the academy trust**

Where assets and liabilities are received on the transfer of an existing academy into the academy trust, the transferred net assets are measured at fair value and recognised in the balance sheet at the point when the risks and rewards of ownership pass to the academy trust. An equal amount of income is recognised for the transfer of an existing academy into the academy trust within Donations and capital grant income to the net assets acquired.

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 a 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 the support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 August 2024

1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Intangible Fixed Assets

Intangible assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment. Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Purchased computer software	Over the license period
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Tangible Fixed Assets

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

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

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

Long leasehold buildings	50 years
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	5 years
Computer Equipment	3 years

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

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 the 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 and services it must provide.

Provisions

Provisions can be 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 an 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 last 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Leased Assets

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

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Trade debtors, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the debt instrument to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 August 2024

1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

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 so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions 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 operating surplus are the current service costs, past service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

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.

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1 Statement of Accounting Policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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.

Local Government Pension Scheme

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 20, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

2 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Capital Grants	-	94,443	94,443	331,968
Other donations	40,389	-	40,389	11,067
	<u>40,389</u>	<u>94,443</u>	<u>134,832</u>	<u>343,035</u>

3 Funding for the Academy Trust's Educational Operations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
DfE / ESFA revenue grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	2,920,000	2,920,000	2,900,000
Other DfE/ESFA grants				
Pupil premium	-	182,443	182,443	183,945
Others	-	545,174	545,174	391,530
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,647,617</u>	<u>3,647,617</u>	<u>3,475,475</u>
Other Government grants				
Local authority grants	-	9,761,811	9,761,811	10,018,129
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,761,811</u>	<u>9,761,811</u>	<u>10,018,129</u>
Other income from the academy trust's educational operations	<u>39,955</u>	<u>69,163</u>	<u>109,118</u>	<u>53,765</u>
	<u>39,955</u>	<u>69,163</u>	<u>109,118</u>	<u>53,765</u>
Total	<u>39,955</u>	<u>13,478,591</u>	<u>13,518,546</u>	<u>13,547,369</u>

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4 Expenditure

	Staff Costs £	Non Pay Expenditure		Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
		Premises £	Other £		
Academy's educational operations:					
Direct costs	6,931,622	-	996,868	7,928,490	7,983,152
Allocated support costs	3,413,196	1,478,790	868,625	5,760,611	5,514,860
	10,344,818	1,478,790	1,865,493	13,689,101	13,498,012

Net income / (expenditure) for the period includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Operating lease rentals	44,283	33,665
Depreciation and amortisation	713,092	712,716
Fees payable to auditor for:		
Audit	20,000	19,250
Other services	10,500	10,000
	30,500	29,250

5 Charitable Activities

Direct costs - educational operations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted General £	Restricted Fixed Assets £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Teacher staff costs	-	4,206,639	-	4,206,639	3,365,887
Classroom support staff costs	-	2,724,983	-	2,724,983	3,532,391
Premises costs	-	-	-	-	-
Other direct costs	-	996,868	-	996,868	1,084,874
Total direct costs	-	7,928,490	-	7,928,490	7,983,152

Support costs - educational operations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted General £	Restricted Fixed Assets £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Residential staff costs	-	1,297,761	-	1,297,761	1,547,795
Support staff costs	-	2,115,435	-	2,115,435	1,602,464
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	713,092	713,092	712,715
Technology costs	-	155,282	-	155,282	109,557
Premise costs	-	765,696	-	765,696	749,309
Other support costs	-	381,877	-	381,877	497,205
Governance costs	-	331,468	-	331,468	295,815
Total support costs	-	5,047,519	713,092	5,760,611	5,514,860
Total direct and support costs	-	12,976,009	713,092	13,689,101	13,498,012

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6 Staff

a. Staff costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs during the period were:		
Wages and salaries	6,955,823	6,565,177
Social security costs	644,135	576,698
Pension costs	1,237,973	1,388,494
	8,837,931	8,530,369
Supply staff costs	1,506,887	1,518,168
Severance pay	-	-
	10,344,818	10,048,537

b. Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy during the period was as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Teachers	46	43
Classroom support	92	125
Residential	23	26
Administration and other support	61	17
Management	18	23
	240	234

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
£60,001 - £70,000	1	2
£70,001 - £80,000	2	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	-
£90,000 +	2	4

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £832,152 (2023: £763,881).

