# KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

#### **Members**

Dr H Holman (Resigned 6 October 2021)

Mrs M Clarke (Resigned 19 October 2021)

Dr J E Cordwell

Mr C Jenner (Resigned 6 October 2021)

Mr S Weston

Mr B Rousseau (Resigned 4 October 2021)
Ms S Plant (Resigned 10 October 2021)
Mr T Rand (Resigned 6 October 2021)
Mr A Covell (Resigned 6 October 2021)
Mr P Adams (Resigned 11 March 2022)

Mr M Baker (Appointed 9 November 2020, Resigned 6 October 2021)

Mr I Turner (Appointed 19 October 2021) Mr M Dove (Appointed 19 October 2021)

**Trustees** 

Dr H Holman (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 5 October 2021)
Mrs M Clarke (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 15 October 2022)
Dr J E Cordwell (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 6 October 2021)
Mr C Jenner (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 1 June 2022)

Mr S Weston (Foundation Trustee)

Mr B Rousseau (Parent Trustee) (Resigned 4 October 2021)

Ms S Plant (Co-opted Trustee)

Mr T Rand (Headteacher) (Resigned 31 March 2022)

Mr A Covell (Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13 September

2022))

Mr P Adams (Co-opted Trustee) (Resigned 11 March 2022) Mr M Baker (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 30 October 2021)

Mr P T Downs (Parent Trustee)

Miss H Khan (Acting Headteacher) (Appointed 11 January 2022)
Ms A McDonald OBE (Foundation Trustee) (Appointed 19 July 2022)
Ms Z Morwood (Parent Trustee) (Appointed 9 December 2021)
Mr S Watson (Parent Trustee) (Appointed 9 December 2021)

#### Associates

Mrs S Reynolds (Appointed 6 October 2021)

Mr G Warnock (Appointed 6 October 2021, Resigned 22 September

2022)

#### **Chief Finance Officer**

Mr R Jackman

#### Senior management team

- Headteacher Mr T Rand (Resigned 31 August 2022)

- Acting Headteacher Miss H Khan

- Deputy Headteacher Mr E Thomas (Appointed 1 September 2021)

- Assistant Headteacher
 - Mrs K Van Den Broek

- Assistant Headteacher
 - Facilities & Estates Manager
 - Mr C Coulstring (Appointed 1 September 2022)
 - Mr A Farwell (Appointed 1 January 2021)

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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#### TRUSTEES' REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the accounts and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

#### Structure, governance and management

#### Constitution

The Academy was incorporated on 7 July 2011 and commenced as an Academy Trust from 1 August 2011.

The Academy 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.

The charitable company operates as Katharine Lady Berkeley's School.

The trustees of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. Details of the Trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on 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

The Academy maintains Trustees' Liability insurance. This is currently with Zurich Municipal with a policy expiry date of 30 July 2023.

#### Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

Eligibility to act as a Trustee of the Academy is described in paragraphs 45 to 81 of the Articles of Association that were in effect until 27 July 2021 and paragraphs 45 to 80 of the Articles of Association in place from 27 July 2021.

Trustees are sought via election from the parent body, school staff, appointed by Katharine Lady Berkeley's Foundation and co-opted from the local community dependent upon skill requirements. Trustees are also appointed by Members of the Academy Trust.

#### Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The school has adopted an in-house programme of induction for all new Trustees and new Trustees also attend an induction course run by Gloucestershire County Council. This includes information about the school, the Company and the Trust.

Each new Trustee meets individually with the Chair of Trustees and the Headteacher and is assigned a mentor from the Board of Trustees.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Trustees

All Trustees are both Directors of the Company and Trustees of the Charity. This encourages participation, devolves responsibility and encourages decision making.

The Trustees are responsible for setting strategic direction and general policy.

They make decisions about the future direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and, appointments to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

Committees monitor the effectiveness of the school through the following committee structure:

- · Teaching and Learning
- Finance, Staffing and Premises
- · Community and Wellbeing
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Each committee has its own Terms of Reference and annual work plan and reports on progress against the annual work plan at each full Board of Trustees meeting.

Meetings are at least termly and evidence such as position papers, live data and benchmarking are provided by the school for Trustees' information.

The school contracts a School Improvement Partner. This provides Trustees with further objective evidence supporting or challenging the work of the school's management team.

#### Organisational structure

Following the resignation of the former Headteacher one of the Deputy Headteachers was appointed Acting Headteacher. The trustees are in the process of recruiting a permanent Headteacher.

On a day-to-day basis the operational running of the Academy has been delegated to the Acting Headteacher. The Acting Headteacher is able to delegate the day to day running of the school to the Deputy Headteachers as needed. The Acting Headteacher acts as the Accounting Officer. The Senior Leadership Team comprises the Headteacher and 7 other members of staff. Two of these are secondments. The Chief Financial Officer is the line manager for the finance staff and reports directly to the Headteacher.

#### Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

Assistant Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers are paid in accordance with the Leadership Pay Scale published by the major teaching unions which reflect the DfE School Teachers Pay and Conditions document.

The pay scale for Assistant Headteachers is from point 13 to point 17.

The pay scale for Deputy Headteachers is from point 18 to point 24. One Deputy Headteacher is paid nine points above the top of this scale to reflect the fact that she is the Acting Headteacher and her extensive experience and wide range of responsibilities.

Progression on the pay scale for the above staff is dependent on successful performance management reviews which are carried out by the Acting Headteacher.

The current pay scale for the Acting Headteacher is in line with the size of the school, which is a large Group 7 school. The Trustees use the support of an external adviser, when carrying out the performance management of the Acting Headteacher.

The Chief Finance Officer in post is paid on point 43 of the Local Government Pay Scale.

#### Trade union facility time

There was no trade union facility time expenditure during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022, therefore there is no data to submit.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

As described in our Funding Agreement, the school's curriculum includes an emphasis on languages. This specialism also includes supporting languages in some local primary schools at Key Stage 2. The initial agreement to be awarded Academy Status includes a commitment to continue to support languages in five named primary schools, The British School, Blue Coat Cofe School, Kingswood Primary School, Hillesley Cofe Primary School and North Nibley Cofe Primary School.

The Academy continues to work with the Confucius Classroom based at the London Institute of Education. This work includes acting as a Confucius Hub School in order to support partner schools in developing Chinese Language Education.

#### Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The purposes of the Academy are those set out in the Articles of Association and the Funding Agreement. They include the following:

- the school has a balanced and broadly based curriculum including English, Mathematics and Science;
- the curriculum provided for pupils up to the age of 18;
- the school provides education for pupils of different abilities;
- the school provides education for pupils who are wholly or mainly drawn from the area in which the school is situated:
- there will be an emphasis on the need of individual pupils including pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND);
- the school will be at the heart of its community, promoting community cohesion and sharing facilities with other schools and the wider community.

