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MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

Mr A Anderson
Dr B Naylor
Dr J Powell
Mr R Sawbridge MBE

Trustees

Mr I Colling (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)
Mr H Cooper (Term ended 7 December 2020)
Mrs S King
Mr D Garratt (Resigned 10 September 2021)
Mr C Harte
Dr M Pobjoy
Dr N Dixon
Dr B Naylor
Dr J Powell (Chair of Trustees)
Mr N Arnold
Mr J Bilson
Mr G Ellis
Mrs S Thomas (Resigned 1 November 2021)
Dr Christian Leitmeir
Miss H Pike
Mrs L Aird
Mr Neil McLaren-Dobbie (Appointed 28 May 2021)
Mr Iain Brown (Appointed 17 May 2021)

Senior management team

- Headteacher	Mr I Colling
- Deputy Head	Mr T Hollis
- Deputy Head	Mrs H Tudor-Price
- Assistant Head	Mr I Horner
- Assistant Head	Mr W Jakeman
- Assistant Head	Ms E Tye
- Business Director	Mrs M Fenner

Company secretary

Mrs W Willie

Company registration number

08316633 (England and Wales)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an Academy for students aged 11 to 19 serving a catchment area in Brackley Northamptonshire. It has a student capacity of 1469 and had a roll of 1402 in the school census October 2020.

The Academy Trust's principal activities are to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom in particular establishing, maintaining, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum for the benefit of individuals living in Brackley and the surrounding areas.

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 Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust Limited are also the Directors and Governors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' liability

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

Trustees' indemnities

Governors benefit from indemnity insurance to cover the liability of the Governors which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust. The cost of this insurance in the year was included in the cover provided by the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement Scheme.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is responsible for appointing one Governor, up to four Community Governors and up to three Staff Governors. Northamptonshire Local Authority may appoint an LA Governor. A maximum of seven Parent Governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy by secret ballot. Magdalen College Oxford has the right to appoint up to four Foundation Governors. The Secretary of State may appoint additional Governors if such an action is felt appropriate.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary induction will provide training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. All new members will be given a tour of the Academy and the opportunity to meet with staff and students. Members are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role. Induction is tailored specifically to the individual.

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Organisational structure

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the Academy's use of budget allocation and approving decisions regarding the strategic direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments. The Headteacher is the Accounting Officer.

The leadership team of the school consists of the Headteacher, two Deputy Headteachers, three Assistant Headteachers and a Business Director. These managers control the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them. As a group the senior managers are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets for areas within their responsibility and the appointment of staff, though appointment boards for senior posts always contain a Governor/Trustee. Some spending control for individual departmental budgets is devolved to members of the Middle Management Team, with limits above which a senior manager must countersign.

The middle leadership includes leaders of learning, heads of faculty, inclusion manager and support staff managers. These leaders are responsible for the day to day operation of the Academy, along with the leadership team, in particular organising the teaching staff, students, support staff and facilities.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Trustees are free to set levels of pay and remuneration for all staff employed at the Academy. Current practice has been to implement the nationally recommended pay awards for both teaching staff and local government staff. The Trustees review any recommendations from the National School Teachers Review Body and Local Government Association for support staff taking into account considerations relating to equal pay, national living wage requirements, parity with other local secondary schools, cost of living increases and affordability. This is applied to all staff positions not just those with key management responsibilities.

Trade union facility time

Facility Time is the provision of paid or unpaid time off from an employee's normal role to undertake trade union duties and activities as a trade union representative. As a publicly funded body, Magdalen College School is required to collate and publish, on an annual basis, a range of data in relation to their usage and spend on trade union facility time in respect of their employees who are trade union representatives.

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period	3
Full-time equivalent employee number	2.88

Percentage of time spent on facility time

Percentage of time	Number of employees
0%	3
1%-50%	-
51%-99%	-
100%	-

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time	-
Total pay bill	6,245,796
Percentage of the total pay bill spent on facility time	-

Paid trade union activities

Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours	-
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Trade unions play an important role in the modern workplace and there are considerable benefits to both employers and employees when organisations and trade unions work well together. In nearly all cases trade union representatives at Magdalen College School undertake their role in their own time and without any additional cost to the school.

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

Mr R Sawbridge, a Member of the Academy Trust, is an Alderman of Northamptonshire County Council.

Ian Colling, Headteacher, Trustee and Accounting Officer, is a lead Ofsted Inspector. An arrangement exists where by the Academy is reimbursed for any Ofsted related activities as appropriate.

The College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford holds some of the land and buildings of the Academy – the St John's site. An arrangement is in place with the President and Scholars of the College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford for the use of the premises by the Academy Trust. The Academy is responsible for the maintenance, replacement and insurance, in joint names with the college, of the land and buildings.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The principal objective and activity of the charitable company is the operation of the Magdalen College School Academy to provide a broad and balanced education for students of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 19 in Brackley and the surrounding areas.

The main objectives of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2021 are summarised below:

- Achieve academic and personal excellence
- Make a positive contribution to global and local communities

Strategies and activities

To achieve its aims the academy provides:

- High quality teaching of the academic curriculum to students to provide them with the knowledge for their future lives and to gain academic qualifications
- Development of a wider understanding of the world through the extended learning days, which focus on an historic contextualisation of academic knowledge and the impact of the human race and how to ensure sustainability in the world
- A wealth of personal development opportunities, including the Magdalen Diploma; teaching of PCSHE; careers advice guidance and support, including work experience; skills to equip students to be effective learners in school and for their futures; extra-curricular programme to broaden students' interests, experiences and skills beyond the taught curriculum; high quality pastoral provision to support individuals' development proactively and in response to their needs as developing young people.