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7 Disclosure of central services

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

- human resources;
- financial services;
- legal services;
- educational support services;
- engagement and family services

The trust charges for these services on the following basis:

Flat percentage of income - 7% of ESFA funding

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Endeavour Academy	265,676	227,016
Discovery Academy	291,000	249,257
Quest Academy	283,336	238,240
Venture Academy	145,195	117,294
	<u>985,207</u>	<u>831,807</u>

8 Related Party Transactions - Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

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

Trustees' travel expenses of £811.60 (2023: £0) were reimbursed by the Academy trust during the year, these expenses were reimbursed to five Trustees (2023: 0).

No other related party transactions took place during the year.

9 Trustees' and officers' insurance

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

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10 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Leasehold Improvements £	Furniture and Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 September 2023	17,898,532	1,557,073	1,069,636	21,273	694,998	21,241,512
Additions	-	206,600	49,899	-	64,778	321,277
At 31 August 2024	<u>17,898,532</u>	<u>1,763,673</u>	<u>1,119,535</u>	<u>21,273</u>	<u>759,776</u>	21,562,789
Depreciation						
At 1 September 2023	1,608,950	335,196	456,778	14,509	569,911	2,985,344
Charged in year	258,271	165,325	192,346	4,255	92,897	713,094
At 31 August 2024	<u>1,867,221</u>	<u>500,521</u>	<u>649,124</u>	<u>18,764</u>	<u>662,808</u>	3,698,438
Net book values						
At 31 August 2024	<u>16,031,311</u>	<u>1,263,152</u>	<u>470,411</u>	<u>2,509</u>	<u>96,968</u>	<u>17,864,351</u>
At 31 August 2023	<u>16,289,582</u>	<u>1,221,877</u>	<u>612,858</u>	<u>6,764</u>	<u>125,087</u>	<u>18,256,168</u>

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	753,223	610,734
VAT recoverable	108,937	102,288
Other debtors	12,516	1,042
Prepayments and accrued income	688,047	201,751
	<u>1,562,723</u>	<u>915,815</u>

12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	248,870	499,552
Taxation and social security	170,817	141,586
Other creditors	11,223	133,492
Accruals and deferred income	535,643	215,452
	<u>966,553</u>	<u>990,082</u>
Deferred income at 1 September	72,747	
Released from previous years	(72,747)	-
Resources deferred in the year	343,288	72,747
Deferred income at 31 August	<u>343,288</u>	<u>72,747</u>

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13 Funds	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Gains, Losses and Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	2,920,000	(2,920,000)	-	-
Start Up Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Pupil premium	-	182,443	(182,443)	-	-
Other DfE grants	-	545,174	(545,174)	-	-
Other local authority funding	3,277,040	9,761,811	(8,803,229)	(772,490)	3,463,132
Pension reserve	-	-	(456,000)	456,000	-
Other funding	-	69,163	(69,163)	-	-
	<u>3,277,040</u>	<u>13,478,591</u>	<u>(12,976,009)</u>	<u>(316,490)</u>	<u>3,463,132</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Other funding	18,256,168	94,443	(713,092)	226,834	17,864,353
	<u>18,256,168</u>	<u>94,443</u>	<u>(713,092)</u>	<u>226,834</u>	<u>17,864,353</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>21,533,208</u>	<u>13,573,034</u>	<u>(13,689,101)</u>	<u>(89,656)</u>	<u>21,327,485</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>80,344</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(80,344)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>21,533,208</u>	<u>13,653,378</u>	<u>(13,689,101)</u>	<u>(170,000)</u>	<u>21,327,485</u>

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

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to limits on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

Restricted general funds

All restricted funds are grants received from the Department for Education and the Local Authority for the purpose of running the Academy Trust.