At Katharine Lady Berkeley's School, our vision is that:

- through excellent teaching, we will inspire all students to become ambitious, confident individuals who enjoy their learning and achieve the success, in and out of the classroom, they deserve.
- through fantastic opportunities for cultural and sporting enrichment, we will inspire all students to develop into young people who are fulfilled in their lives.
- through an ethos of care for all, students will develop into young people who communicate well, are confident in themselves, respectful of others and embrace difference.

In order to achieve the above, our aims are to:

- Enable every child to make the best possible progress and enjoy multiple successes.
- Maintain an ambitious, balanced and enjoyable curriculum with many opportunities for extra-curricular and enrichment activities.
- Provide outstanding pastoral support, especially for those who need it most.
- Ensure that all members of the school community are committed to the well-being of the students.
- Value and support all staff, invest in their professional development and to develop ambition for themselves, colleagues and the students
- Link effectively with parents, carers, the local community, other schools, colleges, universities, employers and other partners.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Objectives, strategies and activities

To achieve our objectives and aims the Academy is governed, led and managed in a way which facilitates self-critical review, ambitious but realistic strategic planning, prudent budgeting and effective development planning. It is also outward-looking since it involves analysis of aspects of a changing world and other political, social and economic factors which may affect the nature and relevance of our provision and the demand for the education we offer. Good communication is vital so that pupils, parents and staff feel engaged and clear about the Academy's values, purpose and direction.

The long term aims, objectives and strategies are reviewed annually during a development planning process. The Headteacher reports on progress in implementing the development plan to trustees on a termly basis. In September and October, the Senior Leadership Team analyse the outcomes of the previous academic year, including GCSE and A Level results to assess the overall performance of the school and to identify any groups of pupils or subject areas for which there are concerns. The overall outcomes are discussed with the full Board of Trustees while the more detailed analyses are discussed with the trustees' Teaching and Learning Committee. The Academy also has a well-established programme of staff performance, appraisal and target-setting.

#### Public benefit

All the activities undertaken by the Academy are for the education of its pupils and the good of the wider local community. As such the primary objective of the Academy is to support those objectives and there is no financial return to any shareholders.

The Academy's Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. This has been with particular reference to Principles 1 and 2 as found in "The Advancement of Education for the Public Benefit, 2008".

#### Strategic report

#### Achievements and performance Public Examination Results 2022

While there are many measures of a school's performance, the key measures for a secondary school are outcomes at GCSE and at A level. The provisional overall headline statistics for students completing their courses in summer 2022 are as follows:

GCSE	% achieving grade 4 or above in English and mathematics:	86%
	% achieving grade 5 or above in English and mathematics:	73%
	% entries resulting in grades 9-7:	37%
	% achieving the English Baccalaureate (strong pass):	29%
	Progress 8 score: (October 2022 from checking tables)	0.38
GCE A Level	% entries resulting in grades A*/A/B:	76%
	% entries resulting in grades A*/A:	50%
	A Level Alps Quality Indicator (QI):	2

The above results showed an improvement in overall performance at GCSE and the results at A level were excellent.

These results – both attainment and progress matched and often exceeded those of the last 5 years, including the TAG and CAG grading years. Progress measures at GCSE look promising at this stage, but will not be released formally until later in the year.

The school uses a range of benchmarking tools to evaluate performance including Analysing School Performance (DfE), Fischer Family Trust (FFT), 4Matrix and ALPS (A Level Performance System).

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Ofsted Inspection

The school was last inspected by OFSTED in May 2017. The overall judgement was that this is a 'Good' school, i.e. an OFSTED Grade 2. The grades for the six main judgments were as follows:

Overall Effectiveness:
 Effectiveness of leadership and management:
 Quality of teaching, learning and assessment:
 Personal development, behaviour and welfare:
 Outcomes for pupils:
 16 to 19 study programmes:
 Good

 Outstanding
 Good
 Outstanding

 Outstanding
 Outstanding

#### Numbers on roll

The school has been oversubscribed with first choice preferences for September 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022. Numbers on roll at the start of the academic year for each of the last 6 year are as follows:

September 2022	1533	September 2019	1471
September 2021	1531	September 2018	1469
September 2020	1524	September 2017	1505

#### Staffing

For 2021/22, the leadership staffing establishment was 8 full time equivalent, the teacher staffing establishment was 7 full time equivalent, and the non-teaching staff establishment was 1 full time equivalent. From January, this reduced to 7 in total with Tim Rand's departure.

#### Key performance indicators

At the end of the year, the overall revenue balance carried forward amounted to £745,980 (excluding fixed asset fund and the pension scheme liability).

#### **Outcome related KPI:**

- Progress 8: 0.2
- · Progress data comparable between boys and girls
- · A level Alps grade 2 maintained
- A level attainment to exceed 2019 for key measures (last exam year)

#### Pastoral:

• Attendance 93%

#### Financial:

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	2021/22	2020/21
GAG income/total income (excl. CIF)	88%	87%
GAG income per pupil	£5,221	£4,781
Total staff costs as proportion of total expenditure	77%	77%
Cash and cash equivalents	£1,129,298	£940,674
Revenue Reserves as a % of GAG	9%	8%

#### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy 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.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Financial review

#### Financial Report for the Year

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the ESFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the ESFA during the period ended 31 August 2022 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds (non-fixed assets) in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The overall revenue surplus generated, after transfers to funding capital expenditure, in the year ended 31 August 2022 was £175,630 (2021: £75,971) resulting in the Academy's unrestricted reserves decreasing to £53,481 (2021: £89,944) and restricted revenue reserves increasing to £692,499 (2021: £480,406).

The Academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the ESFA. In accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction, such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed assets fund is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

At 31 August 2022 the net book value of fixed assets was £29,093,210 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in the notes to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The school has been fully subscribed since September 2014 and student numbers are forecast to remain strong for the foreseeable future. Our GCSE results continue to improve and our Year 12 number intake is growing with 140 students in September 2022. We expect the sixth form to continue to flourish after excellent exam results which continues to enhance its reputation.

The financial impact of Covid-19 has lessened but funding was aided by additional income received for coronavirus exceptional support from the ESFA which totalled £74,511 mostly continuing to support catch up learning for students.

#### Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has established a reserves policy in line with ESFA (Education and Skills Funding Agency) guidelines.

Reserves held are those unrestricted funds which provide:

- a buffer to ensure that the Academy does not move into deficit at any point during the financial year due to cash-flow issue;
- a fund to support unforeseen expenditure during the year which may result in overall expenditure exceeding the planned budget;
- a fund to compensate for income which may be anticipated during the financial year but which is not received;
- a 'carry forward' amount in order to enable the school to manage any reduction in income from one year to the next in a strategic way.

