
STAMP EDUCATION TRUST
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Members:	Dr A C Parmley Ms T. Moran Mr M E D Rossetti Mr N Tiffou
Trustees:	Mr E Coke Mrs Bernadette Dooling (elected 5 December 2022) Mrs J Fiddian Mr P Jones Mrs H Locke Mrs A Letch Mrs K McEvoy (elected 1 September 2022) Mr Krishan Mistry (elected 5 December 2022) Mr M Parslow Mr Ed Rawson (elected 5 December 2022) Mrs S Rossetti (resigned 5 December 2022) Mr N Tiffou (resigned 23 November 2022) Mr C Ullathorne
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Company Name:	Stamp Education Trust
Registered Office:	Thomson House School, Vernon Road, London SW14 8NH
Company Secretary:	Mr A Durand-Deslongrais
Senior Management Team:	Mrs A Letch, Executive Head Teacher Mrs Jackie Sanders, Head of School
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year / period 1st September 2022 to 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The academy trust operates an academy for pupils aged 4 to 11 serving a catchment area in the Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames. It has a pupil capacity of 420 and had a roll of 381 in the school census on 6th October 2022.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The academy trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the academy trust. The trustees of Stamp Education Trust Academy Trust are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company operates as Thomson House School.

Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on the preceding pages of this document.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Act, every trustee or other officer of the academy shall be indemnified out of the assets of the academy against any liability incurred by them in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in favour or in which they are acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to them by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the academy.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The management of the academy is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association and funding agreement as follows:

- The Executive Head Teacher is elected by the trustees and sits on the board ex officio.
- Trustees elected trustees with a maximum of eight
- There must be a minimum of 2 Parent trustees who are elected by the parent body in a secret ballot

The term of office for any trustee is 4 years. The headteacher's term of office runs parallel with their term of appointment. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of trustee, any trustee may be reappointed or re-elected.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new trustees will depend on their individual experience and expertise. Where necessary an induction will provide training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. All new trustees are given a tour of the academy and the chance to meet with staff and students. All governors are provided with governor's induction pack containing copies of policies, procedures, minutes, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to understand their role as trustees and directors of the academy. They also undertake a number of training courses.

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Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

Organisational Structure

The academy has established a management structure to enable its efficient running. The structure consists of two levels: the trustees and the executives who are the senior leadership team.

The governing body has considered its role thoughtfully and decided that the role of the trustees is to approve the strategic direction and objectives of the academy and monitor its progress towards these objectives.

The governing body has approved a scheme of delegation which sets out a statement on the system of internal control, responsibilities, standing orders, a scheme of delegation and terms of reference. The Executive Head Teacher is directly responsible for the day to day running of the academy and is assisted by a senior leadership team.

Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the academy by use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the academy, including capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. In addition to the full board of trustees' meetings, Stamp Education Trust has a committee structure: the main committees are Education, Finance, Premises and Pay.

The Executive Head Teacher assumes the accounting officer role.

Arrangements for setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Board has delegated the arrangement for setting the pay and remuneration for executive directors and senior management to the pay committee whose members comprise three trustees and the Chair of the Trust. This committee reviews the performance of the executive directors and ensures that succession planning is in line with the plans of the Trust.

This committee also sets the band of annual pay increases for all staff as guidelines for the pay committees. The Trust scheme of delegation sets out the responsibility for pay increases for all staff to the Executive Head Teacher and the pay committee.

Trade Union Facility Time

Two full-time members of the teaching staff were elected as trade union representatives at THS. They met termly with the teaching staff and brought outcomes of discussions to the Executive Head Teacher. During the year teachers' strike action meant that meetings between the Trade Union representatives and the Executive Head Teacher became more frequent. The Executive Head Teacher acted to sustain good staff relations and keep the disruption of school operations to a minimum. During the strike action days, the school remained partially open, with three year groups (Upper School) initially staying open. As each strike action continued, more and more classes remained open.

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

Mr M Rossetti who is a Member of Stamp Education Trust is the Founding Principal: King's College School, Bahamas. He is also the spouse of Mrs S Rossetti the Deputy Chair of the Board of Governors who resigned on 5th December 2022.

Mr P Jones is Head of Global Strategies, LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics' foreign policy think-tank.

Mrs A Letch is a Member of National College of Teaching & Leadership, Educational Consultant for Bellevue Place Educational Trust, a student teacher mentor for the University of Roehampton and a Trustee of Richmond Music Trust.

Mrs H Locke is a part time education consultant at Harroddian School.

Mr C Ullathorne is both a trustee and a teacher at Westminster School.

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Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the academy is the operation of Stamp Education Trust to provide a broad and balanced education for pupils of all abilities in the primary age group. The governors have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives of the academy.

The School Development plan for 2022-23 focused on fostering excellence in all aspects of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities. There was a focus on improving Reading outcomes (at Greater Depth level in KS2), increasing the use of manipulatives in Maths teaching, and improving outcomes for the most vulnerable pupils. It aimed to increase the provision of (and income from) extra-curricular clubs, develop leadership capacity (through introducing a middle leadership layer), and to develop income strands through increased lettings, community links and strong parental engagement with the school's enrichment fund. Given the location of the sites, safety of pupils and the local community continued to be a focus. Leaders also worked towards a potential merge with another Multi-Academy Trust – for the benefit of staff, pupils and leadership support.

In accordance with the articles of association, the academy has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education.

The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, that the Trust will be at the heart of the community promoting community cohesion and sharing facilities; the basis for admitting students to the Trust, that the curriculum should be broad and balanced; there will be an emphasis on the needs of individual pupils including pupils with SEN; the basis for charging pupils.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the trustees have carefully considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

As an academy we make the best use of our skills, expertise and experience with regards to the community. Some examples of this are:

- Raising money for local, national and international charities.
- 6th form Primary Schools Partnership.
- Partnerships with local primary schools continued to raise standards of education.
- Worked with Richmond Parish Lands Charitable Trust to support the most vulnerable in our community.
- Community facilities have been provided through the letting of school buildings.
- Leaders worked with Richmond Council and Sustrans in the introduction of School Street to ensure the safety of pupils and the community at school drop off / collection time.
- The Executive Head Teacher donated her time and expertise to Richmond Music Trust.
- School leaders continued to work with key stakeholders and local community groups on the development of the Stag Brewery site.
- During the year, the school began to work with the Share and Care Collective to support families in need.