Public benefit

The Trustees of the Academy have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on Public Benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties.

The activities undertaken to further the Academy Trust's purpose for the Public Benefit include promotion of and provision of education for the benefit of the local community of Brackley and the surrounding areas. In addition, the Academy offers access to its facilities in order that a large number and variety of local community groups can meet and hold their activities generally outside of school hours for the benefit of the general public. Community based projects take place throughout the year, organised by staff and students which further enhances the public benefit

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Strategic report

Achievements and performance

It is particularly pleasing to report that the performance of pupils at Magdalen continues to exceed the national averages in key headline data:

- 59% pupils achieved a grade 5 or above in English and maths (National = 52%)
- Average attainment 8: 53 (National = 51)
- Average EBacc average points score: 4.53 (National 4.45)

No public examinations took place in the summer of 2021 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. This resulted in a national system of recognising pupils' achievements through qualifications awarded by the submission of "Teacher-assessed grades". This process was administered rigorously at the school and resulted in outcomes which were an improvement in examination results achieved historically.

Significant numbers of year 13 pupils have progressed to university again in 2021 and there was a further increase in the numbers of pupils choosing to continue their studies in the sixth form.

To ensure that standards are continually raised the academy adopts the following approaches:

- Improvements to the planned curriculum for academic subjects and for personal development
- Rigorous quality assurances to ensure that the quality of provision is evaluated and improvements made
- Periodic evaluations of pupils' learning through faculty reviews and internal examinations
- Detailed evaluations of teachers' performance leading to generic and focused training and development for teachers

The four year strategic vision and development plan was evaluated at the end of year 1 and priorities for year 2 have been set and agreed by trustees. These include:

- Curriculum planning at a granular level to ensure that pupils are building knowledge on what they already know
- Strategic mapping of personal development provision to ensure equitable access for all
- In-house professional development for teachers to support the development of action research in teaching and metacognitive approaches
- Developing effectiveness and capacity of leadership within the Academy to support the improvements of provision and expansion in pupil numbers through succession planning strategies, training and development and sharp focus on impact of actions on provision for pupils
- Re-establishment of extra-curricular provision to support the development of social skills and new interests

In February 2020, the school was the subject of a section 8 OfSTED inspection. The outcome of this was to confirm that the school remains good. The focus of the inspection was on the curriculum and the areas for further improvement identified in the inspection are reflected in the School Improvement Plan. A 4-year vision statement has been produced to guide the strategic direction of the school; this contains elements of education provision (curriculum, teaching, personal development opportunities) and the support mechanisms to underpin these (staffing and staff development, leadership and facilities).

Data analysis is carried out using Go4Schools software package. These enable staff to monitor progress of pupils and to identify where there is underachievement.

The extended learning day programme and provision of extra-curricular activities continue, providing pupils with opportunities to develop their personal skills and their readiness for the workplace. The Magdalen Diploma is now well-established and provides a structure for pupils from year 8 upwards, to demonstrate the ways in which their personal development progresses, and links this to the skills they will need for the workplace.

Pastoral support continues to be a strength of the school and is recognised by parents and professionals from other organisations as providing excellent support.

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Key performance indicators

Key financial performance indicators monitor financial success of the Academy Trust and progress/improvement against the targets set. These include:

- Staffing costs are monitored as a percentage of total income. For the year ended 31 August 2020 staffing costs amounted to 79% of the total income received including direct government grants received which is broadly in line with ESFA guidance.
- 1% of total income was spent on external staff training, development and other staffing related costs. The Academy uses its own professional resources to support training and development where ever possible
- 9.17% of total income was spent on premises maintenance, utilities, health and safety checks and compliance, cleaning and other associated costs. The Academy is responsible for a split site with historic buildings on one site and a large number of inherited conditions issues across both sites
- 2.31% of overall income spent on ICT infrastructure and capital investment
- 5.8% of total income was spent on learning resources, curriculum related expenditure and general operational resources

The Academy Trust also uses a number of non-financial key performance indicators to monitor its performance. These include:

- Progress 8 measure for GCSE – broadly in line with expectations
- Level 3 value added for A-level – above national averages
- Student attendance rates – above national averages
- OfSTED grading remained good (February 2020) – supporting the Academy's own self-evaluation

Risks to outstanding student achievement:

- Catch up following the significant period of school closure during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Variation in progress made between subjects at GCSE and at A-Level

New initiatives:

- 4-year vision to guide the schools direction of improvement including: curriculum strategy, including introduction of "curriculum threads" which provide links between subject disciplines
- Staff development strategy to support recruitment, retention and succession planning
- Personal development strategy

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 the Board of Trustees continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the statement of accounting policies.

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Financial review

The main funding stream of the Academy's income is obtained from the Department of Education (DfE) in the form of recurrent grants disbursed via the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 August 2021, total expenditure of £8,044,503 was funded by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The excess of income over expenditure for the year was £2,915,875 (2020: excess of expenditure over income of £623,101).