Reserves at the end of 2021/22 were at 9% of the delegated main school (11-16) budget. This is more than the maximum 7% per the Finance Policy due to £200k of reserves being earmarked for rebuild works outside of the scope of the project. Reserves held going forward will assist in safeguarding the Academy against the worsening financial climate and the upcoming school rebuild project.

#### **Investment policy**

The investment policy is required to ensure that funds are invested appropriately and that investments are protected rather than maximising interest. Short term investments are restricted to transfers to the Academy 32 day deposit account.

The Academy will ensure that approximately 3% of the General Annual Grant is available for immediate access to allow for unexpected short term calls on funds. Unrestricted Reserves at the end of 2021/22 were £53,481 which equates to 0.67% of GAG funding, which is within the school Finance Policy and ESFA tolerance levels. Cash flow is monitored on a daily basis using Lloyds online banking services and cashflow forecasts are prepared monthly to monitor any potential future issues with access to funds.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Trustees are responsible for the management of risks faced by the Academy. The Trustees are assisted in this task by the Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee, which comprises members of the Board of Trustees, and by the Senior Leadership Team. In accordance with Section 3.6 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021, the function of the audit and risk committee is discharged by the Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee. The Schools Health & Safety Committee meets termly and reports back to the Finance, and Staffing and Premises Committee.

The key controls used by the Academy include:

- Formal agendas for all Committee and trustees' meetings;
- Detailed terms of reference for all Committees;
- · Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- · Established organisational structure and lines of reporting;
- · Risk Register;
- · Formal written policies;
- · Clear authorisation and approval levels; and
- Setting policies and procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable.

Through the risk management processes established for the Academy, the Board of Trustees are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed and identified and implemented strategies for addressing these risks. Significant risks and the measures in place to reduce these risks have been formally documented in the Academy's Risk Register, which is subject to continuing review. The Trustees have also completed an assessment of internal control for the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) which enabled the risk assessment process. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Trustees have an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail within the Governance statement.

The Academy has completed a thorough review of its financial and risk management objectives in its risk register document.

Under Accounting Standard FRS102, it is necessary to charge projected deficits on the Local Government Pension Scheme, which is provided to support staff, to the restricted fund. It should be noted that this does not present the Academy with any current liquidity problems.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### **Fundraising**

Funds are raised by the students to support a range of charities. These include national and local charities, some of which have special significance relating to events at school. Funds were raised for the following charities in 2021-

- · Children In Need
- · Show Racism the Red Card
- Poppy Appeal
- Save the Children
- NSPCC
- · Children's Mental Health
- Ukraine Crisis Appeal
- Place2be
- · Chapter 2

The school does not expect or request contributions from parents to support its own funding.

The school does not employ or work with professional fundraisers. Fundraising activities include non-uniform days, cake sales, sponsored sporting activities and events at lunchtime.

The charities for which funds may be raised are carefully considered to ensure that they comply with the regulatory requirements and adhere to suitable ethical standards. All funds raised in activities are passed to the relevant charities. No funds are retained for administration or other reasons.

Any complaints about fundraising would be made using the school's 'Complaints Procedure' as published on the school website.

The school is aware that fundraising activities create an additional demand on parents who may, themselves, be experiencing financial difficulty. Therefore contributions anticipated from each child are low and in some cases the contribution request is waived.

#### Plans for future periods

The Academy will continue to strive for the best possible achievement for all groups of pupils and students. Realistic but challenging targets are set for individual pupils, subject departments and the whole school. That said, the clear focus is on the recovery from the Covid-19 situation and the continued focus on the well-being of staff and students. The focus areas for 2022/23 are as follows:

- 1. Classroom culture
- 2. Embedding adaptive teaching
- 3. Staff and student wellbeing4. Reading across the curriculum and for pleasure
- Celebrating diversity
- Redefine the school's vision and values

#### **Numerical Progress Targets:**

#### Summer 2023

- GCSE Progress 8 to be at least +0.25
- % attaining grade 5 or above in English and mathematics to be at least 60%.
- % of entries resulting in grades 7 and above to be at least 30%.
- A level ALPS grade 2.

In addition, the school is preparing for the commencement of the rebuild project which is due to start on site in 2023.

#### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### **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 21 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Covell

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Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13 September 2022)

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as accounting officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Katharine Lady Berkeley's School and the Secretary of State for Education. The accounting officer is also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

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

#### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities and covers the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 The Board of Trustees has formally met 6 times during the year, including an AGM held on 8 June 2022.

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

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Dr H Holman (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 5 October 2021)	1	1
Mrs M Clarke (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 15 October 2022)	5	6
Dr J E Cordwell (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 6 October 2021)	1	1
Mr C Jenner (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 1 June 2022)	4	4
Mr S Weston (Foundation Trustee)	5	6
Mr B Rousseau (Parent Trustee) (Resigned 4 October 2021)	0	1
Ms S Plant (Co-opted Trustee)	6	6
Mr T Rand (Headteacher) (Resigned 31 March 2022)	2	4
Mr A Covell (Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13 September		
2022))	6	6
Mr P Adams (Co-opted Trustee) (Resigned 11 March 2022)	3	3
Mr M Baker (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 30 October 2021)	2	2
Mr P T Downs (Parent Trustee)	5	6
Miss H Khan (Acting Headteacher) (Appointed 11 January 2022)	3	4
Ms A McDonald OBE (Foundation Trustee) (Appointed 19 July 2022)	0	0
Ms Z Morwood (Parent Trustee) (Appointed 9 December 2021)	3	4
Mr S Watson (Parent Trustee) (Appointed 9 December 2021)	1	4

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The key changes in the composition of the Board of Trustees over the year can be summarised as follows:

- The formal split between Members and Trustees, which was enacted by virtue of agreeing the revised Articles of Association and Standing orders the previous year
- The resignation of the previous Chair at the beginning of the academic year
- The resignation of the Headteacher and their replacement by the existing Deputy Head as Acting Headteacher
- The appointment of two new parent trustees
- The resignations of two Trustees who completed their second four year term in the course of the year

A priority of the Trustees for the next academic year is to recruit additional Trustees to increase the capacity and expertise of the Board. A key challenge is building the necessary capacity to ensure that the workload of Trustees is adequately shared and in particular to support the appointment of a permanent Headteacher.

During the academic year covered by this report the ongoing impact of Covid-19 restricted the board's ability to undertake school visits to validate the data presented. However, the board are satisfied that the data presented provides an accurate picture of the school and enables them to identify any areas of concern or focus. Data is presented alongside historical school data and also national benchmark data to enable meaningful comparisons. Link Trustee visits will be reintroduced next academic year.