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Strategic Report - Achievements and Performance

KS2 SATS outcomes – the outcomes for 2022-23 were strong against the national picture. The focus on improving Reading outcomes at Greater Depth had significant impact (44% in 2021-22; 61% in 2022-23):

2022-23	THS Working At+	National Working At+	THS Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
READING	98%	73%	61%	29%
WRITING	93%	71%	42%	14%
MATHS	86%	73%	65%	24%
SCIENCE	95%	80%	NA	NA
SPAG	93%	72%	54%	30%

Year 4 MTC outcomes – an area of focus for the school during 2022-23, was to improve MTC outcomes. This was achieved with 87% of the cohort attaining 20-25/25 marks (61% in 2021-22). This significant uplift occurred due to focussed teaching and regular practise for the children with the online system and hardware.

	0-10	11-19	20-25	25
2021 - 2022 Actual	9%	30%	61%	15%
2022-2023 TARGET	0%	20%	80%	30%
2022-2023 ACTUAL	2%	11%	87%	23% (a further 17% scored 24)

KS1 SATS outcomes – followed the trajectory of returning to pre-Covid outcomes and remain significantly above national outcomes:

	THS Working At+	National Working At+	THS Greater Depth	National Greater Depth
Reading	85%	68%	40%	19%
Writing	82%	60%	33%	8%
Maths	85%	71%	42%	16%
RWM	75%	56%	27%	6%
Science	93%	79%	NA	NA

Year 1 Phonics outcomes were strong with an improved difference against national data of 18% (against 15% in 2021-22). This is the second year of using Little Wandle Phonics scheme.

	THS 32-40	THS 38+	THS 39+	National 32-40
2021 – 2022	90%	60%	50%	75%
2022 - 2023	98%	74%	68%	79%

EYFS outcomes - were less strong in 2022-23 than the previous year, although remained above national data (by 10% for Good Level of Development). Staff turnover and a high proportion of SEND contributed to the outcomes.

	THS GLD	National GLD	THS Lit ELG	National Lit ELG	THS Maths ELG	National Maths ELG
2021-2022	87%		90%		95%	
2022-2023	76%	66%	82%	70%	84%	77%

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Strategic Report - Achievements and Performance (continued)

Admissions: The educational landscape continues to be challenging as numbers of pupils in London are falling, along with birth rates. In 2022-23, 19 children joined THS (excluding YR Sept intake) and 18 left, with a net gain of 1. New pupils settled quickly through a clear plan of support which includes the parents meeting the Head of School; class teachers liaising with the previous school; the allocation of a buddy; identifying gaps in learning quickly through formative assessment. Stability remains constant at 76%/77%.

Attendance: Attendance is monitored closely each month by the Head of School. Leaders meet with parents whose children have slipped below the 90% mark. During 2022-23, whole school attendance was 96% (95% in 2021-22); with attendance of SEND at 93% and attendance of PPG at 94%. Persistent Absence had decreased from 8% to 4% (16 pupils) by July 2023. Punctuality is also monitored. All PPG children have targets set for attendance and punctuality.

Staffing: the school continues to review its staffing model regularly to ensure a sustainable financial model. During 2022-23, THS seconded two part-time teachers to a local primary, who were struggling to recruit, which positively impacted the THS budget. Those teachers returned to THS in May 2023. To overcome the issue of finding quality teachers in recruitment drives, the school trains student teachers (4 in 2022-23). THS works closely with the West London Teaching School Alliance, Roehampton Uni and E-qualitas to train students. The Exec Head is a Roehampton Mentor for student teachers, which helps improve the training the school gives. THS also works with The Wandle Learning Trust to support the early career development of teachers. This was a focus area for the school during 2022-23 – all ECTs passed their probation; and all student teachers attained QTS (Qualified Teacher Status). Staff attendance for 2022-23 was 97% (95% in 2021-22). The CORC Staff Survey (Dec 22) has highlighted workload and timely communications as minor issues. Leaders continue to work hard to find ways to manage the workload of staff alongside the promotion of professional development opportunities on a personalised basis.

Quality of teaching: Teaching is strong at Thomson House School, as evidenced by the outcomes above. Trainees become successful teachers, passing their training course and/or ECT period. Roehampton University, in a trainee induction day, praised THS on the quality of our training/mentoring.

From lesson observations we know that every lesson has:

- a focused learning intention (WALT) shared with the children,
- success criteria so children know what success in learning looks like,
- reference to prior learning to aid long term memory recall,
- focus on key vocabulary and technical terms,
- clear teacher modelling, addressing misconceptions,
- opportunities for independent practice and repeated practice,
- a range of assessment for learning strategies,
- scaffolding for some and challenge at a variety of levels

Teaching practice is improved by impactful feedback from senior leaders following monitoring; regular tailored CPD sessions; and a personalised approach to professional development opportunities.

Premises: the school is on two sites, approximately 300m apart but divided by the mainline railway into London. One site, an old church building, has no outdoor space and houses Y4-Y6 (Upper School). To overcome the issue of no outdoor space the school has lengthened the lunch break period so that the children have lunch and walk to Mortlake Green for an hour of outside play each day. Morning break for Upper School children takes place in the school Hall. The roof of Upper School was repaired during the year (a CIF bid project successfully managed and completed within budget). The Lower School site on Sheen Lane (YR-Y3) is situated on a busy road, next to a garage, opposite a working woodshed business and within a few metres of the mainline level crossing. Safety of the pupils is paramount. Consequently, the school regularly communicates safety messages to the whole community and educates the children in road and rail safety annually.