At 31 August 2021, the net book value of fixed assets was £15,083,467 (2020: £12,915,210) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 12 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the Academy. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

The current pension liability is reported at £4.226m (2020: £3.023m). The Secretary of State has announced that any pension deficit liabilities due should an Academy close will be underwritten by the DfE which reduces the risk to the Academy and is a welcome underwriting.

Reserves policy

An identified financial risk to the school is that of managing its short-term cash flow effectively. To mitigate this risk, the reserve policy states an appropriate reserves balance aim would equate to 1 weeks' worth of salaries expenditure. In broad terms this would equate to approximately £150,000.

Under the grant conditions set out by the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), at the beginning of the academic year 2020/21 there were no restrictions on the level of funds the Academy can only hold of unspent General Annual Grant (GAG) from previous years. For the year ending 2020/21 the value of uncommitted reserves was £972,833 (2020: £398,825). This was due to continued control over expenditure during the previous years and the balance of restricted grants. The uncommitted reserves were planned in order to support predicted funding constraints going forward due to a falling student roll for the immediate future and uncertainties over the level of recurrent government grants. The number of students is increasing.

At 31 August 2021 the total funds comprised:

Unrestricted	£79,805
Restricted: Fixed Asset fund	£15,580,077
Restricted: General funds	£(3,332,972)
Total	£12,326,910

The deficit on the pension reserve relates to the non-teaching staff pension scheme where, unlike the teachers scheme, separate assets are held to fund future liabilities as discussed in note 19. The deficit can be met in the longer term from any combination of increased employer or employee contributions, increased government funding or changes to scheme benefits. The restricted funds will be spent in accordance with the terms of the particular funds. Unrestricted funds are for use on the general purposes of the Academy, at the discretion of the Governors.

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Investment policy

The Academy aims to manage its cash balance reserves to provide day to day working capital necessary to cover its liabilities and commitments. In addition the school aims to invest any surplus cash funds to optimise a return but ensuring no risk to those cash funds.

Objectives:

To ensure adequate cash reserves are available to cover day to day operational needs

To ensure there is no risk of the capital value of any cash funds invested

To protect the capital value of funds against inflation

To optimise return on invested funds

Principal risks and uncertainties

Through the Academy's risk management procedures, it has considered its principal risks and uncertainties and planned mitigating action wherever possible. The principal risks and uncertainties identified by the governing body are:

- Risks to Outstanding Student Achievement
 - Catch up following the significant period of school closure during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Ability to secure a skilled workforce in the national context, particularly in support staff posts
- Financial Risk
 - Change / reduction in government funding – the Academy receives 98% of its income from government agencies
 - Ability to recruit sufficient funding to keep pace with the necessary repairs, maintenance and development of estates, to meet the demands of the planned curriculum and increasing pupil numbers
 - Mandatory increases in pension costs and national pay agreements
 - Change in government policy which has unfunded cost implications

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Key measures that the Academy has in place to mitigate these risks include:

- Comprehensive assessment and tracking data of student achievement to support learning outcomes and academic success through target setting, lesson observations and staff training particularly focussing on the disadvantaged and gifted and talented students
- Review of A level outcomes. Focussing on student time management, exam board criteria, tracking and monitoring against targets. Emphasis on students gaining the best possible grades
- Student numbers are now increasing. Academic achievement is consistently above the national average. OFSTED graded the Academy Good - February 2020
- Support students to make appropriate subject choices at GCSE and A level to reflect their strengths and interests so as to give students the best possible chance of success
- Maintain close links with feeder schools to build on effective transition arrangements and develop familiarity for prospective students to encourage their choice of Magdalen College School as their preferred secondary school
- Attendance at government funding agency conferences and participation in focus groups to keep up to date with and influence as far as possible Academy funding methodology
- Active promotion of success and activities taking place during the year to capitalise on marketing opportunities to promote the work of the school
- Appropriate organisational staffing structure
- On-going commitment to improving the facilities and resources of the Academy to meet the needs of the curriculum and to provide a safe and stimulating environment for students funded through DfE revenue and capital grant funding streams
- Internal and external quality assurance reviews and self-assessments
- Robust financial management with transparent controls and procedures

The Academy Trust practices through its board, namely the Board of Trustees and the governing body and the constituted subcommittees, risk management principles. Any major risks highlighted at any sub-committee are brought to the main board with proposed mitigating actions and they continue to be reported until the risk is adequately mitigated.

The Governing Body accepts managed risk as an inevitable part of its operations but maintains an objective not to run unacceptable levels of risk in any area. The subjective nature of this process requires major risks to be resolved by the governing body collectively, whilst more minor risks are dealt with by senior executive officers.

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Fundraising

The Academy is keen to support a range of good causes both locally, nationally and internationally and encourages involvement by students and the school community to raise funds periodically throughout the school year. The Student Council consider good causes for support on an annual basis and these are agreed with senior leaders to ensure those charities are appropriate. Recent charities supported include Do it for Defib, RSPCA, Save the Children and Royal British Legion Poppy appeal. Fund-raising is generally through non-uniform days, cake sales and an Advent Fayre. There is no obligation on students / parents or the community to support the charities and no students are excluded from participating in school fund raising events due to any financial constraints. The Academy works closely with its Parent / Teacher Association who work to raise funds for the school and its students.

Local businesses are keen to support the Academy and on occasion donate equipment or small cash donations to help towards specific projects or activities.

