

Company Registration No. 07687178 (England and Wales)

TITHE ACADEMY
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

TITHE ACADEMY

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

D Bocock
H Freed
P Hughes
S Savva
J Waxman (left 9 November 2018)
R Walsh (Appointed 16 November 2018)

Trustees

P Hughes (Chair of Board of Trustees)
J Reavley (Accounting Officer)
S Savva (Vice-Chair)
P Katbamna
N Roger
R Tullo
K McEwan (Appointed 1 February 2019)

Senior management team - Rooks Heath College

- Executive Headteacher	J Reavley
- Associate Headteacher	D Parker
- Director of Business	J Wright
- Deputy Headteacher	J Haddow
- Deputy Headteacher	J Logan

Senior management team - Earlsmead Primary School

- Headteacher	N Marshall
- Deputy Headteacher	M Gregory
- Deputy Headteacher	T Nobbs

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Registered office

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Academies operated	Location	Headteacher
Rooks Heath College	Eastcote Lane, Harrow,	J Reavley
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TITHE ACADEMY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

The Trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates two academies for pupils aged 4 to 19 serving a catchment area in the London Borough of Harrow:

- Rooks Heath College has a pupil capacity of 1250 and had a roll of 1177 in the October 2019 school census.
- Earlsmead Primary School has a pupil capacity of 420 and had a roll of 306 in the October 2019 school census.

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 Members of the Trust are legal Members of the charitable company. The Trustees of Tithe Academy are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Following Rooks Heath College's conversion to a multi-academy trust, the charitable company became known as Tithe Academy, with Earlsmead Primary School joining the trust on 1st August 2017.

Details of the Trustees who served during 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

In accordance with standard practice, the academy trust is a member of the government's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides insurance to protect the Trustees, Governors and Officers of the company from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions whilst on academy business. The cover under the policy is £10 million.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The Trust looks to ensure a mix of skills and selects new Trustees on the basis of background, experience and specialist skills. Trustees are recruited from academy contacts including parents and staff. The Trust looks to maintain Trustees with a wide range of skills and experiences including the estates, legal, education, finance, management, and business.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

Trustees are provided with induction training and a wider programme of training events is organised according to needs.

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Organisational structure

The day-to-day administration is undertaken within the policies and procedures written by the Board of Trustees which provide for significant personnel and expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to the Board of Trustees for prior approval. These policies and procedures are based on guidance from the DfE.

The Board of Trustees meets at least 6 times a year and delegates responsibilities to a joint Local Governing Body and further delegates responsibilities to a number of sub-committees, including Audit & Risk and Pay Review Panels. Each committee works under the guidance of a trustee governor, appointed at the first committee meeting of the academic year. Written terms of reference are reviewed once a year and the Clerk to the Board co-ordinates the work of the Board of Trustees, Governors and committees.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

'Key management personnel' includes all Trustees, Governors, the Executive Headteacher as Accounting Officer and Director of Business as Chief Finance Officer (CFO).

Trustees do not receive any remuneration except for salaried employment remuneration.

The senior leadership team's remuneration is set by the CEO, except that the Executive Head's, Associate Head's, and Headteachers' remuneration is set by the Board of Trustees on advice from the Pay Review Panel. Pay progression is linked to performance and objective setting is rigorous. The pay of the CFO is determined by the CEO using the Trust's approved job evaluation scheme.

Trade union facility time

Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant union officials during the relevant period -

Full-time equivalent employee number -

Percentage of time spent on facility time

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

Total cost of facility time	-
Total pay bill	8,413,731
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 -

Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The Academy Trust is one of seven member academies of The Jubilee Academy, which has been set up to provide alternative education provision in the London Borough of Harrow. Dr Reavley is currently the Executive Headteacher of The Jubilee Academy. The same seven academies have also successfully bid to the DfE to open two new free schools: Harrow View Primary School (still to open) and Pinner High School (open).

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Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The academy trust's objects, as set out in the Memorandum of Association, are to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing the schools' offering a broad curriculum with a strong emphasis, but in no way limited to one or a combination of the specialisms specified in the funding agreements entered into between the Company and the Secretary of State for Education ("Secretary of State").

Within the objects, the academy trust aims to create an environment to nurture children, to get the best from them and to allow them to develop and fulfil their potential. We aim to provide students with a first class education and a wide range of opportunities. This is done in a way which is consistent with the ethos that every child will be valued, respected and cared for, and through a daily moral purpose to provide the best learning experience for all.

The objective is to provide education for students of all abilities between the ages of 4 and 19. All children who apply are admitted (up to the capacity of the academy trust), with no selection.

Consistent with other academies in the United Kingdom we aim to raise the educational outcomes from the levels inherited from the predecessor school, and to increase student numbers.

Objectives, strategies and activities

The Trust's key objective is to provide the best possible education for each and every student. Tithe Academy will accomplish this by:

- i. Ensuring the Trust is vibrant and inclusive, where all students are nurtured and encouraged to learn and achieve, irrespective of gender, race, class, special needs, or belief.
- ii. Providing a learning environment where students are healthy, safe and enjoy opportunities available to enable them to achieve economic wellbeing.
- iii. Improving the physical environment and building on the culture of vigilance to best meet such demands.
- iv. Serving the needs of the community through:
 - Raising the level of achievement of all students by continuing to raise attainment and closing any remaining gaps.
 - Raising expectations for students through positive intervention programmes.
 - Prioritising teaching to promote learning and the raising of student achievement.
 - Fostering the development of all students through respect for other young people and adults.
 - Demonstrating an ambitious vision for students and teachers.
 - Embedding literacy and numeracy through a personalised and cross curricular approach.
 - Ensuring equal opportunities in relation to gender, race, class, special needs, and belief.

In order to achieve these objectives, the Trust aims to:

- i. Maintain a clear vision.
- ii. Share resources.
- iii. Secure economies of scale.
- iv. Strengthen governance.
- v. Secure financial strength.

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Public benefit

In setting objectives and planning activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education. The Trust also holds community liaison and learning sessions during the day, and makes its facilities available to the community outside of educational hours.

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

During the last 12 month period Rooks Heath College educated approximately 1130 students between the ages of 11 and 19, while Earlsmead Primary School educated approximately 388 students between the ages of 4 and 11. Recruitment for Year 7 students was high. 207 students were admitted to Year 7 in 2018. 32 students were admitted to Reception in 2018.