Income: The school generated £2,118,267 of income during the year, through GAG / DfE funding, parental donations, lettings, extra-curricular clubs, FOTH (Friends of Thomson House) and charitable trust donations. The Trustees regularly review income and expenditure against the authorised budget. Changes to the budget to reflect new information with regard to income or expenditure are approved in line with the authorisation limits established in the Stamp Education Financial Regulations.

Ratio analysis and benchmarking is performed annually to ensure that the Academy is applying its resources efficiently and effectively to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

A more detailed finance review of the in-year highlights is included later in this report.

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Key Performance Indicators

- On Roll: 371 (Aug 2023)
- Attendance: 2022-23 was 96.49%
- The school generated £2,116,879 of income
- All building projects were completed on time and on budget
- All staff positions were filled

The Trustees regularly review Stamp Education Trust's actual income and expenditure against the authorised budget. Changes to the budget to reflect new information with regard to income or expenditure are approved in line with the authorisation limits established in the Stamp Education Financial Regulations.

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Going Concern

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

Our autumn 2022 census reported pupil numbers up from 359 in 2021 to 381, a 6.1% increase. Due to an 11 month lag in funding set by the ESFA the school was not funded for educating these additional 22 pupils. At £3,980 per pupil, this equated to a £87,564 shortfall GAG funding for pupils on role. Unfortunately, an application to the DfE for in year adjustment funding was unsuccessful, despite the school meeting the criteria set out by the DfE.

In addition, hyper-inflation in energy markets forecast school power costs rise from £31,138 in 2021-22 to over £100,000 this year.

In December 2022 therefore, Trustees agreed a revised budget which included a revision of the staffing model together with a range of cost cutting measures in order to reduce the forecast deficit, a deficit which they agreed to fund from the Trust's reserves.

New three-year budget models were developed in order to set the Trust back to making a surplus and bolster reserves both next year and in the following years. With Reserves currently standing at £161,321, the Trustees are now confident therefore that the Thrust remains a going concern.

Strategic Report - Financial Review

Finance Review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the period ended 31 August 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The trust generated additional funds through catering, the letting of school premises and donations from parents. During 2022-23 the unrestricted income was £182,420. These funds are used to provide school meals to all children and to enrich the education of the children through the provision of additional educational resources and experiences that could not be funded through the schools delegated funding. In addition, excess additional funds since the commencement of the trust has built the current reserves balance.

During the year ended 31st August 2023 total revenue expenditure was £2,373,125 (excluding restricted fixed assets) of which £1,891,871 was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE and Local Authority. Total income for the year totalled £2,256,139 (excluding restricted fixed asset funds). The excess of expenditure over income for the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds and actuarial gains) was £116,986.

In the current year, an historical error was corrected pertaining to an element of the freehold land having been incorrectly depreciated. The total aggregated value of this adjustment was £92,241.

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Finance Review (continued)

The principal reasons for incurring a deficit were; (1) the failure to secure in year adjustment funding for 22 additional pupil on role over above those provided for by GAG funding. (2) the dramatic increase in energy costs not being fully mitigated by the Government's EBRS or EBDS schemes and (3) the national pay rises awarded to both support staff and teachers not being fully funded by government funding.

At 31st August 2023 the net book value of fixed assets was £7,020,160 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 in the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of Thomson House School.

Reserves Policy

The definition of reserves in the SORP is 'that part of a charity's income funds that is freely available for its general purposes'. This definition of reserves therefore normally excludes:

- permanent endowment funds
- expendable endowment funds
- restricted income funds
- any part of unrestricted funds not readily available for spending, specifically income funds which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held for charitable use

Reserves are therefore the resources the Academy has or can make available to spend for any or all of the Academy's purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned expenditure. More specifically 'reserves' are income which becomes available to the Academy and is to be spent at the Trustees' discretion in furtherance of any of the Academy's objects (sometimes referred to as 'general purpose' income) but which is not yet spent, committed or designated (i.e. is 'free')

The Trustees review the reserves levels termly as set out in the Thomson House School Reserves Policy. The review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams and the need to match income with commitments and the nature of the reserves. The level of reserves will be kept under review and is necessary to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and the receipt of grant and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies. Now the school has all year groups in place, the Trustees will keep reserves to between 5% and 8% of income or to partially fund capital projects.

Total reserves at the end of the period amounted to £7,107,707. This balance includes unrestricted funds (free reserves) of £161,321, which are considered appropriate for the Academy Trust, and restricted funds of £6,946,386 and a pension deficit of £NIL.

The amount of designations made in relation to the restricted reserves totals to £10,684. This relates to the capital project to complete the works to replace the Vernon Road building roof and is the 2.5% retention monies owed to the main contractor at the end of the 12 month defects period.

Within the reserves policy users should note that, because of accounting for the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), the Trust does not recognise a pension fund asset as at 31 August 2023 (2022: £77,000 deficit). In accordance with the FRS 102 pension report there was a pension asset of £50,000 as at 31 August 2023.

Users should also note that a surplus or deficit position of the pension scheme would generally result in a cash flow effect for the Trust in the form of an increase or decrease in employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The Trust thus takes this fact into account when reviewing current business plans and budgets, ascertaining how the pension costs might affect budgets in the future. On the basis that increased pension contributions should generally be met from the Trust's budgeted annual income, whilst the deficit might not be eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund or direct impact on the unrestricted reserves of the Trust due to the recognition of the deficit.

Investment Policy

Investment policies are determined by the Trust Board. This ensures the level of funds the Trust holds can cover any immediate expenditure, without exposing the Trust to additional risk. Should any potential investment opportunity arise this would be escalated to the Trust Board for consideration.

As at 31 August 2023, no investments were held.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Companies Act 2006 s417(3b) requires disclosure of the principal risks and uncertainties facing a company. The Trust is exposed to a number of financial risks including credit, cash flow and liquidity risks. Given the Trust's exposure to financial instruments being limited, the exposure principally relates to bank balances, cash and trade creditors, with limited trade (and other) debtors. The trust's system of internal controls ensures risk is minimal in these areas.