With respect to Associate voting rights as per Standing Orders they are not able to vote in Full Trustee Board Meetings and only one Associate attended committee meetings (Teaching and Learning). No matters were discussed at Teaching and Learning that required a vote to resolve and as such no Associate exercised any voting rights in the year.

#### Conflicts of Interest

The board manages conflicts of interest by maintaining a register of interests that is regularly reviewed. All meeting agendas have a standing item to record any 'declarations of specific and standing interest'. Declarations of specific interest are deemed to be conflicts that arise from specific items on the agenda that would present a conflict of interest for anyone in attendance, declarations of standing interest are those recorded on the register of interests that could apply at any time. The latter includes any membership of the Sport Wotton Joint Venture and the associated Wotton Community Sports Foundation.

#### Governance Reviews

The Trustees conducted their annual governance review in June 2022 using the National Governors Association (NGA) Skills Audit, the results of this audit can be found below:

		Statement	Overall
			score
Section 1a. Strategic leadership These statements relate to the core		I have governing experience in a school or in a different sector	3
function of boards to set vision and	2	I am/have been chair of a board or committee	3
strategic direction.	3	I have experience and expertise in developing a strategy	3
	4	I know what the school's strategic priorities are	3
	5	I can identify key risks and evaluate their potential impact	3

## **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Section 1b. Accountability 6 These are the competencies that the	I am aware of how the school is funded and what the funding is spent on	3
board needs in order to hold 7 executive leaders to account for the	I can interpret budget monitoring reports and ask relevant questions	3
educational and financial performance of the organisation.	I understand how the school's curriculum meets the needs of all pupils	3
9	I understand how my governing board engages with stakeholders – pupils, parents, staff and the wider community – and how this informs decisions	
10	I feel confident being part of the panel that conducts headteacher appraisal	3
1c. People 11 People that govern need to form	I know how to build the knowledge I need to be effective in my governance role	3
positive working relationships with 12 their colleagues to function well as part of a team.	I can build positive, collaborative relationships with members of my board	3
1d.Structures13Understandinggovernancestructures is vital to avoid unclear	role and what governing boards and school leaders should expect from each other.	
and overlapping responsibilities that 14 can lead to dysfunctional or	are	4
ineffective governance arrangements.	3	4
1e. Compliance 16 All those involved in governance need to understand the legal	decisions (such as on pupil exclusions or complaints)	3
frameworks and context in which the organisation operates, and all of the	compliance responsibilities	
requirements with which it must comply.	non-compliance and unethical behaviour	4
19	I can identify when independent, expert advice may be required	4
2. Equality, diversity and inclusion 20 This section is about the board's role	by the school	3
in encouraging diversity and ensuring 21 equality: in determining ethos and	boards in relation to equalities.	4
culture; when recruiting executive and senior leaders; as employers of all staff; and in evaluating the impact of decisions on pupils and other	I have influenced an organisation's culture of equality and diversity (through communication, appropriate challenge, awareness raising or developing policies and practices).	3
stakeholders. 23	I have knowledge, experience or training that will help me to promote diversity and inclusion.	4
24	attitudes, policy and practice which go against the inclusive culture we want for our school.	4
25	I understand how to use relevant data and insight to identify and resolve issues relating to inequality.	3

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The table below shows those Statements with an average score of less than 3 which will be a particular focus area next year.

Statement	Action Plan
I am/have been chair of a board or committee	Look at succession planning and where necessary
	consider shadowing / mentoring to upskill future
	committee chairs
I have experience and expertise in developing a	Consider how the use of Strategy meetings can be
strategy	evolved to ensure that all Trustees are able to
	contribute to strategic discussions
I know what the school's strategic priorities are	To be addressed in first Strategy meeting of the
	next academic year
I am aware of how the school is funded and what the	Review how reports from FSP committee can be
	improved and made more easy to read.
I can interpret budget monitoring reports and ask	Add specific training if required
relevant questions	
I understand how the school's curriculum meets the	Consider how this can be made a specific focus
needs of all pupils	area in the next academic year
I feel confident being part of the panel that conducts	Look at succession planning and where necessary
headteacher appraisal	consider shadowing / mentoring to upskill future
	panel members

In addition, the Trustees have identified a specific need to replace expertise lost in the areas of Finance and Health & Safety and as such will aim to carry out specific targeted recruitment to fill these gaps. The trustees will also consider if it would be appropriate to commission an external review of Governance, the last example of which took place in 2019.

#### Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee

The Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee is a sub-committee of the main Trustee Body. Its purpose is to assist the decision making of the Trustees, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the Trustee Body's responsibility to ensure sound management of the Academy's finances and resources, including proper planning, monitoring and probity.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustees	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Mrs M Clarke (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 15 October 2022)	3	5
Mr C Jenner (Foundation Trustee) (Resigned 1 June 2022)	4	4
Ms S Plant (Co-opted Trustee)	2	2
Mr T Rand (Headteacher) (Resigned 31 March 2022)	2	2
Mr A Covell (Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13 September		
2022))	5	5
Mr P Adams (Co-opted Trustee) (Resigned 11 March 2022)	1	3
Miss H Khan (Acting Headteacher) (Appointed 11 January 2022)	2	2
Ms Z Morwood (Parent Trustee) (Appointed 9 December 2021)	1	1
Mr S Watson (Parent Trustee) (Appointed 9 December 2021)	1	1

#### Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy 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.

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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

- Ensuring the best possible outcomes for students through improved tracking of progress and targeted intervention where appropriate.
- Continued development of the strategy used to support disadvantaged students enabling more effective use of Pupil Premium funding.
- Benchmarking expenditure against that in other schools using data collated by Gloucestershire Association of Headteachers.
- Improving energy efficiency to reduce energy costs, including improving the energy efficiency of the Academy through the installation of more efficient LED lighting systems and solar panels
- Effective planning for anticipated changes in costs and income (including unfunded pay increases and delays to the introduction of the National Funding Formula) in future periods.
- The completion of the kitchen refurbishment project following a successful CIF bid will boost the quality and efficiency of the school catering provision.
- Development of remote learning using MS Teams software to make best use of laptops and other teaching resources.
- Continued on-going development of the site to improve the working environment for staff and students and so improving well-being.

#### 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 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 Katharine Lady Berkeley's School for the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 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's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

#### The risk and control framework

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

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

#### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

In accordance with Section 3.6 of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021, the function of the audit and risk committee is discharged by the Finance, Staffing and Premises committee at Katharine Lady Berkeley's School.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However the Trustees appoint an Independent Checking Officer (ICO). This is Mr C Jenner (a Foundation Trustee). Mr Jenner resigned as a Trustee on 1 June 2022, but continued as the ICO for the period covered by this report.