The annual report for achievement and performance is centred on the findings of the 2019 Ofsted report at Rooks Heath College. The report's key findings were good for all main indicators: leadership and management; quality of teaching; behaviour and welfare; and outcomes. An outstanding judgement was given for work promoting pupils' personal development and welfare. The sixth form is good.

Students' achievement at Earlsmead Primary School is improving rapidly from a starting point at threshold, the school is still progressing towards good. In Reading, Writing, and Maths the school fairs very favourably with schools with a similar profile.

Teaching across the Trust is at least good. Teachers are highly committed to ensuring the success of all students. Assessment procedures include regular checks on students' progress and these inform teachers how to challenge students and extend their learning.

The behaviour of students across the Trust is of a high standard. Students are courteous, considerate and cooperate well when moving between lessons and in their social time. Racial abuse and incidents of bullying are extremely rare and dealt with effectively. Attitudes to learning are positive in lessons and students in the Trust say that they feel very well cared for.

The Trust leadership at all levels works hard to secure continuous improvement over a sustained period. The leadership of teaching and the management of performance are highly effective. Trust leadership knows its strengths and the areas to develop further extremely well. Monitoring and evaluation of students' progress are carried out rigorously and, along with the outstanding curriculum and promotion of students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, ensure that the needs and interests of all students are met very effectively, particularly those students who arrive mid-year.

The Trust aims to support young people in reaching their potential in all areas of school life, a Trust wide aim. This ambition encompasses academic subjects as well as art, drama, sport, music or dance, with the aim of producing 'well rounded' individuals who are able to make a positive contribution to society.

Students support their global community by volunteering for local community projects, and by raising awareness of and money for a number of worthy causes.

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Key performance indicators

Rooks Heath College was rated 'Good' in all categories by Ofsted who inspected in 2019. This follows three previous grade 1 inspections in 2012, 2008 and 2005.

Earlsmead Primary School has now completed two years as a new school and is awaiting its first Ofsted inspection as an academy. Self-evaluation is very strong and indicates a potential grade 2 in leadership and management, quality of teaching, behaviour and welfare, and outcomes.

As the sponsor school, Rooks Heath College continues to work with Earlsmead Primary School on a programme of school improvement. Collaboration across the Trust is growing, with business functions being managed centrally in order to maximise teaching and learning time and resources.

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 accounts. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the statement of accounting policies.

Financial review

Funding for the period was provided by ESFA by means of standard grants to cover operational and capital costs. Additional funds were received from letting facilities to third parties, from bank interest and from success in attracting other grant income.

A deficit of funds of £709,355 before an actuarial loss of £1,209,000 was incurred. Net assets of £14,782,385, including cash funds of £293,470, have been carried forward into the next year.

At 31 August 2019 cash funds of £293,470 were held in the Trust's Lloyds Bank debit account, and have largely been accumulated through a brought forward surplus.

Both financial and educational Key Performance Indicators are used to track progress against objectives, and to identify quickly any worrying trends. These KPIs include student numbers, staff costs as a % of income, and asset / liability ratios.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have determined an appropriate level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in tangible assets, restricted and designated funds), that represents the amounts deemed to be necessary to deal with unexpected emergencies. The Trustees have assessed this as £500,000.

In the accounts there are currently free reserves of £181,130. In reviewing their reserves the Trust noted that the total at the year end of restricted general funds (excluding pension reserve) plus the balance of unrestricted funds was £181,130.

The Trustees are aware of upcoming cost pressures in pension contributions, likely site pressures, and the impact of the continuing reduction in student-led funding. They therefore regard the level of reserves held as reasonable.

Investment policy

Our investment policy is zero risk based and funds will only be lodged with organisations with the highest possible credit rating. Fixed term deposits will only be taken out where we are sure the funds will not be required during the duration of the term.

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Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the identification and management of the risks in their Trust. A formal review of risks and the risk management processes was undertaken during the year and these will be reviewed annually going forward.

Through the risk management processes that have been formalised at the Academy Trust, the Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified will be adequately mitigated where necessary.

The key controls used by the Board include:

- formal agendas and minutes for all meetings of the Board and committees;
- terms of reference for all committees;
- comprehensive strategic planning, financial forecasting, budgeting and management accounting;
- established and identifiable organisational structures and reporting lines;
- comprehensive formal written policies;
- clear authorisation limits;
- construction and regular review of risk registers;
- vetting procedures as required by law, for protection of the vulnerable;
- strategic site planning to meet business needs, with in-house cost-saving repairs and refurbishments.

In common with every Academy Trust in the country, funding is dependent on government policy; there is always risk that funding will be cut and the Trustees have been prudent in budgeting for the future. The brought forward surplus is viewed as providing protection against funding and student number fluctuations.

The deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme increased by £1,560,000 in the period to £4,703,000 and there is continuing uncertainty in any final salary scheme of this type.

Fundraising

The Trust recognises the need to explore income opportunities outside its usual devolved funding streams in order to maximise learning opportunities for the young people being educated across the trust. The Trust also recognises the need to follow Charity Commission guidance. The Trust will ensure that the following basic principles are always followed:

- Effective planning – set out, agreed, and monitored.
- Monitoring of fundraisers – through established systems for overseeing fundraising and use of established financial procedures.
- Safeguarding the Trust / charity – strong management of assets and resources.
- Compliance – fundraising laws and regulations, especially data protection and licensing laws.
- Following the Code of Fundraising Practice – ensuring standards are adhered to.
- Accountability – ensuring the Trust / charity complies with statutory reporting and accounting requirements.

The Trust has highly skilled and dedicated staff who pursue fundraising leads. If deemed of benefit, external fundraising expertise will be used following appropriate procurement exercises. Such consultants, and all fundraising, will be monitored by Trust staff and Trustees. The Trust does not sanction any unreasonably intrusive or persistent approach to fundraising by anyone within the Trust or working on behalf of the Trust. The Trust has established policies and procedures for any person wishing to voice a concern or complaint.