Restricted fixed asset fund

All capital grants received from the Department for Education and the Local Authority are to be used on capital expenditure. This includes donated fixed assets from the Local Authority.

Unrestricted funds

All unrestricted funds are amounts raised by the Academy Trust which can be used for any purposes the trustees deem appropriate.

Transfers

The transfer from restricted revenue funds to restricted fixed asset funds represents the amount spent on fixed asset additions resourced from revenue funds.

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13 Funds (continued)

Analysis of academies by fund balance

	2024 £	2023 £
Fund balances as at year end were allocated as follows:		
Endeavour Academy	2,351,049	2,231,699
Discovery Academy	1,312,773	1,469,792
Quest Academy	1,409,828	1,112,685
Venture Academy	(335,814)	(267,387)
Central Services	(1,277,703)	(1,272,749)
Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	3,460,133	3,274,040
Restricted fixed asset fund	17,864,353	18,256,168
Pension reserve	-	-
Total reserves	21,324,486	21,530,208

In previous years the schools' contributions to Central Services has not covered all of the costs incurred, and therefore is carrying as a negative figure. From 19/20 onwards the methodology to recharge a set fee covering all costs has been successfully implemented.

Total cost analysis by Academy

	Teaching & Educational Support Staff Costs £	Other Support Staff Costs £	Educational Supplies £	Other Costs (excluding depreciation) £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Endeavour Academy	1,203,571	1,593,147	25,690	565,823.00	3,388,231	3,663,573
Discovery Academy	2,497,241	488,234	72,124	633,274.00	3,690,873	3,252,241
Quest Academy	2,119,860	542,187	51,604	481,980.00	3,195,631	3,078,067
Venture Academy	1,110,950	257,162	42,992	391,240.00	1,802,344	1,697,804
Central Services	-	532,466	-	366,464.00	898,930	1,093,612
Academy Trust	6,931,622	3,413,196	192,410	2,438,781	12,976,009	12,785,297

14 Analysis of net assets between Funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	17,864,353	17,864,353
Current assets	-	4,429,687	-	4,429,687
Current liabilities	-	(966,553)	-	(966,553)
Pension scheme liability	-	-	-	-
Total net assets	-	3,463,134	17,864,353	21,327,487

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15 Reconciliation of Net Income/(expenditure) to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	2024	2023
	£	
Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(35,723)	392,392
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation	713,092	712,715
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(170,000)	231,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(646,908)	(553,148)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(23,529)	381,079
Net Cash provided by / (used in) Operating Activities	(163,068)	1,164,038
16 Cash flows from investing activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(321,277)	(840,247)
Net Cash provided by / (used in) investing Activities	(321,277)	(840,247)
17 Cash flows from financing activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Repayments of borrowing	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-
Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities	-	-
18 Analysis of cash and cash equivalents	At 31	At 31
	August	August
	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand and at bank	2,866,964	3,351,307
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,866,964	3,351,307
19 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.

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20 Pension and Similar Obligations

The academy trust's employees belong to three principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and two Local Government Pension Schemes (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which are managed by Oxfordshire County Council and Warwickshire County Council. All are multi-employer defined-benefit schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and of the LGPS 31 March 2022.

Contributions amounting to £nil were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023: £137,175) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS affecting contributions during the year was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 26 October 2023. The key elements of the valuation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million
- the SCAPE (Superannuation Contributions Adjusted for Past Experience) rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is based on OBR's forecast for long-term GDP growth. The current SCAPE rate is 1.7% above the rate of CPI.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £762,580 (2023: £571,064).

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 a multi-employer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £826,000 (2023: £874,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £626,000 (2023: £655,000) and employees' contributions totalled £200,000 (2023: £219,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years is 21.8% for employers, with employee rates banded according to salary.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013 and on 21 July 2022, the Department for Education reaffirmed its commitment to the guarantee, with a parliamentary minute published on GOV.UK.