The Academy does not operate a regulated fund-raising scheme nor does it employ or use the services of a professional fund-raiser.

Plans for future periods

The Academy will continue to build on the work already in place and further support improvements for all students including:

- Supporting students to develop a curiosity for the world around them and to value their learning as well as the resulting outcomes

- Encouraging a passion and pride in what they do and encouraging them to be respectful of each other and the community

- To have a school where everyone is able to achieve their full potential

- Students develop as individuals and are prepared for adult life

- Staff are engaged with and contribute to the vision, ethos and future plans of the Academy

- Staff feel valued and listened to and are supported to bring about change and improvement

- Trustees/Governors continue to review their operations in order to effectively discharge their responsibilities, support school improvement and manage change

- There is a high level of engagement by stakeholders to support the education vision and provide positive opportunities for all

Funds held as custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The Academy holds no funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

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Auditor

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

Ellacotts are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 16/12/21..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Dr J Powell

Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and are in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

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 5 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mr I Colling (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)	5	5
Mr H Cooper (Term ended 7 December 2020)	3	3
Mrs S King	2	5
Nr D Garratt (Resigned 10 September 2021)	5	5
Mr C Harte	4	5
Dr M Pobjoy	2	5
Dr N Dixon	3	5
Dr B Naylor	5	5
Dr J Powell (Chair of Trustees)	5	5
Mr N Arnold	4	5
Mr J Bilson	5	5
Mr G Ellis	4	5
Mrs S Thomas (Resigned 1 November 2021)	3	5
Dr Christian Leitmeir	5	5
Miss H Pike	4	5
Mrs L Aird	3	5
Mr Neil McLaren-Dobbie (Appointed 28 May 2021)	0	1
Mr Iain Brown (Appointed 17 May 2021)	0	1

The Board of Trustees has remained fairly stable during the year to August 2021. The board has access to a range of student progress and outcome data which informs their role to enable support and challenge to take place and enables improvements to student outcomes to remain a key focus of the trust's work. Trustees were involved in a number of initiatives including:

- Support for marketing and promotion of the school's successes
- Reviewing competency and skill sets within committees
- Reviewing the committee structures
- Reviewing feedback from staff and student surveys
- Involvement staff exit interviews
- Involvement in staff appointments

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Finance Resources and Personnel Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its involvement during the year included:

- Oversee the strategic development of the Academy's resources
- Continue the close links of the management of the financial resources provided by the Department for Education (DfE) and any other sources
- Approve the distribution of those requirements and priorities established by the governing body and other committees
- Monitor the management accounts and cash flow monthly
- Ensure the annual accounts are produced in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the DfE guidance issued to academies and to recommend approval of the annual accounts
- Review of the management, use and improvement of the school's grounds and accommodation
- Ensuring health and safety issues are dealt with appropriately
- Ensure appropriate insurance is in place
- To respond to any significant matters arising from the work of auditors and any other independent body reporting directly to the Academy
- To recommend the appointment of auditors on an annual basis

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mr I Colling (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)	4	4
Mrs S King	2	4
Nr D Garratt (Resigned 10 September 2021)	4	4
Dr M Pobjoy	4	4
Dr N Dixon	2	3
Dr B Naylor	4	4
Mr G Ellis	4	4
Mr Iain Brown (Appointed 17 May 2021)	1	1

The Audit Committee, known as the Chairs Committee, is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its membership is made up of the chairs of all the other sub-committees. Its main purpose during the year is:

- To provide a strategic overview of the Academy's development
- To ensure a high quality provision of teaching, learning and achievements is in place
- To advise the Trustees on a regular basis of the effectiveness of the Academy's arrangements for risk management, financial control and governance processes

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mr I Colling (Headteacher and Accounting Officer)	4	4
Nr D Garratt (Resigned 10 September 2021)	4	4
Mr C Harte	3	4
Dr B Naylor	2	4
Dr J Powell (Chair of Trustees)	4	4
Mr J Bilson	4	4
Mr G Ellis	4	4

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Review of value for money

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

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

- Curriculum planning at a granular level to ensure that pupils are building knowledge on what they already know
- Strategic mapping of personal development provision to ensure equitable access for all
- In-house professional development for teachers to support the development of action research in teaching and metacognitive approaches
- Developing effectiveness and capacity of leadership within the Academy to support the improvements of provision and expansion in pupil numbers through succession planning strategies, training and development and sharp focus on impact of actions on provision for pupils
- Re-establishment of extra-curricular provision to support the development of social skills and new interests
- Successfully securing resources from the ESFA and other grant providers to extend learning opportunities and improve facilities
- Review of financial commitments to control costs.

The Academy is committed to supporting students to achieve their full potential through academic achievement, scholarship and diploma programmes, extra-curricular opportunities and extended learning to develop the whole person to help them prepare for higher education, further training and work.

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Targeted improvement

The Academy has a robust tracking system for monitoring achievement and is continually looking at how data can inform staff in order for them to support and extend the learning of the students. We have employed skilled staff to support our school improvement agenda and we involve all our teams in focusing on the students learning needs and encourage innovation and creativity to meet those needs. Individual targets are known to students and their parents in order that students are fully aware and supported to achieve.