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Plans for future periods

The Trust's key objectives for 2019/20 are to continue the development and progress of the Academy, sharing good practice across the Trust, and ensuring outstanding practice, attainment, and achievements will place the Trust on a secure platform in any external inspection. The Trust plans for Rooks Heath College and Earlsmead Primary School include:

1. To raise the bar with student expectations and achievements across the Trust.
2. The Trust will continue the relentless drive on improving standards, maintaining outstanding provision, whilst also developing the new curriculum to meet the needs of all learners.
3. To continue to improve the quality of teaching in all key stages, ensuring it is always at least consistently good. Particular focus remains on improving the quality of teaching and learning in English and Mathematics, especially at KS2 and KS4.
4. To build on the rapid progress made in Behaviour and Safety, including attendance, in order to improve the quality of time available for learning across the Trust.
5. The Trust will seek to increase the capacity of Leadership and Management through effective succession planning for future learners.
6. To share knowledge and expertise with other trusts, academies and schools to build on their development as well as our own.

The Trust recognises that developing closer Trust links is essential to achievement of these plans. Trustees and Trust staff are committed to:

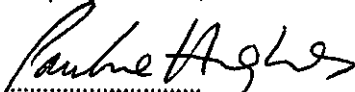
- Maintaining a clear vision.
- Sharing resources.
- Securing economies of scale.
- Strengthening governance.
- Securing financial strength.

Auditor

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 9.12.19 and signed on its behalf by:



P Hughes

Chair of Board of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Scope of responsibility

As Trustees we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Tithe Academy 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 CEO, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Tithe Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
P Hughes (Chair of Board of Trustees)	6	6
J Reavley (Accounting Officer)	6	6
S Savva (Vice-Chair)	5	6
P Katbamna	4	6
N Roger	3	6
R Tullo	6	6
K McEwan (Appointed 1 February 2019)	3	3

Board meetings have been held twice a term in line with the Scheme of Delegation. In this academic year the membership of the Board of Trustees was expanded with the appointment of Dr K McEwan.

Agendas follow a similar format for each meeting and advisors attend to assist in the presentation of data and answer questions from trustees. The foci at meetings have been schools' performance, finance and premises, human resources, safeguarding and risk management.

In addition, the Board has an Audit & Risk Committee that meets twice a year in line with the Scheme of Delegation to monitor 'risks' more closely and consider the programme of extended assurance work for the coming year. Meetings have been well attended.

Local Governing Body Meetings have been held twice a term in line with the Scheme of Delegation. In this academic year four governors' resignations have been confirmed, which has been followed with rigorous recruitment designed to encouraged a diverse range of applicants to fill the skills gap.

Agendas follow a similar format for each meeting and advisors attend to assist in the presentation of data and answer questions from governors. The foci at meetings have been schools' performance, safeguarding, curriculum changes, staffing levels and structure, health and safety and premises issues, risk management and improvement and development plans.

Meetings have been well attended overall but those with less frequent attendance will be asked to confirm if they wish to continue as a governor and are likely to be able to give more regular attendance next year.

The Chair meets with the CEO, Director of Business and Head of Rooks Heath College in school on a weekly basis and the Head of Earlsmead Primary School joins the meeting on an ad hoc basis. The Chair meets with the Head of Earlsmead Primary School on an ad hoc basis and attends various school events as well as undertaking school visits.

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The Chair also speaks at Prospective Parents Evening at Rooks Heath College each year and attends some 'celebration' or performance events in both schools.

A number of governor visits took place throughout the year which enabled governors to deepen their understanding of educational issues, and allowed governors to be a critical friend where required.

Governor training has mainly been delivered through presentations by staff from both schools on a variety of topics of interest at LGB meetings, particularly surrounding curriculum, performance data and safeguarding themes. There was a training session by the Academies Group's Financial Adviser on Academy Finance and governor/trustee roles and responsibilities, and by our Health & Safety Advisors on the Health & Safety role and responsibilities of governors and trustees.

A review of the Board's performance took place at the end of the 2018/19 academic year. It is considered that the Board has worked effectively in 2018/19 overseeing the operation of the Trust and supporting the senior leadership of both schools to maintain stability in terms of staff turnover and pupil numbers and bring about improvement in standards.

Reference has been made to skills of current Trustees and Governors in order to target recruitment.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the performance of the Trust. In order to discharge this obligation, it retains responsibility for:

- setting the vision and strategy for the Trust;
- ensuring the quality of educational provision within the Trust;
- challenging and monitoring the performance of each school within the Trust;
- managing the Trust's resources effectively;
- appointing the Chief Executive, Headteachers, and Chief Finance Officer;
- ensuring that the Trust complies with charity and company law;
- ensuring that the Trust and each school complies with the Funding Agreements; and
- exercising reasonable skill and care in carrying out its duties.

The Board has a good understanding of the Trust budget, and provides appropriate challenge to the management accounts.

In order to share knowledge and skills, the Trust operated with one single joint Local Governing Body. The single Local Governing Body has worked well and provides challenge to leaders. Meetings have covered a wide variety of topics with a balance between matters regarding Rooks Heath College, Earlsmead Primary School, and the Trust. This committee is responsible for:

- Setting the curriculum for the schools and monitoring standards to ensure that every pupil makes good progress and achieves well.
- Setting the School Development Plans and monitoring implementation to ensure that provision continues to improve.

This committee understands the school budgets and management accounts.

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The Board has also established an Audit and Risk Committee to maintain an oversight of the Trust's governance, risk management, internal control and value for money framework. It reports its findings annually to the Board of Trustees and the Accounting Officer as part of the Trust's annual reporting requirements. The purpose of the sub-committee is to:

- Advise the Board of Trustees and Accounting Officer on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Trust's governance, risk management, internal control and value for money systems and frameworks.
- Advise the Board of Trustees on the appointment, re-appointment, dismissal and remuneration of the external and regularity auditor.
- Advise the Board of Trustees on the need for, and then, where appropriate, the appointment, re-appointment, dismissal and remuneration of, an internal auditor or other assurance provider to ensure that the Trust meets its legal and contractual requirements.
- Advise the Board of Trustees on an appropriate programme of work to be undertaken through the audit and assurance processes. This programme of work will be derived from the Audit Committee's regard of the key risks faced by the Trust, the assurance framework in place and its duty to report to the Board of Trustees.
- Review the external auditor's annual planning document and approve the planned audit approach.
- Receive reports (annual reports, management letters etc.) from the external auditor and other bodies, for example the ESFA and NAO, and consider any issues raised, the associated management response and action plans. Where deemed appropriate, reports should be referred to the Board or other committee for information and action.
- Monitor outstanding audit recommendations from whatever source and ensure any delays to implementation dates are reasonable.
- Review the Trust's fraud response plan and ensure that all allegations of fraud or irregularity are managed and investigated appropriately.
- Consider any additional services delivered by the external auditor or other assurance provider and ensure appropriate independence is maintained.
- Meet with the external auditor, without management present, at least annually.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
S Savva (Vice-Chair)	2	2
R Tullo	2	2
J Wright (Chief Finance Officer)	2	2
D Parker (Associate Headteacher Rooks Heath College)	1	2
M Dhamu (Finance Manager)	2	2