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20 Pension and Similar Obligations (Continued)

Principal Actuarial Assumptions	At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2023
Rate of increase in salaries	3.2%	3.7%
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.7%	3.0%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.0%	5.2%

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

	At 31 August 2024	At 31 August 2023
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	21.5	21.5
Females	24.3	22.9
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	21.9	21.6
Females	25.6	25.5

Sensitivity analysis

The measurement of scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in the relevant principal assumptions as follows:

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Discount rate -0.5%	1,145	1,035
Long term salary +0.5%	20	30
Pension increase +0.5%	1,150	1,020

The academy trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were:

	Fair value at 31 August 2024 £	Fair value at 31 August 2023 £
Equity instruments	4,874,620	4,427,680
Debt instruments	2,210,880	1,536,680
Property	1,384,940	977,540
Cash	85,560	95,100
Total market value of assets	8,556,000	7,037,000

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20 Pension and Similar Obligations (Continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2024	2023
	£	£
Current service cost	483,000	824,000
Interest income	(387,000)	(249,000)
Interest cost	360,000	311,000
Total operating charge	456,000	886,000

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September	6,595,000	6,812,000
Current service cost	483,000	824,000
Interest cost	360,000	311,000
Employee contributions	200,000	219,000
Benefits paid	(20,000)	(20,000)
Actuarial loss/(gain)	(17,000)	(1,551,000)
At 31 August	7,601,000	6,595,000

Changes in the fair value of academy trust's share of scheme asse

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September	7,037,000	5,447,000
Transfer of existing academies into the trust	-	-
Interest income	387,000	249,000
Employee contributions	200,000	219,000
Employer contributions	626,000	655,000
Benefits paid	(20,000)	(20,000)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	326,000	487,000
At 31 August	8,556,000	7,037,000

Net changes in the scheme liability:

	2024	2023
	£	£
At 1 September	(442,000)	1,365,000
Pension cost	483,000	824,000
Finance cost	(27,000)	62,000
Employer contribution	(626,000)	(655,000)
Net actuarial loss/(gain)	(343,000)	(2,038,000)
At 31 August	(955,000)	(442,000)

Net asset of £955,000 has not been recognised in accordance with FRS102 Paragraph 28.22. The asset value is included in the actuarial gain in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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21 Capital Commitments

Capital commitments contracted but not provided for in the financial statements are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Computer equipment	-	-
Other capital works	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

22 Commitments Under Operating Leases

At 31 August 2024 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	77,971	27,172
Amounts due between one and five years	132,622	60,831
Amount due in over five years	-	9,795
	<u>210,593</u>	<u>97,798</u>

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23 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and capital grants	11,067		331,968	343,035
Charitable activities:				
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	18,448	13,528,921	-	13,547,369
Total	<u>29,515</u>	<u>13,528,921</u>	<u>331,968</u>	<u>13,890,404</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:				
Academy trust educational operations	-	12,785,297	712,715	13,498,012
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>12,785,297</u>	<u>712,715</u>	<u>13,498,012</u>
Net income / (expenditure)	29,515	743,624	(380,747)	392,392
Transfers between funds	(29,515)	(478,764)	508,279	-
Other recognised gains and losses				
Actuarial (losses) / gains on defined benefit pension schemes	-	1,596,000	-	1,596,000
Net movement in funds	<u>-</u>	<u>1,860,860</u>	<u>127,532</u>	<u>1,988,392</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	-	1,416,180	18,128,636	19,544,816
Total funds carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>3,277,040</u>	<u>18,256,168</u>	<u>21,533,208</u>

24 Events after the end of the reporting period

The Trust have announced a decision to cease providing residential support at our Endeavour (Oxford) site from the first quarter of 2025. A consultation is being undertaken with all stakeholders to consider the future support that will be offered from the residential site. The Trust has taken all steps to support those students and staff impacted by these changes. An estimate of the financial impact cannot be made at this time however is expected to be minimal in regard to the Trust in totality.