A risk register has been established and is updated regularly. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the Trust faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Trust is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Trust, and its finances. The trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the Academies face, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls (see below) in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover.

The Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

It should also be noted that procedures are in place to ensure compliance with the health and safety regulations, pertaining to both staff and pupils.

The trustees also are fully aware of their responsibilities to ensure that the trust's estate is safe, well maintained and compliant with the relevant regulations.

Please refer to the Reserves Policy above for a description of the defined benefit pension scheme, in which there was a deficit at 31 August 2023. 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.

Fundraising

The Trust engages in fundraising activities throughout the academic year, both for specific projects and to augment the annual education budget and It has a number of fundraising streams through which it raises additional revenue to fulfil its purpose. These include; holiday and before & afterschool clubs, lettings, school meals and fund-raising events. The trust also benefits from the generosity of parents who donate monies to the school's curriculum enrichment fund.

In addition, the PTA run a registered charity, Friends of Thomson House, which holds events and raises monies for good causes as well as making donations to the school for capital projects and curriculum enhancement.

Due consideration is given at all times to ensuring that no fundraising practices are unreasonably intrusive or apply undue pressure especially with regard to vulnerable persons.

Plans for Future Periods

Over and above its continual improvement programs within the educational, operational and financial departments of the school, the Trustees have a number of capital projects which are being developed. These are to develop and submit CIF bids for the replacement of the old thermally inefficient windows in the Vernon Road and Court House buildings and redeveloped the entrance of the Court House building to create additional footprint space for administration and enhance access and egress security to the Sheen Lane site.

As previously reported Stamp Education Ltd, Trustees have been looking at the options for the school to join another Multi Academy Trust. Trustees plan to make an application in 2023-24 to the District Commissioners Office to allow the Trust to move ahead with this plan should a suitable MAT be identified following the necessary due diligence.

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Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

The Academy Trust and its trustees did not act as custodian trustee during the current or previous period.

Auditor

Insofar 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 themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 14 December 2023 and signed on the board's behalf by:



Kelly McEvoy
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Stamp Education 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.

[If applicable] As trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Executive Head, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Stamp Education Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The board of trustees has formally met 6 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr E Coke	5	6
Mrs Bernadette Dooling (elected 5 December 2022)	5	5
Ms J Fiddian	6	6
Mr P Jones	6	6
Mrs A Letch	6	6
Mrs H Locke	5	6
Mrs K McEvoy (elected 1 September 2022)	6	6
Mr Krishan Mistry (elected 5 December 2022)	2	3
Mr Ed Rawson (elected 5 December 2022)	3	3
Mrs S. Rossetti (resigned 5 December 2022)	0	2
Mr M Parslow	6	6
Mr N Tiffou (resigned 23 November 2022)	1	1
Mr C Ullathorne	4	6

Mrs S. Rossetti (former Chair of Governors) and Mr N Tiffou resigned after many years of loyal service to the Trust, both having been appointed as Trustees in 2012 when Thomson House School was founded. Their successors were appointed in the previous accounting period.

At the start of the year Trustees submit a signed statement of their relevant interests. Any conflicts of interests are declared at the start of every governor meeting and minuted. An up to date register of governor's relevant interests is also published on the school website.

Internal auditors, TSO Education, were appointed this year and to undertake a rolling review of governance across all facets of the Trust. Internal scrutiny reports and a continual improvement log shall be issued by TSO for review and action twice a year. Following their advice a new emergency and critical incident plan is under development and set for approval by Governors in the Spring 2024.

The Finance Committee, is a sub-committee of the main board of trustees. Its purpose is to ensure proper oversight of the financial management the trust's finance committee meets formally four times a year. The committee provides an opportunity for detailed discussion and consideration of financial matters, with regular reporting to the full board of trustees. It is given delegated authority for most financial decision-making, but the full board of trustees as a whole remains accountable and remains actively engaged in financial and premises

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

matters.

Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr P Jones	3	4
Mrs A Letch	4	4
Mrs K McEvoy	4	4
Mr Krishan Mistry (elected 5 December 2022)	3	3
Mr M Parslow (Finance Committee Chair)	4	4
Mr N Tiffou (resigned 23 November 2022)	0	1

Benefits of the Finance Committee include:

- Helping to prevent fraud by ensuring that all tasks associated with the finance function are not performed by one person without supervision from others (segregation of duties).
- Allowing the Full Governing Body meetings to focus on a wider range of issues, as detailed financial discussions can take place within the sub-committee.
- Enabling more democratic control of the organisation's finances and estate.
- Spreading the burden of financial management, thereby also potentially improving its quality.
- Helping train new committee members in financial related matters.
- Provide a forum for discussion on additional potential revenue streams and fund-raising ideas.

Matters discussed during the year to 31 August 2023 include:

- Full review of finance policies
- Regular reviews and monitoring of monthly Management Reports
- Regular review of the school's income streams and opportunities
- Regular review of the Trust's reserves
- Agreement of financial regulations and scheme of delegation
- Review levels of finance needed to support the school's strategic vision (SDP 2022-23)
- Oversight of the 2022-23 budget and application for in year adjustment funding
- Following the unsuccessful application of adjustment funding, reviewed and approved a revised 2022-23 staffing model and budget
- Review of long term (three-year) financial position
- Review and monitor of the school's successfully CIF bid and works
- Review and monitor of new Internal Scrutiny auditor reports
- Review of capital grants received in year for the improvement of the estate
- Consideration of the school's assets and fulfilment of the Trust's charitable obligations to maximise the benefit of those assets with regard to asset disposal and reinvestment

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Head Teacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes, as well as estates safety and management, achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data or by using a framework where appropriate. The accounting officer for the Academy has delivered improved value for money during the year by overseeing the internal scrutiny audit and resultant continual improvement program to ensure better practice across the school's procurement and financial management.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Stamp Education Trust for the period 1st September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The board of trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the academy trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1st September 2022 to 31 August 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

The risk and control framework

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the board of trustees
- regular reviews by the finance and general purposes committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- identification and management of risks.