New initiatives

- The Academy has continued to develop robust monitoring and tracking of pupil premium students and funding to ensure that resources are targeted appropriately to allow this group of students to secure the best of outcomes
- Improvement in behaviour to eliminate low level disruption in lessons
- High quality development programmes for teachers aimed at improving classroom practice
- Increased accountability to staff through regular robust monitoring of policy implementation
- Using staff time effectively
- Diploma and scholarship programmes to encourage student development and provide academic challenge and commitment outside of the main curriculum
- Working in conjunction with local businesses to further develop employment and work based skills

Focus on individual pupils

The Academy offers students a comprehensive student support service and specialist learning provision. Students benefit from one to one mentoring, small group work, external educational provision where appropriate and our experienced teams work with students to support their individual needs.

The Academy rewards excellence and encourages positive behaviour. We celebrate achievement and encourage students to try new activities to develop their confidence and leadership skills.

Our house system develops a sense of community across the school and gives students an opportunity to work as a team across the year groups, develop skills and brings a healthy competitive edge to competitions and events.

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. In addition to on-going internal controls and procedures the Academy Trust has appointed Ellacotts Accountants to undertake periodic system and process control checks on their behalf and report accordingly.

The system of internal control has been in place in Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

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 Resources and Personnel 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 considered the need for a specific internal audit as per The Academies Financial Handbook and has appointed Moore Accountants as the internal auditor to perform additional checks throughout the year. This option was chosen in order to provide maximum transparency. Ellacotts Audit Services Limited, remain as the external auditor.

The Internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. After each visit, the auditor reports to the Trustees, through the Finance Resources and Personnel Committee, on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Governors' financial responsibilities. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchases systems
- Testing of control accounts/bank reconciliation
- Review of fixed assets monitoring.

On a regular basis the auditor reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Finance Resources and Personnel Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities. Two visits took place during the year in question.

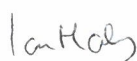
Review of effectiveness

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

- Reports from the Business Director
- Reports from the Internal Auditor
- Involvement of the senior managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 7/12/21 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr I Colling
Headteacher and Accounting Officer



Dr J Powell
Chair of Trustees

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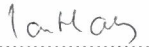
STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

As Accounting Officer of Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy Trust, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust's Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2020.

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.

Mr I Colling
Accounting Officer


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MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

The Trustees (who are also the directors of Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report (including the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 as published by the Education & Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 16/12/21..... and signed on its behalf by:



Dr J Powell
Chair of Trustees

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 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 2020 to 2021 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the information included in the Trustees' annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Other information includes the Trustees' report (incorporating the strategic report and the directors' report), the governance statement and the Accounting Officer's statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of 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, set out on page 20, the Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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

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

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

Use of our report

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

Charlotte Toemaes

**Charlotte Toemaes BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Ellacotts Audit Services Limited
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor**

Countrywide House
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Date: 17/12/21

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated December 2020 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 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 Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 27 July 2012 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2020, 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 2020 to 2021. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- reviewing the minutes of the meetings of the Board and other evidence available to us relevant to our consideration of regularity;
- reviewing the objectives and activities of the Academy with reference to the income and other information available to us as auditors of the Academy Trust;
- testing a sample of payroll payments to staff;
- testing a sample of payments to suppliers and other third parties;
- testing a sample of grants received and other income; and
- evaluation of the internal control procedures and reporting lines, and testing as appropriate.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Conclusion

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Ellacotts Audit Services Ltd

Reporting Accountant

Ellacotts Audit Services Limited
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Oxfordshire
OX16 9SA
England

Dated: 17/12/21.....

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021


	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds: General £ Fixed asset £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	403	5,614	3,107,306	3,113,323
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	-	7,779,611	-	7,779,611
Other trading activities	5	57,822	-	-	57,822
Investments	6	124	-	-	124
Total		58,349	7,785,225	3,107,306	10,950,880
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	-	7,592,566	442,439	8,035,005
Total	7	-	7,592,566	442,439	8,035,005
Net income/(expenditure)		58,349	192,659	2,664,867	2,915,875
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	19	-	(425,000)	-	(425,000)
Net movement in funds		58,349	(232,341)	2,664,867	2,490,875
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		21,456	(3,100,631)	12,915,210	9,836,035
Total funds carried forward		79,805	(3,332,972)	15,580,077	12,326,910

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		15,083,467		12,915,210
Current assets					
Debtors	13	1,032,748		131,536	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,220,049		791,210	
			<u>2,252,797</u>		<u>922,746</u>
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(773,954)		(512,171)	
Net current assets			<u>1,478,843</u>		<u>410,575</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>16,562,310</u>		<u>13,325,785</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(9,400)		(11,750)
Net assets before defined benefit pension scheme liability			<u>16,552,910</u>		<u>13,314,035</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		(4,226,000)		(3,478,000)
Total net assets			<u><u>12,326,910</u></u>		<u><u>9,836,035</u></u>
Funds of the Academy Trust:					
Restricted funds	17				
- Fixed asset funds			15,580,077		12,915,210
- Restricted income funds			893,028		377,369
- Pension reserve			(4,226,000)		(3,478,000)
Total restricted funds			<u>12,247,105</u>		<u>9,814,579</u>
Unrestricted income funds	17		<u>79,805</u>		<u>21,456</u>
Total funds			<u><u>12,326,910</u></u>		<u><u>9,836,035</u></u>

The accounts as set out on pages 26 to 49 were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16/12/21 and are signed on its behalf by:



Dr J Powell

Chair of Trustees

Company Number 08316633

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by operating activities	20		739,856		153,802
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		124		433	
Capital grants from DfE Group		293,897		142,059	
Capital funding received from sponsors and others		2,005,658		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(2,610,696)		(174,578)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(311,017)		(32,086)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			428,839		121,716
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			791,210		669,494
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			1,220,049		791,210

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

Magdalen College School Brackley Academy Trust is a charitable company. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the Trustees' report.