The ICO's role includes giving advice on financial and other matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial and other systems.

On a regular basis, the ICO reports to the Board of Trustees through the Finance, Staffing and Premises Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the financial responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, and periodically prepares a summary report to the committee outlining the areas reviewed, key findings, recommendations and conclusions to help the committee consider actions and assess year on year progress. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included a review of new starter process, creditor payments and variable pay.

There have been no material issues arising from the ICO reports thus far.

#### Review of effectiveness

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

- · the work of the Independent Checking Officer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process or the school resource management selfassessment tool;
- the work of the senior managers within the Academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The accounting officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the Finance, Staffing and Premises 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 on 21 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Covell

Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13

Acting Headteacher

Miss H Khan

September 2022)

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# STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

As accounting officer of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

I confirm that I and the Academy's Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2021.

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.

Miss H Khan

Accounting Officer

21 December 2022

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees (who are also the directors of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the accounts in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare 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 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022;
- · 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 21 December 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr A Covell

Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13 September 2022)

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Opinion

We have audited the accounts of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School for the year ended 31 August 2022 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 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022 issued by the Education and 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 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022.

#### **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 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

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

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

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

#### 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 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 has 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 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'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.

#### Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of senior leadership, Governors/Trustees and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- · Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance
  with applicable laws and regulations including compliance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to
  2022 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency;
- · Performing audit work over the recognition of grant income and the allocation of expenditure to funds;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of
  journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant
  transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of
  potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### Use of our report

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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.

Katherine Parkin (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

**Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor** 

23 December 2022

Epsilon House The Square Gloucester Business Park Gloucester United Kingdom GL3 4AD

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 14 September 2021 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2021 to 2022, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Katharine Lady Berkeley's School during the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022 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 Katharine Lady Berkeley's School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Katharine Lady Berkeley's School 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 Katharine Lady Berkeley's School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Katharine Lady Berkeley's School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 August 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2021, 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 2021 to 2022. 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 2021 to 31 August 2022 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

#### Approach

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

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

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

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

Our work included identification and assessment of the design and operational effectiveness of the controls, policies and procedures that have been implemented to ensure compliance with the framework of authorities including high level financial control areas and areas assessed of presenting a higher risk of impropriety. We undertook detailed testing, based on our assessment of risk of material irregularity, where such controls, policies and procedures apply to classes of transactions. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements to the extent evidence from the conduct of that audit supports the regularity conclusion as well as additional testing based on our assessment of risk of material irregularity.

# INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO KATHARINE LADY BERKELEY'S SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 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 2021 to 31 August 2022 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

**Reporting Accountant** 

Azets Audit Services

Dated: 23 December 2022

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

		Unrestricted funds		icted funds: Fixed asset	Total 2022	Total 2021
	Notes	funds	General	Fixeu asset	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments from:	110100	~	~	~	~	~
Donations and capital grants Charitable activities:	3	3,673	3,925	66,110	73,708	440,368
- Funding for educational operations	4	276,629	8,730,828	-	9,007,457	8,377,146
Other trading activities	5	37,921	-	-	37,921	8,949
Investments	6	349	-	-	349	392
Total		318,572	8,734,753	66,110	9,119,435	8,826,855
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds Charitable activities:	7	20,425	-	-	20,425	4,989
- Educational operations	8	334,610	8,800,546	906,799	10,041,955	9,358,782
Total	7	355,035	8,800,546	906,799	10,062,380	9,363,771
Net expenditure		(36,463)	(65,793)	(840,689)	(942,945)	(536,916)
Transfers between funds	17	-	(143,114)	143,114	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses) Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	25		3,280,000	_	3,280,000	(317,000)
beliefit perision schemes	25					(317,000)
Net movement in funds		(36,463)	3,071,093	(697,575)	2,337,055	(853,916)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		89,944	(3,170,594)	29,995,859	26,915,209	27,769,125
Total funds carried forward		53,481	(99,501)	29,298,284	29,252,264	26,915,209

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

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Comparative year information		Unrestricted	Restri	icted funds:	Total
Year ended 31 August 2021		funds	General	Fixed asset	2021
_	Notes	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants Charitable activities:	3	500	1,798	438,070	440,368
- Funding for educational operations	4	190,919	8,186,227	-	8,377,146
Other trading activities	5	8,949	-	-	8,949
Investments	6	392			392
Total		200,760	8,188,025	438,070	8,826,855
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	4,989	-	-	4,989
Charitable activities: - Educational operations	8	289,828	8,172,258	896,696	9,358,782
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Total	7	294,817	8,172,258	896,696	9,363,771
Net income/(expenditure)		(94,057)	15,767	(458,626)	(536,916)
Transfers between funds	17	-	(96,739)	96,739	-
Other recognised gains/(losses) Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension					
schemes	25		(317,000)		(317,000)
Net movement in funds		(94,057)	(397,972)	(361,887)	(853,916)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		184,001	(2,772,622)	30,357,746	27,769,125
Total funds carried forward		89,944	(3,170,594)	29,995,859	26,915,209

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

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	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	40		20 002 040		20 055 045
Tangible assets	12		29,093,210		29,855,645
Current assets					
Stocks	13	3,341		3,341	
Debtors	14	121,911		109,749	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,129,298		940,674	
		1,254,550		1,053,764	
Current liabilities		1,201,000		1,000,101	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one		( ()		(2.12.222)	
year	15	(303,496)		(343,200)	
Net current assets			951,054		710,564
Net assets excluding pension liability			30,044,264		30,566,209
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25		(792,000)		(3,651,000)
Total net assets			29,252,264		26,915,209
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Funds of the Academy:					
Restricted funds	17				
- Fixed asset funds			29,298,284		29,995,859
- Restricted income funds			692,499		480,406
- Pension reserve			(792,000)		(3,651,000)
Total restricted funds			29,198,783		26,825,265
Unrestricted income funds	17		53,481		89,944
Total funds			29.252.264		26,915,209
Total funds			29,252,264 		26,915,20

The accounts on pages 26 to 49 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 21 December 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr A Covell

Parent Trustee, Chair (Appointed Chair 13 September 2022)

Company Number 07696921

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	202 £	22 £	202 <sup>-</sup> £	1 £
Cash flows from operating activities  Net cash provided by operating activities	21		281,022		189,359
Cash flows from investing activities Dividends, interest and rents from investmen Capital grants from DfE Group Capital funding received from sponsors and of Purchase of tangible fixed assets		349 36,110 30,000 (158,857)		392 394,190 43,880 (544,391)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(92,398)		(105,929)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents reporting period	s in the		188,624		83,430
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the	ne year		940,674		857,244
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the y	/ear		1,129,298		940,674
Relating to: Bank and cash balances Short term deposits			776,892 352,406		588,511 352,163

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 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, 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 2021 to 2022 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 1.2 Going concern

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

#### 1.3 Income

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

#### <u>Grants</u>

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

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

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

#### Sponsorship income

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

#### **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 has provided the goods or services.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Donated goods, facilities and services

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

#### Donated fixed assets

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

#### 1.4 Expenditure

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

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### Expenditure on raising funds

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

#### Charitable activities

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

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

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

Long leasehold property2%Leasehold improvements4%Computer equipment25%Fixtures and fittings10-20%Motor vehicles20%

On conversion Trustees agreed to base their valuation of land and buildings on insurance valuation. This was chosen in favour of having a formal valuation done as the cost of a formal valuation would be onerous compared to the additional benefit derived by the users of the accounts.