The board of trustees has decided to buy-in an internal audit service from TSO Education.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial and other matters and performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial and other systems. In particular, the checks carried out in the current period included:

- Assessment on pupil attendance monitoring: Overall opinion
- Risk management: Overall opinion
- Governor compliance: Overall opinion
- Estate management: Overall opinion

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The risk and control framework (continued)

On a six-monthly basis, the auditor reports to the board of trustees, through the full governing board on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities and annually prepares an annual summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress.

The agreed schedule of work has been delivered as planned. No material control issues were identified as a result of the work undertaken.

Review of effectiveness

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

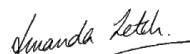
- the work of the internal auditor / reviewer
- the work of the external auditor
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management self-assessment tool
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Full Governing Board and a plan to ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 14 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Kelly McEvoy
Chair of Trustees



Amanda Letch
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Stamp Education Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy board of trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

I confirm that I and the Academy board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.

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



Amanda Letch
Accounting Officer
Date: 14 December 2023

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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 its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 14 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Kelly McEvoy
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STAMP EDUCATION TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stamp Education Trust (the 'academy') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Academy'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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STAMP
EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)**

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report and the Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STAMP EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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:

We considered the nature of the industry and its control environment, and reviewed the academy's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to fraud and compliance with laws and regulations. We also inquired about management's own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the academy's operates in, and identified the key laws and regulations that:

- had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These included the UK Companies Act and Charities SORP Act; and
- do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charitable company's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

The audit engagement team analysed the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation for fraud and how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- reviewing financial statement disclosures by testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- enquiring of management, and external legal counsel concerning actual and potential litigation and claims, and instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.

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

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF STAMP
EDUCATION TRUST (CONTINUED)**

Use of our report

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

Jake Lew

Jake Lew (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

BKL Audit LLP

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

14 December 2023

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO STAMP
EDUCATION TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 25 June 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Stamp Education Trust during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Stamp Education Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Stamp Education Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Stamp Education Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Stamp Education Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Stamp Education Trust (Thomson House School's) funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 13 December 2012 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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's income and expenditure.

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- review of management reporting documents.
- review of Trustees/Governors meeting minutes.
- confirming compliance with the Academy Trust's Scheme of Delegation.
- compliance with delegated authorities.
- consideration of whether any personal benefit has been derived from the Academy Trust's transactions by staff or related parties.
- adherence to tendering policies.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO STAMP
EDUCATION TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

BKL Audit LLP

Reporting Accountant
BKL Audit LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

Date: 14 December 2023

STAMP EDUCATION TRUST
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	66,648	-	312,416	379,064	176,420
Other trading activities	5	115,772	135,181	-	250,953	233,131
Investments	6	-	40	-	40	39
Charitable activities	4	-	1,938,498	-	1,938,498	1,803,337
Total income		182,420	2,073,719	312,416	2,568,555	2,212,927
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		414	-	-	414	5,310
Charitable activities	8	-	2,372,711	27,024	2,399,735	2,574,328
Total expenditure		414	2,372,711	27,024	2,400,149	2,579,638
Net income/(expenditure)		182,006	(298,992)	285,392	168,406	(366,711)
Transfers between funds	16	(345,768)	271,992	73,776	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		(163,762)	(27,000)	359,168	168,406	(366,711)
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	104,000	-	104,000	932,000
Net movement in funds		(163,762)	77,000	359,168	272,406	565,289
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward		251,307	(77,000)	6,660,994	6,835,301	6,270,012
Net movement in funds		(163,762)	77,000	359,168	272,406	565,289
Total funds carried forward		87,545	-	7,020,162	7,107,707	6,835,301

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	7,020,162	6,589,203
		<u>7,020,162</u>	<u>6,589,203</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	14	82,168	72,578
Cash at bank and in hand		162,947	358,023
		<u>245,115</u>	<u>430,601</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(157,570)	(107,503)
		<u>87,545</u>	<u>323,098</u>
Net current assets		<u>87,545</u>	<u>323,098</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>7,107,707</u>	<u>6,912,301</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset / liability		<u>7,107,707</u>	<u>6,912,301</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme asset / liability	22	-	(77,000)
Total net assets		<u><u>7,107,707</u></u>	<u><u>6,835,301</u></u>
Funds of the Academy			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	16	7,020,162	6,660,994
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	16	7,020,162	6,660,994
Pension reserve	16	-	(77,000)
Total restricted funds	16	7,020,162	6,583,994
Unrestricted income funds	16	87,545	251,307
Total funds		<u><u>7,107,707</u></u>	<u><u>6,835,301</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 23 to 48 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 14 December 2023 and are signed on their behalf, by:



Kelly McEvoy
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	18	(70,872)	51,194
Cash flows from investing activities	19	(145,527)	14,468
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(216,399)	65,662
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		358,023	292,361
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20, 21	<u>141,624</u>	<u>358,023</u>

The notes on pages 26 to 48 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements of the Academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic 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 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy 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 has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Income

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy 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 year is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

• **Donations**

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

• **Other income**

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

- **Expenditure on raising funds**

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

- **Charitable activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £2,000 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. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

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

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold property	- 50 years
Furniture and equipment	- 3 years
Computer equipment	- 4 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.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8 Liabilities

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

1.9 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.10 Pensions

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. 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 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 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

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Pensions (continued)

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.