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

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2020 to 2021 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, the functional currency, rounded to the nearest £1.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the statement of financial activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL BRACKLEY ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Donations

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where the receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

Donated fixed assets

Donated fixed assets are measured at fair value unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor is used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

1.4 Expenditure

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

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding that require the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the statement of financial activities and carried forward in the balance sheet. 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, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold property	2-4% straight line
Computer equipment	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

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

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

1.6 Liabilities

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

1.7 Leased assets

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

1.8 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets

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

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

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1 Accounting policies

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Financial liabilities

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

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

1.9 Taxation

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

1.10 Pensions benefits

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

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

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate Trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to 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 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.

1.11 Fund accounting

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

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

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1 Accounting policies

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1.12 Licence to occupy

The President and Scholars of the College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford own the freehold interest in the St John's Buildings which are occupied by the Academy on a rent free licence. Full details of the arrangement are detailed in note 12.

The directors have considered the guidance in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 paragraph 8.7.5 in relation to properties occupied under licence. Having considered the arrangements under which the Academy Trust is occupying the land and buildings, for the reasons given in note 12, the directors have concluded that the arrangement should not be included as an asset on the balance sheet and the directors have not included any value of land or buildings in the financial statements.

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 19, will impact 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 2021. 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.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Capital grants	-	3,107,306	3,107,306	142,059
Other donations	403	5,614	6,017	14,891
	<u>403</u>	<u>3,112,920</u>	<u>3,113,323</u>	<u>156,950</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £3,113,323 (2020: £156,950) of which £403 was unrestricted (2020: £-), £5,614 was restricted (2020: £14,891) and £3,107,306 was restricted fixed assets (2020: £142,059).

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4 Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	6,809,191	6,809,191	6,177,237
Other DfE/ESFA grants:				
Pupil premium	-	108,781	108,781	93,351
Others	-	527,657	527,657	402,969
	-	7,445,629	7,445,629	6,673,557
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	55,001	55,001	76,577
COVID-19 additional funding				
DfE/ESFA				
Catch-up premium	-	94,200	94,200	-
Other funding				
School funds	-	82,029	82,029	235,698
Other incoming resources	-	102,752	102,752	18,587
	-	184,781	184,781	254,285
Total funding	-	7,779,611	7,779,611	7,004,419

The income from funding for educational operations was £7,779,611 (2020: £7,004,419) of which £7,779,611 was restricted (2020: £7,004,419).

The Academy Trust received £94,200 of funding for catch-up premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £94,200 with a balance of £Nil to be spent in 2021/22.

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Letting Income	26,352	-	26,352	10,411
Other income	31,470	-	31,470	24,611
	57,822	-	57,822	35,022

The income from other trading activities was £57,822 (2020: £35,022) of which £57,822 was unrestricted (2020: £35,022).

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6 Investment income	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Other investment income	124	-	124	433

The income from funding for investment income was £124 (2020: £433) of which £124 was unrestricted (2020: £433).

7 Expenditure	Staff costs £	Non-pay expenditure		Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
		Premises £	Other £		
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	5,218,295	-	457,000	5,675,295	5,514,057
- Allocated support costs	1,027,501	1,048,043	284,166	2,359,710	2,305,868
	<u>6,245,796</u>	<u>1,048,043</u>	<u>741,166</u>	<u>8,035,005</u>	<u>7,819,925</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	7,200	7,200
- Other services	3,800	6,850
Operating lease rentals	19,876	22,891
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	442,439	451,044
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	61,000	57,000
	<u>533,311</u>	<u>1,015,785</u>

8 Charitable activities	2021 £	2020 £
All from restricted funds:		
Direct costs		
Educational operations	5,675,295	5,514,057
Support costs		
Educational operations	2,359,710	2,305,868
	<u>8,035,005</u>	<u>7,819,925</u>

The expenditure on educational operations was £8,035,005 (2020: £7,819,925) of which £- was unrestricted (2020: £35,455), £7,592,566 was restricted (2020: £7,333,426) and £442,439 was restricted fixed assets (2020: £451,044).

Analysis of support costs	2021 £	2020 £
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8 Charitable activities (Continued)

Support staff costs	840,501	730,561
Depreciation	442,439	451,044
Technology costs	92,310	152,195
Premises costs	605,604	620,926
Other support costs	365,208	341,649
Governance costs	13,648	9,493
	<u>2,359,710</u>	<u>2,305,868</u>

9 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,410,425	4,140,747
Social security costs	406,574	391,398
Pension costs	1,273,442	1,203,287
	<u>6,090,441</u>	<u>5,735,432</u>
Staff costs	6,090,441	5,735,432
Agency staff costs	155,355	123,524
Staff development and other staff costs	-	40,653
	<u>6,245,796</u>	<u>5,899,609</u>
Total staff expenditure	<u>6,245,796</u>	<u>5,899,609</u>

Staff numbers

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

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Teachers	80	73
Administration and support	69	96
Management	7	6
	<u>156</u>	<u>175</u>

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9 Staff

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Higher paid staff

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

	2021 Number	2020 Number
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	3
In the band £70,000 - £80,000	2	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	-	1
In the band £100,001 - £110,000	1	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £658,779 (2020: £509,003).