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Review of value for money

The Accounting Officer has the responsibility for ensuring that the 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 Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The Accounting Officer for the Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by applying specific criteria when assessing value for money:

- Challenge - Is the Trust's performance high enough? Why and how is a service provided? Do we still need it? Can it be delivered differently? What do parents want?
- Compare – How does the Trust's student performance and financial performance compare with all schools? How does it compare with LA schools? How do they compare with similar schools?
- Compete – How does the college secure efficient and effective services? Are services of appropriate quality, and are they economic, sustainable and ethical?
- Consult – How does the Trust seek the views of stakeholders about the services provided?

The Trustee's Approach

In making decisions about value for money the main areas that trustees have considered are:

- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Economy
- Ethics

Effectiveness through improved educational performance

The Trust focuses on student achievement as demonstrated by a number of quantitative data key indicators from the 2018/19 academic year.

Earlsmead Primary School children demonstrated significant increases in levels of attainments in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Key Stage 1 Reading Expected Standards and Above, and Greater Depth standards are 75% and 18% respectively, up from 56% and 12% in 2017/18.

Key Stage 1 Writing Expected Standards and Above, and Greater Depth standards are 70% and 10% respectively, up from 63% and 5% in 2017/18.

Key Stage 1 Mathematics Expected Standards and Above, and Greater Depth standards are 75% and 23% respectively, up from 72% and 12% in 2017/18.

Key Stage 2 Reading Expected Standards and Above, and Greater Depth standards are 78% and 24% respectively, up from 70% and 26% in 2017/18.

Key Stage 2 Writing Expected Standards and Above, and Greater Depth standards are 80% and 22% respectively, up from 77% and 15% in 2017/18.

Key Stage 2 Mathematics Expected Standards and Above, and Greater Depth standards are 76% and 28% respectively, up from 74% and 28% in 2017/18.

Progress has also risen sharply from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 from 2017/18 to 2018/19:

Reading 1.1 from -0.9

Writing 2.1 from 0.4

Maths 1.3 from 1

The Early Years Foundation Stage children continues to demonstrate high standards of attainment with 71% Good Level of Development.

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Attendance has shown rapid improvement with 2018/19 showing above national average attendance of 96.6% in Earlsmead Primary School.

In the secondary sector Rooks Heath College demonstrated an overall performance in 2018/19 for both progress and attainment maintaining the three year trend which is in line with the national average.

At GCSE students achieving 5+ A* - C / 9 – 4 in all subjects was broadly in line with 2017/18 at 60%.

Students achieving 9 – 4+ including English and Maths was 51%, again broadly in line with national average.

There was a significant increase in the number of students achieving 9 – 5 in Maths at 60%, 48% in 2017/18.

Again, a significant increase in the students achieving 9 – 5 in English / English Literature (best of) at 72%, up from 51% in 2017/18.

EBacc entry 62% (from 50.7% in 2017/18), with particular success in particularly in Modern Foreign Languages where 71% of students achieved a GCSE standard pass and 54% a GCSE strong pass.

17% of all grades awarded was at grade 7, 8 or 9. The average attainment is a standard pass (GCSE grade 4).

55% of our students achieved standard passes in both English and Maths.

There were significant progress successes in other subjects during the 2018/19 academic year. Students in the following subjects (where there was a meaningful cohort) achieved subject progress substantially above average:

Economics 1
Computing 0.87
German 0.82
Chemistry 0.74
Physics 0.56

These Subject Progress Index figures all represent remarkable KS4 progress figures when compared to the baseline figure of 0.

The KS4 progressive curriculum allows for several small groups to broaden student experience. All these are all also measured against the baseline of 0. These groups are highly successful with high progress figures notably:

Italian 3.23
Ancient Greek 1.39
Polish 1.34
Arabic 0.56

At Key Stage 5, 67% of students achieved grades A* - C. 86% of our students achieved a Distinction* or Merit for the BTEC qualifications overall. Value added was strong particularly in Business (0.17) and Science (0.12) against the baseline.

Departmental performance at A Level was particularly strong in Art, Latin, and Ancient Greek. The value added scores were 0.44, 0.73 and 1.32 respectively.

Attendance across the Trust is above the national average. The 2018/19 measure for Earlsmead Primary School was 97.06%, considerably above national average. Rooks Heath College's attendance measure was 95.17%. Given the high level of mobility across the Trust and the high level of need, this is a remarkable achievement.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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Strong teaching is achieved and monitored with the help of a robust and rigorous Performance Appraisal process to measure teacher effectiveness. Teaching and Learning at Earlsmead Primary School has improved considerably as evidenced by the aforementioned 2018/19 educational achievements. The main reasons for this have been the constant and relentless focus on the classroom, a highly progressive and brand new curriculum, dynamic and forward thinking whole staff development programmes, a strong focus on behaviour across the school, and a vast increase in the opportunities to read and write.

The teaching and learning at Rooks Heath College is good (Ofsted judgement May 2019). Leaders and managers at all levels have a clear understanding of what is needed to drive improvements forward. This enables students to access a new knowledge based curriculum. Staff implement effective use of assessment information to inform planning.