1.11 Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the 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.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	66,648	-	-	66,648
Capital Grants	-	-	312,416	312,416
	<u>66,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>312,416</u>	<u>379,064</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	76,918	4,842	-	81,760
Capital Grants	-	-	94,660	94,660
	<u>76,918</u>	<u>4,842</u>	<u>94,660</u>	<u>176,420</u>

4. Funding for the Academy's charitable activities

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
DfE/ESFA grants		
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,602,631	1,602,631
Other DfE/ESFA grants		
Pupil Premium	45,265	45,265
UIFSM	69,143	69,143
Others	33,910	33,910
	<u>1,750,949</u>	<u>1,750,949</u>
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	73,582	73,582
Special educational projects	67,340	67,340
	<u>140,922</u>	<u>140,922</u>
Other income from the Academy's educational activities	46,627	46,627
	<u>1,938,498</u>	<u>1,938,498</u>

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4. Funding for the Academy's charitable activities (continued)

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
DfE/ESFA grants		
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,576,397	1,576,397
Other DfE/ESFA grants		
Pupil Premium	42,408	42,408
UFSM	73,175	73,175
Others	43,053	43,053
	<hr/> 1,735,033	<hr/> 1,735,033
Other Government grants		
Local authority grants	42,500	42,500
Special educational projects	8,325	8,325
	<hr/> 50,825	<hr/> 50,825
Other income from the Academy's educational activities	11,170	11,170
COVID-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)		
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	6,309	6,309
	<hr/> 6,309	<hr/> 6,309
	<hr/> 1,803,337	<hr/> 1,803,337
	<hr/> <hr/> 1,803,337	<hr/> <hr/> 1,803,337

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Hire of facilities	7,820	-	7,820
Catering income	-	88,403	88,403
Extended school activities	107,952	-	107,952
Trip income	-	46,778	46,778
	<hr/> 115,772	<hr/> 135,181	<hr/> 250,953
	<hr/> <hr/> 115,772	<hr/> <hr/> 135,181	<hr/> <hr/> 250,953

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5. Income from other trading activities (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Hire of facilities	6,255	-	6,255
Catering income	-	73,579	73,579
Extended school activities	109,712	-	109,712
Trip income	-	43,585	43,585
	<u>115,967</u>	<u>117,164</u>	<u>233,131</u>

6. Investment income

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Bank Interest	<u>40</u>	<u>40</u>
	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Bank Interest	<u>39</u>	<u>39</u>

7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2023 £	Premises 2023 £	Other 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:				
Direct costs	-	-	414	414
Educational Activities:				
Direct costs	1,465,024	-	194,287	1,659,311
Allocated support costs	287,284	165,834	287,306	740,424
	<u>1,752,308</u>	<u>165,834</u>	<u>482,007</u>	<u>2,400,149</u>

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7. Expenditure (continued)

	Staff Costs 2022 £	Premises 2022 £	Other 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:				
Direct costs	-	-	5,310	5,310
Educational Activities:				
Direct costs	1,389,380	-	166,613	1,555,993
Allocated support costs	445,196	142,286	430,853	1,018,335
	<u>1,834,576</u>	<u>142,286</u>	<u>602,776</u>	<u>2,579,638</u>

8. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Educational Activities	<u>1,659,311</u>	<u>740,424</u>	<u>2,399,735</u>

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Educational Activities	<u>1,555,993</u>	<u>1,018,335</u>	<u>2,574,328</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Educational Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	1,460,984	1,460,984
Educational supplies	22,975	22,975
Staff development	5,461	5,461
Educational consultancy	26,068	26,068
Other direct costs	113,430	113,430
Technology costs	30,393	30,393
	<u>1,659,311</u>	<u>1,659,311</u>
	Educational Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	1,388,120	1,388,120
Educational supplies	27,797	27,797
Staff development	9,086	9,086
Educational consultancy	37,172	37,172
Teaching supply costs	1,260	1,260
Other support costs	79,084	79,084
Technology costs	13,474	13,474
	<u>1,555,993</u>	<u>1,555,993</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs

	Educational Activities 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Pension finance costs	1,000	1,000
Staff costs	261,284	261,284
Depreciation	27,024	27,024
Maintenance of premises and equipment	40,438	40,438
Cleaning	49,767	49,767
Rent and rates	1,054	1,054
Insurance	7,539	7,539
Catering	168,632	168,632
Other support costs	31,072	31,072
Other occupancy costs	7,414	7,414
Energy	67,161	67,161
Governance costs	38,264	38,264
Technology costs	13,775	13,775
Non cash pension costs	26,000	26,000
	<hr/> 740,424 <hr/>	<hr/> 740,424 <hr/>

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8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of support costs (continued)

	Educational Activities 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Pension finance costs	13,000	13,000
Staff costs	243,196	243,196
Depreciation	198,176	198,176
Maintenance of premises and equipment	30,082	30,082
Cleaning	46,501	46,501
Rent and rates	20,683	20,683
Insurance	6,840	6,840
Security and transport	428	428
Catering	136,261	136,261
Other support costs	35,448	35,448
Other occupancy costs	7,042	7,042
Energy	31,138	31,138
Governance costs	30,641	30,641
Technology costs	16,899	16,899
Non cash pension costs	202,000	202,000
	<u>1,018,335</u>	<u>1,018,335</u>

9. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	129,514	198,176
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	4,000	4,000
- other services	12,860	3,248
	<u>12,860</u>	<u>3,248</u>

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10. Staff

a. Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,320,953	1,261,162
Social security costs	117,074	106,313
Pension costs	284,241	263,841
	1,722,268	1,631,316
Agency staff costs	4,040	1,260
Non cash pension costs	26,000	202,000
	1,752,308	1,834,576

b. Staff numbers

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Teachers	21	20
Administration and support	11	11
Management	6	6
Teaching Support	16	22
	54	59

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	-	1

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £96,335 (2022 - £105,523).

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11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy. The principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and staff members under their contracts of employment. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2023 £	2022 £
A Letch, Accounting Officer	Remuneration	50,000 - 55,000	75,000 - 80,000
	Pension contributions paid	10,000 - 15,000	15,000 - 20,000

During the year ended 31 August 2023, expenses totalling £250 were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2022 - £ NIL). The Chair of Premises Committee purchased gift voucher on behalf of the Governing Body for the neighbours on Vernon Road in recognition of the delay to the building works affecting their garden.

12. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

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

13. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation				
At 1 September 2022	7,820,731	409,325	336,288	8,566,344
Additions	455,181	-	2,802	457,983
At 31 August 2023	8,275,912	409,325	339,090	9,024,327
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	1,255,960	396,804	324,377	1,977,141
Charge for the year	7,159	12,521	7,344	27,024
At 31 August 2023	1,263,119	409,325	331,721	2,004,165
Net book value				
At 31 August 2023	7,012,793	-	7,369	7,020,162
At 31 August 2022	6,564,771	12,521	11,911	6,589,203

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14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Trade debtors	37,738	1,735
Other debtors	17,321	27,246
Prepayments and accrued income	27,109	43,597
	<u>82,168</u>	<u>72,578</u>

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	-	21,779
Other taxation and social security	50,041	27,644
Accruals and deferred income	107,529	58,080
	<u>157,570</u>	<u>107,503</u>

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income at 1 September 2022	43,139	40,848
Resources deferred during the year	107,529	43,139
Amounts released from previous periods	(43,139)	(40,848)
	<u>107,529</u>	<u>43,139</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

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16. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	251,307	182,420	(414)	(345,768)	-	87,545
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,602,631	(1,874,623)	271,992	-	-
Pupil premium	-	45,265	(45,265)	-	-	-
UIFSM	-	69,143	(69,143)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	33,910	(33,910)	-	-	-
LA and other government grants	-	140,922	(140,922)	-	-	-
General funds	-	181,848	(181,848)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(77,000)	-	(27,000)	-	104,000	-
	(77,000)	2,073,719	(2,372,711)	271,992	104,000	-
Restricted fixed asset funds						
DfE/ESFA capital grants	6,660,994	312,416	(27,024)	73,776	-	7,020,162
Total Restricted funds	6,583,994	2,386,135	(2,399,735)	345,768	104,000	7,020,162
Total funds	6,835,301	2,568,555	(2,400,149)	-	104,000	7,107,707

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

General Annual Grant

The General Annual Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy including salary costs, overheads, premises costs and curriculum costs. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of state, the academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2023.

Other DfE/ESFA and government grants

Other grants include funding received from the DfE and the Local Education Authority for specific purposes.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Other non-government grants

Other grants include income from parents for catering and both day trips and residential trips.

Fixed asset fund

The fixed asset fund includes grants received from the DfE and other sources to finance the purchase of tangible assets.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve is the element of the local government pension fund liability attributable to the academy (see note 22).

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds - all funds	284,893	192,885	(5,310)	(221,161)	-	251,307
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	1,576,397	(1,812,167)	235,770	-	-
Pupil premium	-	42,408	(42,408)	-	-	-
UIFSM	-	73,175	(73,175)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	43,053	(43,053)	-	-	-
LA and other government grants	-	50,825	(50,825)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	6,309	(6,309)	-	-	-
General funds	-	133,215	(133,215)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(794,000)	-	(215,000)	-	932,000	(77,000)
	<u>(794,000)</u>	<u>1,925,382</u>	<u>(2,376,152)</u>	<u>235,770</u>	<u>932,000</u>	<u>(77,000)</u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds-all funds	6,779,119	94,660	(198,176)	(14,609)	-	6,660,994
Total Restricted funds	5,985,119	2,020,042	(2,574,328)	221,161	932,000	6,583,994
Total funds	6,270,012	2,212,927	(2,579,638)	-	932,000	6,835,301

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	7,020,162	7,020,162
Current assets	87,545	157,570	-	245,115
Creditors due within one year	-	(157,570)	-	(157,570)
Total	87,545	-	7,020,162	7,107,707

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	6,589,203	6,589,203
Current assets	251,307	107,503	71,791	430,601
Creditors due within one year	-	(107,503)	-	(107,503)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(77,000)	-	(77,000)
Total	251,307	(77,000)	6,660,994	6,835,301

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18. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	168,406	(366,711)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	27,024	198,176
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(312,416)	(22,689)
Interest receivable	(40)	(39)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	26,000	202,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	1,000	13,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(9,590)	2,157
Increase in creditors	28,744	25,300
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	(70,872)	51,194

19. Cash flows from investing activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	40	39
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(457,983)	(8,260)
Capital grants from DfE Group	312,416	22,689
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	(145,527)	14,468

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand and at bank	141,624	358,023
Total cash and cash equivalents	141,624	358,023

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21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	358,023	(195,076)	162,947
	<u>358,023</u>	<u>(195,076)</u>	<u>162,947</u>

22. Pension commitments

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

The latest valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2020 and the latest triennial valuation for LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2022. The Trust has received an actuarial report relating to the valuation of the LGPS as at 31 August 2023.

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time 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 impacting these financial statements was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £189,542 (2022 - £187,972).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx>).

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

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 2023 was £118,000 (2022 - £99,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £90,000 (2022 - £75,000) and employees' contributions totalled £28,000 (2022 - £19,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 16.1 per cent for employers and between 5.5 -12.5 per cent for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of 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.

Principal actuarial assumptions

Wandsworth Council Pension Fund

	2023	2022
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.90	3.90
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.90	2.90
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.25	4.20
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.90	2.90

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

	2023	2022
	Years	Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.7	21.0
Females	23.2	23.5
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22.0	22.3
Females	24.6	24.9

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Sensitivity analysis

Wandsworth Council Pension Fund

	2023	2022
	£000	£000
Discount rate +0.1%	749	741
Discount rate -0.1%	790	790
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	789	788
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	749	743
CPI rate +0.1%	749	790
CPI rate -0.1%	790	740
	=====	=====

Share of scheme assets

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Equities	462,000	488,000
Gilts	-	8,000
Corporate bonds	129,000	58,000
Property	111,000	93,000
Cash and other liquid assets	31,000	(3,000)
Multi-asset fund	86,000	44,000
	=====	=====
Total market value of assets	819,000	688,000
	=====	=====

The actual return on scheme assets was £(7,000) (2022 - £(64,000)).