10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

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

I Colling (Headteacher and Accounting Officer):

- Remuneration £100,000 - £105,000 (2020: £95,000 - £100,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2020: £15,000 - £20,000)

S King (Staff Trustee):

- Remuneration £20,000 - £25,000 (2020: £15,000-£20,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2020: £0-£5,000)

N Dixon (Staff Trustee):

- Remuneration £50,000 - £55,000 (2020: £50,000 - £55,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2020: £5,000-£10,000)

S Thomas (Staff Trustee):

- Remuneration £30,000 - £35,000 (2020: £30,000 - £35,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2020: £5,000 - £10,000)

During the year, travel and subsistence payments totalling £Nil (2020: £Nil) were reimbursed or paid directly to Nil Trustees (2020: Nil Trustees).

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

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11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2021. The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2020	15,533,122	530,681	401,210	32,433	16,497,446
Additions	2,527,862	82,834	-	-	2,610,696
At 31 August 2021	18,060,984	613,515	401,210	32,433	19,108,142
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2020	2,716,334	457,628	393,298	14,976	3,582,236
Charge for the year	384,650	46,312	5,156	6,321	442,439
At 31 August 2021	3,100,984	503,940	398,454	21,297	4,024,675
Net book value					
At 31 August 2021	14,960,000	109,575	2,756	11,136	15,083,467
At 31 August 2020	12,816,788	73,055	7,912	17,455	12,915,210

Assets that are not depreciated

Included within Leasehold property is £2,906,350 of land that is not depreciated.

Licence to occupy

The President and Scholars of the College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford own the freehold interest in the St John's Buildings which are occupied by the Academy on a rent free licence, the terms of which have been agreed between the Secretary of State and The President and Scholars of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford. The licence delegates aspects of the management of the land (and buildings) to the Academy Trust for the time being, but does not vest any rights over the land in the Academy Trust, the terms of which have been agreed between the Secretary of State and The President and Scholars of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford, and within which is contained a termination clause that The President and Scholars of the College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford may give not less than two years notice.

The land and buildings at Waynflete Avenue, occupied by the Academy are held under a 125-year lease from Northamptonshire County Council.

The Academy is responsible for the maintenance and insurance of the land and buildings. Any further capital works to the St John's Buildings, funded by the Academy, require prior approval of The President and Scholars of the College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford. If the Academy is in breach of its obligation to maintain the upkeep of the land and buildings, The President and Scholars of the College of St Mary Magdalen in the University of Oxford may give not less than six months notice to terminate the agreement. Improvements to the land and buildings are capitalised as Leasehold Property.

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13 Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	4,529	1,015
VAT recoverable	107,821	41,740
Prepayments and accrued income	920,398	88,781
	<u>1,032,748</u>	<u>131,536</u>

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	67,584	232,732
Other taxation and social security	103,294	95,329
Other creditors	120,432	109,926
Accruals and deferred income	482,644	74,184
	<u>773,954</u>	<u>512,171</u>

Included within Other creditors is a balance of £2,350 (2020: £2,350) relating to a Salix loan from ESFA. This loan is unsecured and interest free.

Included within Other creditors is a balance of £nil (2020: £50,000) relating to a CIF loan from ESFA. This loan was unsecured and had interest of 0.0103%.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	<u>9,400</u>	<u>11,750</u>

Included within Other creditors is a balance of £9,400 (2020: £11,750) relating to a Salix loan from ESFA. This loan is unsecured, interest free.

16 Deferred income	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income is included within:		
Creditors due within one year	<u>1,309</u>	<u>24,336</u>

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16	Deferred income	(Continued)	
	Deferred income at 1 September 2020	24,336	53,736
	Released from previous years	(24,336)	(53,736)
	Resources deferred in the year	1,309	24,336
	Deferred income at 31 August 2021	1,309	24,336

At the balance sheet date the Academy Trust was holding funds received in advance for school trips.

17	Funds	Balance at 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2021 £
	Restricted general funds					
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	359,797	6,809,191	(6,275,960)	-	893,028
	Pupil premium	-	108,781	(108,781)	-	-
	Catch-up premium	-	94,200	(94,200)	-	-
	Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	527,657	(527,657)	-	-
	Other government grants	-	55,001	(55,001)	-	-
	Other restricted funds	17,572	190,395	(207,967)	-	-
	Pension reserve	(3,478,000)	-	(323,000)	(425,000)	(4,226,000)
		<u>(3,100,631)</u>	<u>7,785,225</u>	<u>(7,592,566)</u>	<u>(425,000)</u>	<u>(3,332,972)</u>
	Restricted fixed asset funds					
	Inherited on conversion	10,920,487	-	(314,290)	-	10,606,197
	DfE group capital grants	1,994,723	3,107,306	(128,149)	-	4,973,880
		<u>12,915,210</u>	<u>3,107,306</u>	<u>(442,439)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,580,077</u>
	Total restricted funds	<u>9,814,579</u>	<u>10,892,531</u>	<u>(8,035,005)</u>	<u>(425,000)</u>	<u>12,247,105</u>
	Unrestricted funds					
	General funds	21,456	58,349	-	-	79,805
	Total funds	<u>9,836,035</u>	<u>10,950,880</u>	<u>(8,035,005)</u>	<u>(425,000)</u>	<u>12,326,910</u>

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17 Funds

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

Restricted general funds will be used for educational purposes in line with the Academy's objects and its funding agreement with the Department for Education.