Due to the Academy Trust's buildings being deemed specialist in nature and therefore not traded in an open market, insurance valuation was deemed to be a reasonable estimate of depreciated replacement costs for recognition purposes.

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.

#### 1.6 Liabilities

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

#### 1.7 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Academy has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event which it is probable will result in the transfer of economic benefits and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised within interest payable and similar charges.

#### 1.8 Leased assets

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

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Financial assets

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

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

#### Financial liabilities

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

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

#### 1.10 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 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 is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

#### 1.12 Pensions benefits

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

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

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to net income or expenditure are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/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.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.13 Fund accounting

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

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by 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 Education and Skills Funding Agency, Department for Education and School Fund accounts.

#### 1.14 Agency arrangements

The academy trust acts as an agent in distributing certain monies to students, for example 16-19 Bursary funding from ESFA in so far as these are not discretionary in nature.

#### 1.15 Employee benefits

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

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

#### Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The Academy 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 25, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2022. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

#### 3 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Capital grants	-	36,110	36,110	394,190
Other donations	3,673	33,925	37,598	46,178
	3,673	70,035	73,708	440,368

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

### 4 Funding for the Academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG) Other DfE/ESFA grants:	-	7,993,225	7,993,225	7,285,828
Pupil premium	_	127,776	127,776	120,040
Supplementary grant	_	87,617	87,617	-
Teachers pension grants	_	54,937	54,937	288,675
Teachers pay grants	_	19,441	19,441	102,159
Others	-	80,381	80,381	71,953
		8,363,377	8,363,377	7,868,655
Other government grants				
Local authority grants		156,599	156,599	109,440
Special educational projects	_	4,490	4,490	4,373
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	-	161,089	161,089	113,813
COVID-19 additional funding DfE/ESFA				
Catch-up premium	-	34,062	34,062	83,854
Other funding				
Other funding School funds	_	172,220	172,220	117,687
Catering services	260,653	172,220	260,653	176,090
Other incoming resources	15,976	80	16,056	17,047
Other mooning resources				
	276,629	172,300	448,929	310,824
Total funding	276,629	8,730,828	9,007,457	8,377,146
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The academy received £34,062 (2021: £83,854) of funding for catch-up/recovery premium and costs incurred in respect of this funding totalled £11,780 (2021: £83,854).

### 5 Other trading activities

•	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Hire of facilities	31,800	_	31,800	4,750
Other income	6,121	-	6,121	4,199
	37,921		37,921	8,949

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

			Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	Short term deposits		349		349	392
7	Expenditure					
			Non-pay	expenditure	Total	Total
		Staff costs	<b>Premises</b>	Other	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£	£
	Expenditure on raising funds					
	- Allocated support costs Academy's educational operations	-	19,825	600	20,425	4,989
	- Direct costs	6,510,914	-	539,797	7,050,711	6,634,110
	- Allocated support costs	1,251,234	1,161,671	578,339	2,991,244	2,724,672
		7,762,148	1,181,496	1,118,736	10,062,380	9,363,771
	Net income/(expenditure) for the	vear include	e.		2022	2021
	(	year meiade	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		£	
	Fees payable to auditor for:	year melade	· .		£	£
	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit		<b>3.</b>		<b>£</b> 12,675	£ 11,725
	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than audit		<b>3</b> .		£ 12,675 2,275	£ 11,725 3,155
	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than auditors.		<b>3</b> .		£ 12,675 2,275 1,565	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160
	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than audit - Other services Operating lease rentals	dit	<b>3</b> .		£ 12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660
	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than auditors.	dit	<b>3</b> .		£ 12,675 2,275 1,565	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160
8	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than audition of tangible fixed asset	dit	<b>3</b> .		£ 12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257 906,799	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660 896,696
3	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than audition - Other services Operating lease rentals Depreciation of tangible fixed asset Net interest on defined benefit pensions	dit	Unrestricted	Restricted	£  12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257 906,799 63,000  Total	11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660 896,696 54,000
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3	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than auditor Other services Operating lease rentals Depreciation of tangible fixed asset Net interest on defined benefit pension.  Charitable activities	dit	Unrestricted		£  12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257 906,799 63,000  Total	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660 896,696 54,000
3	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than audition - Other services Operating lease rentals Depreciation of tangible fixed asset Net interest on defined benefit pensions	dit	Unrestricted funds	funds	£  12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257 906,799 63,000  Total 2022	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660 896,696 54,000  Total 2021
;	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than auditor Other services Operating lease rentals Depreciation of tangible fixed asset Net interest on defined benefit pensions  Charitable activities  Direct costs Educational operations  Support costs	dit	Unrestricted funds £	funds £ 7,034,449	£  12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257 906,799 63,000  Total 2022 £  7,050,711	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660 896,696 54,000  Total 2021 £ 6,634,110
ì	Fees payable to auditor for: - Audit - Assurance services other than auditor Other services Operating lease rentals Depreciation of tangible fixed asset Net interest on defined benefit pensions  Charitable activities  Direct costs Educational operations	dit	Unrestricted funds	funds £	£  12,675 2,275 1,565 13,257 906,799 63,000  Total 2022 £	£ 11,725 3,155 1,160 9,660 896,696 54,000  Total 2021 £

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

8	Charitable activities		(Continued)
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Analysis of support costs		
	Support staff costs	1,228,350	1,010,840
	Depreciation	906,799	896,696
	Technology costs	8,695	8,560
	Premises costs	254,872	282,472
	Legal costs	6,838	32,798
	Other support costs	520,914	449,842
	Governance costs	64,776	43,464
		2,991,244	2,724,672

During the year ended 31 August 2022, the Academy Trust incurred £Nil of Governance costs that are included in legal costs above (2021: £32,798).