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current service cost	(116,000)	(277,000)
Interest income	31,000	12,000
Interest cost	(32,000)	(25,000)
	=====	=====
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	(117,000)	(290,000)
	=====	=====

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 September	765,000	1,443,000
Current service cost	116,000	277,000
Interest cost	32,000	25,000
Employee contributions	28,000	24,000
Actuarial gains	(111,000)	(996,000)
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(8,000)
At 31 August	819,000	765,000

Changes in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
At 1 September	688,000	649,000
Interest income	31,000	12,000
Actuarial losses	(7,000)	(64,000)
Employer contributions	90,000	75,000
Employee contributions	28,000	24,000
Benefits paid	(11,000)	(8,000)
At 31 August	819,000	688,000

23. Contingent asset

As at 31 August 2023, the actuarial valuation of the Local Government Pension Scheme was calculated as a surplus of £50,000 (2022: £77,000 deficit). As this valuation does not give rise to a virtually certain economic benefit for the trust, either in the form of a reduction in future contributions or a cash settlement, any surplus arising on the valuation is recognised solely as a contingent asset.

24. 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 £1 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

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25. Related party transactions

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

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 11.

26. Post balance sheet event

The supreme court ruling on Harpur vs Brazel (2022) has upheld the ruling impacting holiday pay for part time workers. Employers will now be required to revisit their historical holiday calculations to retrospectively apply this ruling. Whilst this will create a liability for the trust, the government are yet to produce guidance as to the specifics of the calculation required, and hence no accurate provision can currently be made.

Stamp Education Trust

Thomson House School, Vernon Road, London, SW14 8NH

18/12/2023

Date:

Your ref: **STA002**

BKL Audit LLP
35 Ballards Lane
London
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Dear Sirs

Stamp Education Trust

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your audit of the academy trust's financial statements and, as relevant, your assurance engagement on regularity for the year ended 31 August 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

General

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities as Trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter, under the Companies Act 2006 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
2. All the transactions undertaken by the academy trust have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
3. All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and regularity assurance engagement. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the academy trust, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with the Education and Skills Funding Agency, Department for Education and the Charity Commission.
4. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
5. We approve all adjustments as set out in Appendix A, and all decisions on issues requiring the exercise of judgement. We believe that those uncorrected misstatements identified during the audit are immaterial

both individually and in aggregate to the financial statements as a whole. A list of these items will also be included in Appendix A, if applicable, together with our reasons for not correcting them.

Internal Control and Fraud

6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control systems to prevent and detect fraud and error and which conform to the requirements both of propriety and good financial management. We have disclosed to you the results of our risk assessment that the financial statements may be misstated as a result of fraud.
7. We have disclosed to you all instances of known or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have a significant role in internal control or others that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
8. We have also disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by current or former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

Assets and Liabilities

9. The academy trust has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the academy trust's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.
10. All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
11. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
12. We consider that the actuarial assumptions made in connection with the valuation of the deficit on the local government defined benefit pension scheme, are appropriate and representative of the scheme members.

Accounting Estimates

13. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
14. All accounting policies adopted are appropriate for the academy trust and are adequately disclosed.

Loans and arrangements

15. The academy trust has not granted any advances or credits to, or made guarantees on behalf of directors other than those disclosed in the financial statements.

Legal claims

16. We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

Laws and regulations

17. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
18. All relevant correspondence with the academy trusts regulators, including serious incident reports, has been made available to you.

Related parties

19. Related party relationships and transactions, comply with the academy trust's financial regulations, relevant requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook and have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with the requirements and guidance set out in the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP and the Academies Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Subsequent events

20. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

Going concern

21. We believe that the academy trust's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the academy trusts needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Grants and donations

22. Grants made by the Department of Education and Education and Skills Funding Agency have been applied for the purposes intended and the Accounting Officer has ensured regular and proper use and value for money of monies received from government.
23. All other grants, donations and other income, the receipt of which is subject to specific terms or conditions, have been notified to you. There have been no breaches of terms or conditions in the application of such income.
24. The academy trust has not been in receipt of any income relating to the year ended 31 August 2023 other than that recorded within the books.

We acknowledge our legal responsibilities regarding disclosure of information to you as auditors and confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information needed by you in connection with preparing your audit report of which you are unaware.

We confirm that so far as we are aware, there is no relevant other information needed by you in connection with preparing your reporting accountant's assurance report on regularity of which you are unaware.

Each Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit other information and to establish that you are aware of that information.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. M. B.' followed by a flourish.

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Stamp Education Trust

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Stamp Education Trust

Thomson House School, Vernon Road, London, SW14 8NH

19/12/2023
Date:

Your ref: **STA002**

BKL Audit LLP
35 Ballards Lane
London
N3 1XW

Dear Sirs

Stamp Education Trust

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as I consider necessary in connection with your assurance report on regularity to Stamp Education Trust and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy me that I can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of my knowledge and belief.

General

1. I have fulfilled my responsibilities as accounting officer under the requirements of the funding agreement between Stamp Education Trust and the Secretary of State for Education the Academy Trust Handbook 2022.
2. I acknowledge my personal responsibility to Parliament for the regularity and propriety of the public finances for which I am answerable; for the keeping of proper accounts; for effective internal controls; for prudent and economical administration; for the avoidance of waste and extravagance; for achieving value for money; and for the efficient and effective use of all the resources in my charge.
3. I acknowledge my responsibility to notify the Trustee Board and the ESFA of any instances of material irregularity or impropriety, or non-compliance with the terms of the academy trust's funding agreement and have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2022 in performing this duty.
4. Any instances of material irregularity, impropriety, or non-compliance discovered to date have been notified to the governing body and the ESFA.

5. Significant matters of which you should be aware have been brought to your attention including any instances of irregularity, impropriety or non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the academy trust's authorising framework.
6. Full and free access has been granted to all records, correspondence, information and explanations that you have considered necessary to enable you to perform your work.

Yours faithfully



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Accounting Officer
Stamp Education Trust











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