Efficiency through financial governance and management

There is robust financial governance and oversight including the following:

- Financial regulations and procedures recently reviewed
- Written delegations annually reviewed and signed
- Purchasing procedures based on clear separation of duties and a requirement for written quotations and tenders when specified thresholds are reached
- Regular budget monitoring including comprehensive monthly management accounts
- Two year financial planning and cash-flow forecasting
- Business continuity planning and regular review of the risk register at Local Governing Body, Audit and Risk Committee and Board of Trustee meetings
- Charging policy annually reviewed
- Investment policy based on an appropriate balance between risk and reward
- HR suite of policies covering gifts and hospitality rigorously enforced
- Trustee, Governors and staff complete Register of Interests and Related Parties forms annually
- Finance training for Trustees, Governors and staff with significant financial responsibilities
- Use of timetabling and other data to ensure the use of teaching and accommodation resources are optimised
- Capital funding bids completed to ensure accommodation condition is improved
- Pay policies are used that are underpinned by the use of national pay scales for teachers and associate staff posts
- A full programme of audit assurance work agreed by Trustees, delivered by external auditors, with follow-up through the Audit and Risk committee
- Use is made of specialist advice including legal, property and actuarial services where appropriate and justified on cost grounds
- Centrally managed financial functions allowing established good practice to embed across the Trust

Economy through working collaboratively to share best practice and reduce costs

The Trust actively participates in a wide range of collaborative initiatives:

- Member of Harrow Collegiate Teaching School Alliance, 2 primary school alliances, and part of PiXL.
- Extensive programme of CPD delivered across Harrow schools
- Member of sixth form collegiate allowing students to undertake studies at a number of different schools contributing to more efficient class sizes and greater student choice
- Collaborative procurement programme managed by Chief Finance Officers covering a range of services including catering, cleaning, financial software, audit, energy, property management, banking, HR and payroll services
- Shared services including project management and financial advice
- Member of Crescent Purchasing Consortium accessing contracts for insurance and other goods and services
- Benchmarking with other Harrow academies and secondary schools, and other families of schools
- Member of The Jubilee Academy, an alternative provision school opened in Harrow in September 2013
- Shared resourcing of finance and HR functions including CFO, Finance and HR staff

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Ethics through policies which respect people and the environment

The Trust operates a suite of HR Policies which seeks to ensure all parties employed by and for the Trust are treated with respect and have rights with regard to employment including the rights to working hours that comply with national laws, equal opportunities, recognised employment relationship, freedom from intimidation and to a safe and healthy working environment.

The Trust also applies an Environmental and Sustainable Development Policy when looking at the resourcing and maintenance of the Trust.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Tithe Academy for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts.

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 2018 to 31 August 2019 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of Trustees.

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The risk and control framework

The 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 Audit and Risk sub-committee, the Local Governing Body, and Board of Trustees of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor.

Alliotts, the external auditor are being used to give advice on financial matters and perform a range of checks on the Trust's financial systems, which included the following areas this period:

- income processes;
- financial procedures;
- IT systems;
- procurement;
- fraud prevention; and
- asset management

On a termly basis the auditor reports to the Board on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the financial responsibilities of the Board. No material failures or weaknesses were identified during the year as result of the extended assurance work.

Review of effectiveness

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

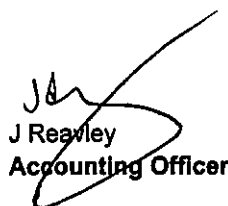
- the performance of extended assurance work and statutory audit work by the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the Senior Leadership Team within the Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on9.12.19 and signed on its behalf by:



P Hughes
Chair of Board of Trustees



J Reavley
Accounting Officer

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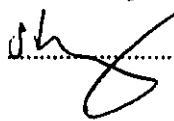
STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

As accounting officer of Tithe Academy 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 2018.

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 2018.

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.

J Reavley
Accounting Officer


9.12.19

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

The trustees (who are also the directors of Tithe Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 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 accounts for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

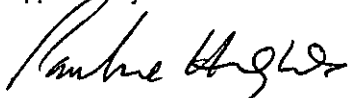
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts 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 ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 9.12.19 and signed on its behalf by:



P Hughes
Chair of Board of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TITHE ACADEMY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Tithe Academy for the year ended 31 August 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and the notes to the accounts, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019.

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information, which comprises the information included in the annual report other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the accounts 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 accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts 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 accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TITHE ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of 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.

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 accounts are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts 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 accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, 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.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts 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 accounts.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TITHE ACADEMY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company'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 charitable company'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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Stephen Meredith

Stephen Meredith BA FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Alliotts

9/12/19

Chartered Accountants
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO TITHE ACADEMY AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 22 August 2019 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Tithe Academy during the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019 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 Tithe Academy and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Tithe Academy 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 Tithe Academy and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Tithe Academy's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Tithe Academy's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 August 2011 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2018, 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 2018 to 2019. 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 2018 to 31 August 2019 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

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

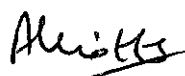
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The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- analytical review of the academy trust's general activities to ensure that they are within the academy trust's framework of authorities;
- consideration of the evidence supporting the accounting officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance;
- review of the general control environment for the academy trust on financial statements and on regularity;
- sample testing of expenditure transactions to ensure the activity is permissible within the academy trust's framework of authority;
- confirmation that a sample of expenditure has been appropriately authorised in accordance with the academy trust's delegated authorities;
- formal representations obtained from the governing body and the accounting officer acknowledging the responsibilities, including disclosing all non-compliance with laws and regulations specific to the authorising framework;
- confirmation that any extra-contractual payments such as severance and compensation payments have been appropriately authorised;
- review of credit card expenditure for any indication of personal use by staff, Headteacher or Trustees;
- review of specific terms of grant funding within the funding agreement;
- review of related party transactions for connections with the Headteacher or Trustees;
- review of income received in accordance with the activities permitted within the academy trust's charitable objectives.

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 2018 to 31 August 2019 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Reporting Accountant
Alliotts

Dated: 9/12/19

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General	Fixed asset £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	89,917	109,334	17,802	217,053	274,928
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	4	224,172	9,196,519	-	9,420,691	9,320,996
Other trading activities	5	93,561	79,248	-	172,809	181,693
Investments	6	456	-	-	456	468
Total		408,106	9,385,101	17,802	9,811,009	9,778,085
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	8	417,571	9,736,101	366,692	10,520,364	10,498,095
Total	7	417,571	9,736,101	366,692	10,520,364	10,498,095
Net expenditure		(9,465)	(351,000)	(348,890)	(709,355)	(720,010)
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial (losses)/gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	(1,209,000)	-	(1,209,000)	717,000
Net movement in funds		(9,465)	(1,560,000)	(348,890)	(1,918,355)	(3,010)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		190,595	(3,143,000)	19,653,145	16,700,740	16,703,750
Total funds carried forward		181,130	(4,703,000)	19,304,255	14,782,385	16,700,740