#### 9 Staff

#### Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Wages and salaries	5,279,756	5,096,979	
Social security costs	534,878	492,726	
Pension costs	1,658,946	1,446,113	
Staff costs - employees	7,473,580	7,035,818	
Agency staff costs	262,200	170,632	
Staff restructuring costs	26,368	-	
Total staff expenditure	7,762,148	7,206,450	
Staff restructuring costs comprise:			
Severance payments	26,368	-	

### **Severance payments**

The Academy paid 2 severance payments in the year, disclosed in the following bands:

0 - £25,000

#### Special staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are special severance payments totalling £22,901 (2021: £Nil). Individually, the payments were: £12,500 and £10,401.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 9 Staff (Continued)

#### Staff numbers

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Teachers	101	107
Administration and support	104	99
Management	8	7
	213	213

### Higher paid staff

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

	2022 Number	2021 Number
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	1
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	1	-
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	1
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	-	1
In the band £110,001 - £120,000	1	-

### Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £771,683 (2021: £698,434).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 10 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

One or more of the Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy. 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:

Mr T Rand, Headteacher (resigned as trustee 31 March 2022)

- Remuneration £55,000-£60,000 (2021: £95,000-£100,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £10,000-£15,000 (2021: £20,000-£25,000)

Mrs S Reynolds, Staff Trustee (resigned 27 July 2021)

- Remuneration £N/A (2021: £35,000-£40,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £N/A (2021: £5,000-£10,000)

Mr G Warnock, Staff Trustee (resigned 27 July 2021)

- Remuneration £N/A (2021: £10,000-£15,000)
- Employer's pension contributions £N/A (2021: £0-£5,000)

Miss H Khan, Acting Headteacher (appointed 11 January 2022)

- Remuneration £60,000-£65,000 (2021: £N/A)
- Employers' pension contributions £10,000-£15,000 (2021: £N/A)

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2021: £NIL).

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

#### 11 Trustees' and officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £2,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2022 was £126 (2021: £126). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

12	Tangible fixed assets						
			Leasehold improvements	Computer Fi equipment	ixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
		property £	£	£	£	£	£
	Cost	~	~	~	~	~	~
	At 1 September 2021	32,201,655	4,825,743	490,935	448,828	7,928	37,975,089
	Additions		42,031	88,609	5,724	8,000	144,364
	At 31 August 2022	32,201,655	4,867,774	579,544	454,552	15,928	38,119,453
	Depreciation						
	At 1 September 2021	6,494,000	876,300	415,522	327,548	6,074	8,119,444
	Charge for the year	644,033	193,612	44,854	23,598	702	906,799
	At 31 August 2022	7,138,033	1,069,912	460,376	351,146	6,776	9,026,243
	Net book value						
	At 31 August 2022	25,063,622	3,797,862	119,168	103,406	9,152	29,093,210
	At 31 August 2021	25,707,655	3,949,443	75,413	121,280	1,854	29,855,645
	The Academy Trust leas	ses land and bui	ldings from Kath	arine Lady Ber	keley's Schoo	l Foundation	
13	Stocks						
						2022 £	2021 £
	Catering stock				_	3,341	3,341
44	Dalitana				_		
14	Debtors					2022	2021
						£	£
	VAT recoverable					37,985	23,474
	Prepayments and accru	ed income				83,926	86,275

121,911

109,749

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

15	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Trade creditors	19,366	34,203
	Other taxation and social security	119,143	116,671
	Other creditors	36,788	34,052
	Accruals and deferred income	128,199	158,274
		303,496	343,200
16	Deferred income	2022	
		2022	2021
		2022 £	2021 £
	Deferred income is included within:	£	2021 £
	Deferred income is included within: Creditors due within one year		
	Creditors due within one year	33,335 ———	£ 85,439
	Creditors due within one year  Deferred income at 1 September 2021	33,335 =================================	85,439 ====================================
	Creditors due within one year	33,335 ———	£ 85,439

Income received during the year specific to funding for future periods has been deferred accordingly. At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds received in advance for educational trips, girls football income and other revenue grants (2021: educational trips, catering and other revenue grants).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

17	Funds					
		Balance at			Gains,	Balance at
		1 September		F	losses and	31 August
		2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	transfers £	2022 £
	Restricted general funds	2	L	L	L	2
	General Annual Grant (GAG)	379,924	7,993,225	(7,671,206)	(143,114)	558,829
	Pupil premium	373,324	127,776	(127,776)	(140,114)	330,023
	Catch-up premium	_	34,062	(11,780)	_	22,282
	Supplementary grant	_	87,617	(87,617)	_	-
	Other DfE/ESFA grants	8,227	154,759	(154,759)	_	8,227
	Other government grants	35,861	161,089	(155,235)	_	41,715
	School fund account	40,163	172,220	(171,093)	_	41,290
	Other donations	16,231	4,005	(80)	-	20,156
	Pension reserve	(3,651,000)	-	(421,000)	3,280,000	(792,000)
		(3,170,594)	8,734,753	(8,800,546)	3,136,886	(99,501)
	Restricted fixed asset funds					
	Inherited on conversion	25,695,036	_	(644,033)	_	25,051,003
	DfE group capital grants	3,632,035	36,110	(174,290)	_	3,493,855
	Capital expenditure from GAG	202,789	-	(52,403)	143,114	293,500
	Other donations	465,999	30,000	(36,073)	-	459,926
		29,995,859	66,110	(906,799)	143,114	29,298,284
	Total restricted funds	26,825,265	8,800,863	(9,707,345)	3,280,000	29,198,783
	Unrestricted funds					
	General funds	89,944	318,572	(355,035)		53,481
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	Total funds	26,915,209	9,119,435	(10,062,380)	3,280,000	29,252,264

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

The Restricted General Fund includes GAG and other grants receivable from the Education & Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Education towards the Academy's educational activities. Academy funds held in respect of education visits and events are also included in the Restricted General Fund.

The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund includes amounts receivable from the Education & Skills Funding Agency and the Department for Education and other grant funders in respect of tangible fixed assets held for Academy use. Transfers between the Restricted general fund and the respective Restricted fixed asset fund relate to asset purchases from these funds during the year.

The Pension Reserve relates to the Academy's share of the deficit of the Local Government Pension Scheme overseen by the Local Authority.