Restricted fixed assets funds amounting to £15,580,077 will be reserved against future depreciation charges.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2021.

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

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	369,430	6,177,237	(6,154,353)	(32,517)	359,797
Pupil premium	-	93,351	(93,351)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	402,969	(402,969)	-	-
Other government grants	-	76,577	(76,577)	-	-
Other restricted funds	17,572	269,176	(269,176)	-	17,572
Pension reserve	(3,023,000)	-	(337,000)	(118,000)	(3,478,000)
	<u>(2,635,998)</u>	<u>7,019,310</u>	<u>(7,333,426)</u>	<u>(150,517)</u>	<u>(3,100,631)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	11,234,777	-	(314,290)	-	10,920,487
DfE group capital grants	1,956,901	142,059	(136,754)	32,517	1,994,723
	<u>13,191,678</u>	<u>142,059</u>	<u>(451,044)</u>	<u>32,517</u>	<u>12,915,210</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>10,555,680</u>	<u>7,161,369</u>	<u>(7,784,470)</u>	<u>(118,000)</u>	<u>9,814,579</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>21,456</u>	<u>35,455</u>	<u>(35,455)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,456</u>
Total funds	<u>10,577,136</u>	<u>7,196,824</u>	<u>(7,819,925)</u>	<u>(118,000)</u>	<u>9,836,035</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
	Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	15,083,467	15,083,467
Current assets	79,805	1,676,382	496,610	2,252,797
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(773,954)	-	(773,954)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(9,400)	-	(9,400)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(4,226,000)	-	(4,226,000)
Total net assets	79,805	(3,332,972)	15,580,077	12,326,910

	Unrestricted	Restricted funds:		Total
	Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2020 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	12,915,210	12,915,210
Current assets	21,456	901,290	-	922,746
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(512,171)	-	(512,171)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(11,750)	-	(11,750)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(3,478,000)	-	(3,478,000)
Total net assets	21,456	(3,100,631)	12,915,210	9,836,035

19 Pension and similar obligations

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

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

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

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in 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.

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19 Pension and similar obligations

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Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £763,987 (2020: £824,940).

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

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate Trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The estimated value of employer contributions for the forth coming year is £244,000.

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.

Total contributions made	2021 £	2020 £
Employer's contributions	250,000	234,000
Employees' contributions	66,000	63,000
Total contributions	<u>316,000</u>	<u>297,000</u>

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19 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions	2021 %	2020 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.4	2.8
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.9	2.3
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.7

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

	2021 Years	2020 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.7	21.5
- Females	24.1	23.7
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.8	22.3
- Females	25.8	25.1

The sensitivities regarding the principal assumptions used to measure the scheme liabilities are set out below:

Change in assumptions at 31 August 2021:	Approximate % increase to Employer Liability	Approximate monetary amount £'s
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	10%	975,000
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	0%	70,000
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	10%	895,000

Change in assumptions at 31 August 2020:	Approximate % increase to Employer Liability	Approximate monetary amount £'s
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	11%	811,000
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	1%	61,000
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	10%	737,000

The Academy Trust's share of the assets in the scheme	2021 Fair value £	2020 Fair value £
Equities	3,286,350	2,688,240
Bonds	981,000	623,360
Cash	49,050	116,880
Property	588,600	467,520
Total market value of assets	4,905,000	3,896,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £792,000 (2020: £24,000).

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19 Pension and similar obligations	(Continued)	
Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2021	2020
	£	£
Current service cost	512,000	514,000
Past service cost	-	5,000
Interest income	(68,000)	(68,000)
Interest cost	129,000	125,000
Benefit changes, curtailments and settlements gains or losses	-	(5,000)
	<u>573,000</u>	<u>571,000</u>
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations		2021
		£
At 1 September 2020		7,374,000
Current service cost		512,000
Interest cost		129,000
Employee contributions		66,000
Actuarial loss		1,149,000
Benefits paid		(99,000)
		<u>9,131,000</u>
At 31 August 2021		<u>9,131,000</u>
Changes in the fair value of the Academy Trust's share of scheme assets		2021
		£
At 1 September 2020		3,896,000
Interest income		68,000
Actuarial (gain)/loss		724,000
Employer contributions		250,000
Employee contributions		66,000
Benefits paid		(99,000)
		<u>4,905,000</u>
At 31 August 2021		<u>4,905,000</u>

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	2,915,875	(623,101)
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(3,107,306)	(142,059)
Investment income receivable	(124)	(433)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	262,000	280,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	61,000	57,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	442,439	451,044
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(93,461)	8,708
Increase in creditors	259,433	122,643
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>739,856</u>	<u>153,802</u>

21 Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 September 2020	Cash flows	31 August 2021
	£	£	£
Cash	791,210	428,839	1,220,049
	<u>791,210</u>	<u>428,839</u>	<u>1,220,049</u>

22 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

At 31 August 2021 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	18,220	19,876
Amounts due in two and five years	-	18,220
	<u>18,220</u>	<u>38,096</u>

23 Related party transactions

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the Academy Trust has an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

No such related party transactions took place during the period of account.

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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 or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member.