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Comparative year information Year ended 31 August 2018	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General	Fixed asset £	Total 2018 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	3	110,532	148,156	16,240	274,928
Charitable activities:					
- Funding for educational operations	4	178,817	9,142,179	-	9,320,996
Other trading activities	5	81,076	100,617	-	181,693
Investments	6	468	-	-	468
Total		370,893	9,390,952	16,240	9,778,085
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities:					
- Educational operations	8	376,104	9,755,315	366,676	10,498,095
Total	7	376,104	9,755,315	366,676	10,498,095
Net expenditure		(5,211)	(364,363)	(350,436)	(720,010)
Transfers between funds	20	-	(112,459)	112,459	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	717,000	-	717,000
Net movement in funds		(5,211)	240,178	(237,977)	(3,010)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		195,806	(3,383,178)	19,891,122	16,703,750
Total funds carried forward		190,595	(3,143,000)	19,653,145	16,700,740

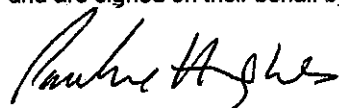
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	13	8,816	11,754
Tangible assets	14	19,295,439	19,641,391
		<u>19,304,255</u>	<u>19,653,145</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	249	249
Debtors	16	315,993	310,224
Cash at bank and in hand		293,470	452,638
		<u>609,712</u>	<u>763,111</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(391,318)	(536,286)
Net current assets		<u>218,394</u>	<u>226,825</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>19,522,649</u>	<u>19,879,970</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(37,264)	(36,230)
Net assets excluding pension liability		<u>19,485,385</u>	<u>19,843,740</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22	(4,703,000)	(3,143,000)
Net assets		<u><u>14,782,385</u></u>	<u><u>16,700,740</u></u>
Funds of the academy trust:			
Restricted funds	20		
- Fixed asset funds		19,304,255	19,653,145
- Pension reserve		(4,703,000)	(3,143,000)
Total restricted funds		<u>14,601,255</u>	<u>16,510,145</u>
Unrestricted income funds	20	<u>181,130</u>	<u>190,595</u>
Total funds		<u><u>14,782,385</u></u>	<u><u>16,700,740</u></u>

The accounts on pages 24 to 47 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 9/12/19 and are signed on their behalf by:



P Hughes
Chair of Board of Trustees

Company Number 07687178

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash used in operating activities	23		(271,108)		(678,052)
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		456		468	
Capital grants from DfE Group		127,136		586,339	
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		-		(14,692)	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(17,802)		(128,089)	
Net cash provided by investing activities			109,790		444,026
Cash flows from financing activities					
Repayment of other loan		2,150		(3,388)	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities			2,150		(3,388)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			(159,168)		(237,414)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			452,638		690,052
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			293,470		452,638

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

1 Accounting policies

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 accounts of the academy trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2018 to 2019 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Tithe Academy meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the 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 accounts 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 accounts.

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.

Donations

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

Other income

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

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1 Accounting policies

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Interest receivable

Interest receivable is included within the statement of financial activities on a receivable basis.

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 expenditure is net of VAT.

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.

1.5 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Intangible assets costing £5,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment.

Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Computer software	Purchased computer software 5 years
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1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Assets costing £5,000 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 land & buildings	25-50 years
Computer equipment	2-4 years
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	5-25 years

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1 Accounting policies

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

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

1.7 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.

1.8 Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets

Trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 16. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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

Financial liabilities

Trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition.

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

1.10 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock.

1.11 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.

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1.12 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 and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust.

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

1.13 Fund accounting

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

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

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

1.14 Agency arrangements

The academy trust acts as an agent in arranging school trips for its students. Payments received from parents and subsequently disbursements to suppliers are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds.

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.

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2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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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 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2019. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement

The value of assets transferred in each individual school within the multi academy trust were estimated on conversion. This was calculated by reference to the area of land and floor space in comparison to Rooks Heath College, which is in close proximity to the school. This is considered to be an appropriate basis of valuation.

3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Capital grants	-	127,136	127,136	164,396
Other donations	89,917	-	89,917	110,532
	<u>89,917</u>	<u>127,136</u>	<u>217,053</u>	<u>274,928</u>

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4 Funding for the academy trust's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
DfE / ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	8,021,105	8,021,105	8,071,911
Other DfE group grants	-	605,038	605,038	505,903
	-	8,626,143	8,626,143	8,577,814
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	570,376	570,376	564,365
Other funding				
Other incoming resources	224,172	-	224,172	178,817
Total funding	224,172	9,196,519	9,420,691	9,320,996

5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Lettings income	29,366	-	29,366	31,117
Catering income	5,780	-	5,780	-
Other income	58,415	79,248	137,663	150,576
	93,561	79,248	172,809	181,693

6 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Short term deposits	456	-	456	468

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7 Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Non Pay Expenditure Premises £	Other £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	6,827,413	-	523,287	7,350,700	7,365,447
- Allocated support costs	1,586,318	935,446	647,900	3,169,664	3,132,648
	<u>8,413,731</u>	<u>935,446</u>	<u>1,171,187</u>	<u>10,520,364</u>	<u>10,498,095</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:	2019 £	2018 £
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- Audit	11,195	10,815
- Other services	6,420	6,095
Operating lease rentals	4,704	5,488
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	361,793	363,738
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	2,938	2,938
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,961	-
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	91,000	90,000

8 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Direct costs				
Educational operations	-	7,350,700	7,350,700	7,365,447
Support costs				
Educational operations	417,571	2,752,093	3,169,664	3,132,648
	<u>417,571</u>	<u>10,102,793</u>	<u>10,520,364</u>	<u>10,498,095</u>

	2019 £	2018 £
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	1,586,318	1,552,117
Depreciation and amortisation	366,692	366,676
Technology costs	65,075	48,686
Premises costs	568,754	693,056
Other support costs	423,205	296,775
Governance costs	159,620	175,338
	<u>3,169,664</u>	<u>3,132,648</u>

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9 Central services

No central services were provided by the academy trust to its academies during the year and no central charges arose.

10 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	6,144,385	6,036,968
Social security costs	607,816	599,985
Pension costs	1,326,359	1,341,422
Amounts paid to employees	8,078,560	7,978,375
Agency staff costs	335,171	397,059
Staff restructuring costs	-	11,683
Amounts paid to staff	8,413,731	8,387,117
Staff development and other staff costs	20,203	25,233
Total staff expenditure	8,433,934	8,412,350

Staff restructuring costs comprise:

Severance payments	-	11,683
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Staff numbers

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

	2019 Number	2018 Number
Teachers	93	100
Administration and support	129	134
Management	10	10
	232	244

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10 Staff

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Higher paid staff

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

	2019 Number	2018 Number
£60,001 - £70,000	2	2
£70,001 - £80,000	2	1
£80,001 - £90,000	1	1
£110,001 - £120,000	1	1

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprises of the Headteachers and the Director of Business. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy trust was £335,571 (2018: £263,743).