The academy trust is not subject to GAG carried forward limits.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

17 Funds (Continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September	<b>.</b>	F	Gains, losses and	Balance at 31 August
	2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	transfers £	2021 £
Restricted general funds	2	L	2	2	2
General Annual Grant (GAG)	162,599	7,285,828	(6,971,764)	(96,739)	379,924
Pupil premium	-	120,040	(120,040)	-	-
Teachers pension grants	-	288,675	(288,675)	-	-
Teachers pay grants	-	102,159	(102,159)	_	-
Covid-19 catch up premium	-	83,854	(83,854)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	9,846	71,953	(73,572)	-	8,227
Other government grants	73,366	113,813	(151,318)	-	35,861
School fund account	48,336	117,687	(125,860)	-	40,163
Other donations	16,231	4,016	(4,016)	-	16,231
Pension reserve	(3,083,000)		(251,000)	(317,000)	(3,651,000)
	(2,772,622)	8,188,025	(8,172,258)	(413,739)	(3,170,594)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Inherited on conversion	26,339,069	-	(644,033)	-	25,695,036
DfE group capital grants	3,365,760	394,190	(171,873)	43,958	3,632,035
Capital expenditure from GAG	197,618	-	(47,610)	52,781	202,789
Other donations	455,299	43,880	(33,180)		465,999
	30,357,746	438,070	(896,696) ———	96,739	29,995,859
Total restricted funds	27,585,124	8,626,095	(9,068,954)	(317,000)	26,825,265
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	184,001	200,760	(294,817)		89,944
Total funds	27,769,125	8,826,855	(9,363,771)	(317,000)	26,915,209

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Unrestricted	Rost	ricted funds:	Total
	Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	29,093,210	29,093,210
Current assets	53,481	995,995	205,074	1,254,550
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(303,496)	-	(303,496)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(792,000)	-	(792,000)
Total net assets	53,481	(99,501)	29,298,284	29,252,264
	Unrestricted	Rest	ricted funds:	Total
	Funds	General	Fixed asset	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2021 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	29,855,645	29,855,645
Current assets	89,944	809,113	154,707	1,053,764
Creditors falling due within one year	-	(328,707)	(14,493)	(343,200)
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(3,651,000)	-	(3,651,000)

### 19 Capital commitments

At 31 August 2022 the Academy had capital commitments totalling £Nil (2021: £Nil).

### 20 Long-term commitments, including operating leases

At 31 August 2022 the total of the Academy's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts due within one year	16,857	21,221
Amounts due in two and five years	1,381	13,642
	18,238	34,863

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

21	Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activity	ities	2022 £	2021 £
	Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)		(942,945)	(536,916)
	Adjusted for: Capital grants from DfE and other capital income Investment income receivable Defined benefit pension costs less contributions payable Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (Increase)/decrease in debtors (Decrease) in creditors  Net cash provided by operating activities		(66,110) (349) 358,000 63,000 906,799 (12,162) (25,211) ———————————————————————————————————	(438,070) (392) 197,000 54,000 896,696 93,779 (76,738)
22	Analysis of changes in net funds  1 September 20	oer 121	Cash flows	31 August 2022
	Cash Cash equivalents 588,5		£ 188,381 243	£ 776,892 352,406
	940,6		188,624	1,129,298

### 23 Contingent liabilities

At 31 August 2022 the Academy had contingent liabilities totalling £Nil (2021: £Nil).

### 24 Members' liability

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 25 Pension and similar obligations

The Academy's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Gloucestershire County Council. 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 2016, and that of the LGPS related to the period ended 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £36,788 (2021: £34,052) were payable to the LGPS scheme at 31 August 2022 and are included within creditors.

#### **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

#### Introduction

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

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

#### Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £921,930 (2021: £879,921).

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

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

#### 25 Pension and similar obligations

(Continued)

#### **Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension 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 28.1% for employers and 5.5 to 12.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Total contributions made	2022	2021
	£	£
Employer's contributions	379,000	373,000
Employees' contributions	80,000	75,000
Total contributions	459,000	448,000
Principal actuarial assumptions	2022	2021
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.5	4.0
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.2	2.9
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	4.25	1.65
Inflation assumption (CPI)	3.3	3.2
Commutation of pension lump sums pre-April 2008	35.0	35.0
Commutation of pension lump sums post-April 2008	68.0	68.0

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

	2022 Years	2021 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	21.7	21.9
- Females	24.1	24.3
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	22.6	22.9
- Females	25.8	26.0

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

25	Pension and similar obligations		(Continued)
	Scheme liabilities would have been affected by changes in assumptions as follows:		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Discount rate + 0.1%	(122,000)	(180,000)
	Discount rate -0.1%	122,000	180,000
	Mortality assumption + 1 year	247,000	359,000
	Mortality assumption - 1 year	(247,000)	(359,000)
	CPI rate + 0.1%	114,000	164,000
	CPI rate - 0.1%	(114,000) ———	(164,000) ———
	The Academy's share of the assets in the scheme	2022	2021
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Fair value	Fair value
		£	£
	Equities	3,656,000	3,521,000
	Debt instruments	1,021,000	1,227,000
	Cash and other liquid assets	108,000	160,000
	Property	591,000	427,000
	Total market value of assets	5,376,000 ======	5,335,000 ======
	The actual return on scheme assets was £(297,000) (2021: £823,000).		
	Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	2022	2021
		£	£
	Current service cost	737,000	570,000
	Interest income	(91,000)	(74,000)
	Interest cost	154,000	128,000
	Total operating charge	800,000	624,000
	Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2022 £	2021 £
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	At 1 September 2021	8,986,000	7,261,000
	Current service cost	737,000	570,000
	Interest cost	154,000	128,000
	Employee contributions	80,000	75,000
	Actuarial (gain)/loss	(3,668,000)	1,066,000
	Benefits paid	(121,000)	(114,000)
	At 31 August 2022	6,168,000	8,986,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Pension and similar obligations		(Continued)
Changes in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets	2022	2021
	£	£
At 1 September 2021	5,335,000	4,178,000
Interest income	91,000	74,000
Actuarial loss/(gain)	(388,000)	749,000
Employer contributions	379,000	373,000
Employee contributions	80,000	75,000
Benefits paid	(121,000)	(114,000)
At 31 August 2022	5,376,000	5,335,000
	Changes in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets  At 1 September 2021 Interest income Actuarial loss/(gain) Employer contributions Employee contributions Benefits paid	Changes in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets  2022 £  At 1 September 2021 5,335,000 Interest income 91,000 Actuarial loss/(gain) (388,000) Employer contributions 379,000 Employee contributions 80,000 Benefits paid (121,000)

#### 26 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 Academy Trust Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the academy trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions. The following related party transactions took place in the financial period.

J Cordwell, a Trustee (resigned 6 October 2021), was also a councillor for Gloucestershire County Council and Wotton Town Council during the period. This role does not give J Cordwell significant influence over pricing of Service Level Agreements or other Academy and Educational decisions and the disclosure of transactions between Gloucestershire County Council and Wotton Town Council and the Academy is therefore not considered necessary.

During the year, Katharine Lady Berkeley's School received £12,800 from Sport Wotton Limited, a joint venture in which the Academy has an interest (2021: £4,750).