11 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:

J Reavley (Headteacher and governor)

Remuneration	£125,000 - £130,000 (2018: £115,000 - £120,000)
Employer's pension contributions	£nil (2018: £nil)

During the year, travel and subsistence payments totalling £nil (2018: £nil) were reimbursed to no governors (2018: no governors).

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

12 Trustees and officers insurance

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

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13 Intangible fixed assets

	Computer software £
Cost	
At 1 September 2018 and at 31 August 2019	14,692
Amortisation	
At 1 September 2018	2,938
Charge for year	2,938
At 31 August 2019	5,876
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2019	8,816
At 31 August 2018	11,754

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold land & buildings £	Computer equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2018	20,040,987	406,398	1,615,009	22,062,394
Additions	-	17,802	-	17,802
Disposals	-	(10,186)	-	(10,186)
At 31 August 2019	20,040,987	414,014	1,615,009	22,070,010
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2018	1,562,397	362,165	496,441	2,421,003
On disposals	-	(8,225)	-	(8,225)
Charge for the year	260,848	19,825	81,120	361,793
At 31 August 2019	1,823,245	373,765	577,561	2,774,571
Net book value				
At 31 August 2019	18,217,742	40,249	1,037,448	19,295,439
At 31 August 2018	18,478,590	44,233	1,118,568	19,641,391

15 Stocks

	2019 £	2018 £
Catering stock	249	249

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16 Debtors	2019	2018
	£	£
Trade debtors	28,491	10,317
VAT recoverable	35,131	68,371
Prepayments and accrued income	252,371	231,536
	<u>315,993</u>	<u>310,224</u>
17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2019	2018
	£	£
Other loans	6,776	5,660
Trade creditors	41,954	63,041
Other taxation and social security	136,975	131,912
Other creditors	11,800	21,221
Accruals and deferred income	193,813	314,452
	<u>391,318</u>	<u>536,286</u>
Included in Other loans is £6,776 received as a Salix loan provided interest-free and is repayable in equal twice-yearly instalments over seven years.		
18 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2019	2018
	£	£
Other loans	<u>37,264</u>	<u>36,230</u>
Analysis of loans		
Not wholly repayable within five years by instalments	44,040	41,890
Less: included in current liabilities	<u>(6,776)</u>	<u>(5,660)</u>
Amounts included above	<u>37,264</u>	<u>36,230</u>
Instalments not due within five years	<u>10,165</u>	<u>16,420</u>
Loan maturity		
Debt due in one year or less	6,776	5,660
Due in more than one year but not more than two years	6,775	5,660
Due in more than two years but not more than five years	20,325	16,980
Due in more than five years	10,164	13,590
	<u>44,040</u>	<u>41,890</u>

Included in Other loans is £37,264 received as a Salix loan provided interest-free and is repayable in equal twice-yearly instalments over seven years.

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19	Deferred income	2019 £	2018 £
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	107,569	141,116
	Deferred income at 1 September 2018	141,116	145,870
	Released from previous years	(141,116)	(145,870)
	Resources deferred in the year	107,569	141,116
	Deferred income at 31 August 2019	107,569	141,116

At the balance sheet date the academy trust was holding funds received in advance for SEN funding from the local authority and for Universal Infant Free School Meals from ESFA relating to the following academic year.

20	Funds	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
	Restricted general funds					
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	8,021,105	(8,021,105)	-	-
	Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	714,372	(714,372)	-	-
	Other government grants	-	570,376	(570,376)	-	-
	Other restricted funds	-	79,248	(79,248)	-	-
	Pension reserve	(3,143,000)	-	(351,000)	(1,209,000)	(4,703,000)
		(3,143,000)	9,385,101	(9,736,101)	(1,209,000)	(4,703,000)
	Restricted fixed asset funds					
	Inherited on conversion	18,394,212	-	(261,289)	-	18,132,923
	DfE group capital grants	1,030,797	17,802	(81,839)	-	966,760
	Capital expenditure from GAG	228,136	-	(23,564)	-	204,572
		19,653,145	17,802	(366,692)	-	19,304,255
	Total restricted funds	16,510,145	9,402,903	(10,102,793)	(1,209,000)	14,601,255
	Unrestricted funds					
	General funds	190,595	408,106	(417,571)	-	181,130
	Total funds	16,700,740	9,811,009	(10,520,364)	(1,209,000)	14,782,385

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20 Funds

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

General Annual Grant: This fund is for the purpose of running the academy trust in accordance with the Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State and along guidelines as set out in the Academies Financial Handbook.

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 2019.

Other DfE/ESFA grants: This fund has also arisen from funding received from the Department for Education and the Education and Skills Funding Agency for the furtherance of the academy trust's activities that are not funded through the General Annual Grant.

Other government grants: This fund has also arisen from funding received for the furtherance of the academy trust's activities that are not funded through the General Annual Grant.

Other restricted fund: This restricted fund has arisen from other income that the academy trust has received. The monies have to be used for the benefit of the academy trust but there are no restrictions on when these monies can be spent.

Pension reserve: This liability has arisen from the Local Government Pension Scheme, which was inherited by the academy trust on conversion. See note 22 for further details on this liability.

Restricted fixed asset funds: These funds have arisen from fixed assets inherited upon conversion and from the subsequent purchases of new assets for use by the academy trust. All assets held are specifically for the use of the academy trust.

Unrestricted funds: These have arisen from activities carried out by the academy trust for raising funds and are unrelated to any form of government assistance and therefore the academy trust can choose to spend it however it chooses.

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20 Funds

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

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	82,822	8,071,911	(8,042,274)	(112,459)	-
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	654,059	(654,059)	-	-
Other government grants	-	564,365	(564,365)	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	100,617	(100,617)	-	-
Pension reserve	(3,466,000)	-	(394,000)	717,000	(3,143,000)
	<u>(3,383,178)</u>	<u>9,390,952</u>	<u>(9,755,315)</u>	<u>604,541</u>	<u>(3,143,000)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transfer on conversion	18,660,538	-	(266,326)	-	18,394,212
DfE group capital grants	1,093,314	16,240	(78,757)	-	1,030,797
Capital expenditure from GAG	137,270	-	(21,593)	112,459	228,136
	<u>19,891,122</u>	<u>16,240</u>	<u>(366,676)</u>	<u>112,459</u>	<u>19,653,145</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>16,507,944</u>	<u>9,407,192</u>	<u>(10,121,991)</u>	<u>717,000</u>	<u>16,510,145</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>195,806</u>	<u>370,893</u>	<u>(376,104)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,595</u>
Total funds	<u>16,703,750</u>	<u>9,778,085</u>	<u>(10,498,095)</u>	<u>717,000</u>	<u>16,700,740</u>

Total funds analysis by academy

	2019 £	2018 £
Fund balances at 31 August 2019 were allocated as follows:		
Rooks Heath College	84,739	120,378
Earlsmead Primary School	105,316	70,217
Total before fixed assets fund and pension reserve	<u>190,055</u>	<u>190,595</u>
Restricted fixed asset fund	19,304,255	19,653,145
Pension reserve	(4,703,000)	(3,143,000)
Total funds	<u>14,791,310</u>	<u>16,700,740</u>

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20 Funds

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Total cost analysis by academy

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year was as follows:

	Teaching and educational support staff	Other support staff costs	Educational supplies	Other costs excluding depreciation	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rooks Heath College	5,353,286	1,155,251	423,045	685,752	7,617,334	7,873,051
Earlsmead Primary School	1,494,331	171,067	80,039	439,898	2,185,335	2,258,367
	<u>6,847,617</u>	<u>1,326,318</u>	<u>503,084</u>	<u>1,125,650</u>	<u>9,802,669</u>	<u>10,131,418</u>

21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2019 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	8,816	8,816
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	19,295,439	19,295,439
Current assets	181,130	428,582	-	609,712
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(391,318)	-	(391,318)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(37,264)	-	(37,264)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(4,703,000)	-	(4,703,000)
Total net assets	<u>181,130</u>	<u>(4,703,000)</u>	<u>19,304,255</u>	<u>14,782,385</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds: General £	Fixed asset £	Total Funds £
Fund balances at 31 August 2018 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	11,754	11,754
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	19,641,391	19,641,391
Current assets	190,595	572,516	-	763,111
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(536,286)	-	(536,286)
Creditors falling due after one year	-	(36,230)	-	(36,230)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(3,143,000)	-	(3,143,000)
Total net assets	<u>190,595</u>	<u>(3,143,000)</u>	<u>19,653,145</u>	<u>16,700,740</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

22 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 London Pension Fund Authority. Both are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016.

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 full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 September 2019.

The pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £630,020 (2018: £578,652).

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

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22 Pension and similar obligations

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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 agreed contribution rates for future years are 5.5 to 12.5% for employers and 20.5% for employees.

The academy trust has agreed to make additional contributions totalling £56,000 in the year to March 2020 in addition to normal funding levels.

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	2019 £	2018 £
Employer's contributions	446,000	427,000
Employees' contributions	113,000	113,000
Total contributions	<u>559,000</u>	<u>540,000</u>

Principal actuarial assumptions	2019 %	2018 %
Rate of increase in salaries	2.6	2.7
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.3	2.4
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.8	2.8
Inflation assumption (CPI)	<u>2.3</u>	<u>2.4</u>

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

	2019 Years	2018 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.2	22.2
- Females	23.5	24.4
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.3	24.0
- Females	<u>25.0</u>	<u>26.4</u>

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22 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £
Discount rate + 0.1%	(210,000)	(194,000)
Discount rate - 0.1%	210,000	194,000
Mortality assumption + 1 year	415,000	190,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year	(415,000)	(190,000)
CPI rate + 0.1%	175,000	158,000
CPI rate - 0.1%	(175,000)	(158,000)

The academy trust's share of the assets in the scheme

	2019 Fair value £	2018 Fair value £
Equities	4,473,000	3,757,000
Bonds	793,000	571,000
Property	396,000	380,000
Other assets	-	48,000
Total market value of assets	5,662,000	4,756,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £427,000 (2018: £221,000).

Amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities

	2019 £	2018 £
Current service cost	670,000	731,000
Past service cost	36,000	-
Interest income	(140,000)	(108,000)
Interest cost	231,000	198,000
Total operating charge	797,000	821,000

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22 Pension and similar obligations	(Continued)	
Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2019	2018
	£	£
At 1 September 2018	7,899,000	7,544,000
Current service cost	670,000	731,000
Interest cost	231,000	198,000
Employee contributions	113,000	113,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)	1,496,000	(604,000)
Benefits paid	(80,000)	(83,000)
Past service cost	36,000	-
	<u>10,365,000</u>	<u>7,899,000</u>
At 31 August 2019		
Changes in the fair value of the academy trust's share of scheme assets	2019	2018
	£	£
At 1 September 2018	4,756,000	4,078,000
Interest income	140,000	108,000
Actuarial gain	287,000	113,000
Employer contributions	446,000	427,000
Employee contributions	113,000	113,000
Benefits paid	(80,000)	(83,000)
	<u>5,662,000</u>	<u>4,756,000</u>
At 31 August 2019		
23 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities	2019	2018
	£	£
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(709,355)	(720,010)
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(127,136)	(164,396)
Investment income receivable	(456)	(468)
Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable	260,000	304,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	91,000	90,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	361,793	363,738
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	2,938	2,938
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,961	-
(Increase) in stocks	-	(249)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(5,769)	2,294
(Decrease) in creditors	(146,084)	(555,899)
	<u>(271,108)</u>	<u>(678,052)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		

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24 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2019 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts due within one year	8,166	7,211
Amounts due in two and five years	15,036	14,592
	<u>23,202</u>	<u>21,803</u>

25 Related party transactions

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

During the year the Trust seconded a senior member of staff to The Jubilee Academy for which recharges of £56,988 (2018: £55,872) were made. In addition, payments of £36,000 (2018: £36,000) were made to The Jubilee Academy in relation to pupil fees.

In entering into these transactions, the academy trust has complied with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2018.

26 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.

27 Agency arrangements

The academy trust acts as an agent in arranging school trips for its students. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2019 the trust received and disbursed £97,579 (2018: £123,412). An amount of £12,681 (2018: £17,116) is included in other creditors relating to deposits received in advance from parents for trips in the following academic year.