

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	Mr S Thomas Mr P Metcalfe Mrs A Taylor Miss L Wallace (resigned 14/12/2023) Mrs A Johnson (resigned 14/12/2023) Mr L Batsone (resigned 14/12/2023) Dr J Hanks (appointed 14/12/2023)
Trustees	Mrs E Vigus, CEO (ex- officio) (appointed 01/09/2023) Mrs C Lambeth Mr A P Coates, Vice Chair of Trustees Mr A Robertson (resigned 08/04/2024) Mr J D C Wright, Chair of Trustees Dr J D Hanks (resigned 14/12/2023) Ms M Douglas Mrs R Metcalfe Mrs D McCauley Mr I Davies
Company registered number	07681857
Company name	Kingstone Academy Trust
Principal and registered office	Kingstone High School Kingstone Herefordshire HR2 9HJ
Company secretary	Ms J Kent
Senior management team	Mr L Butler, Headteacher - Secondary Mr M Morris, Deputy Headteacher - Secondary Mrs R Ruvino, Assistant Headteacher - Secondary Mr D Cook, Assistant Headteacher - Secondary Mrs R Finch, Assistant Headteacher - Secondary Mrs K Bayliss, Finance Director Mrs E Vigus, Chief Executive Officer (appointed 01/09/2023) Mrs A Preece, Deputy Headteacher - Primary Miss P Nicholas, Assistant Headteacher - Primary Mrs C Sankey, Director of inclusion - Secondary (appointed 01/09/2023) Mr M Payne, Associate Assistant Headteacher - Secondary (appointed 01/09/2023) Mrs R Williams, Associate Assistant Headteacher - Secondary (appointed 01/09/2023)
Independent auditors	Cooper Parry Group Limited Statutory Auditor Cubo Birmingham Office 401, 3rd Floor Two Chamberlain Square Birmingham B3 3AX

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Bankers

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KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2024. The annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust.

Kingstone Academy Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust formed between Kingstone High School and Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School. The Company was incorporated on the 24 June 2011 and converted from a Local Authority School to an Academy Trust on the 1 August 2011 (High School) and 1 September 2011 (Primary School).

The Trustees of Kingstone Academy Trust Limited are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The Charitable Company is known as Kingstone Academy Trust.

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.

b. 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.

c. Trustees' indemnities

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust.

The liability insurance is provided by Zurich Plc and provides cover up to £5,000,000 (2023: £5,000,000) on any one claim.

d. Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

This is defined in the Articles of Association:

The Members may appoint up to 12 Trustees.

The Members may appoint Staff Trustees through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Trustees (including the Chief Executive Officer) who are employees of the Academy Trust does not exceed one-third of the total number of Trustees. Further details can be found in the Articles of Association.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Structure, governance and management (continued)

e. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The Academy has a Trustee Recruitment and Induction policy.

The training and induction provided for new Trustees includes a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils. The Herefordshire Governors Association provide external training including financial matters. They provide regular updates on practice, legislation and guidance. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. All Trustees have access to training and resources through: The National College, Governor Hub, National Governance Association and The Confederation of Schools Trusts.

f. Organisational structure

The Academy Trust has a leadership structure which consists of the Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer, the Finance Director and The Academy Business Manager. Decisions at school level are made by the Head of School at the Secondary school and Headteacher at the Primary school, supported by their respective senior leadership teams. The aim of the leadership structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels. The Chief Executive Officer is the Accounting Officer.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the strategic direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and key staff appointments.

The Senior Leadership directs the Academy Trust at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the Trustees and reporting back to them. The Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff, though appointment boards for Heads of School and the Executive role always contain a Trustee.

Heads of Faculty and Phase leads are responsible for the day-to-day operation of curriculum subject areas and accordingly organise their teaching staff, capitation resources, facilities and students.

g. Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The Academy Trust uses career stage expectations and a rigorous performance management process to ensure that the human resources of the school provide good value for money. The Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee meets to review the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations and to review that the pay ranges employed are still appropriate to the size of school and range of responsibility expected by an employee.

The Chief Executive Officer's performance is reviewed annually by the Chair of Trustees and the committee Chairs alongside the advice of a suitably qualified external advisor

h. Trade union facility time

During this period the Academy did not pay union facility time in advance, instead paying as and when required by the unions within school.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Objectives and activities

a. Objects and aims

Achieving Success Together

Our overall aim is to produce confident, self-assured and successful young adults who have the learning skills and track record of success in a variety of experiences that will allow them to make a positive contribution to their society.

Our vision is developed through the use of our Strategic Intent document.

The Academy Trust uses the motto of: 'Achieving Success Together'.

Our pledge is that we shall endeavour to provide opportunities for all in the following areas.

Achievement:

Whatever their ability:-

- Every child will make the expected progress at all stages of their schooling and the majority will have done even better than this by the time they leave.

Community:

We aim:-

- to embrace the wider community to provide opportunities for our pupils.
- to have all members of the Trust to feel part of one organisation.
- to maximise the role of parents in the wider community.
- to involve all partners of all kinds in the community to work with the Trust.

Through these aims Kingstone Academy Trust is seen as a central part of our local community.

Experiences:

All of our pupils will:-

- Have a rich, innovative and varied curriculum experience that meets their needs.
- Have access to opportunities and challenges outside the classroom that build on their talents and interests.
- Be safe in our caring and learning community.
- Be introduced to new experiences which will provide them with challenge in which to develop the skills needed to create a 'habit of success'.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Objectives and activities (continued)

b. Objectives, strategies and activities

The Company's objective is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools offering a broad and balanced curriculum (Memorandum of Association).

The High School continues its commitment to provide a broad curriculum with a very wide-ranging curriculum of GCSE and BTEC courses designed to meet the needs of our students. The school continues to augment its teaching by focusing on the wider world and cultures. The High School has increased its vocational provision to ensure that every student is able to achieve.

The Primary School curriculum is broad and diverse enough to meet the needs of all pupils. It is tailored around the context of the local area and the specific needs of the pupils who attend.

Our objectives are to use the aims laid out previously as the driving force to deliver a top-quality education experience to all of the young people who come to our schools. To achieve this aim we engage in a continual process of monitoring, self-review and actions to ensure we meet the needs of our pupils. This is common practice across both schools and there is much individual intervention and support to ensure this is the case.

Through this process we provide opportunities to our pupils to meet the aims as laid out previously. We provide a wide range of subject based academic experiences in both schools and a large range of wider experiential opportunities including; residential trips in this country and abroad; the opportunity to represent the schools in sporting fixtures at all ages in a wide variety of sports; the opportunity to represent the school in a school musical, drama performance or debating competition.

c. Public benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives. All our charitable activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

d. Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas, and its finances. The Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee receives a copy of the Risk Register at each meeting, providing assurance to the Full Board that all risks are documented and an action plan to mitigate each risk is in place. The Risk Register assesses risks that the school faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety and school trips) and in relation to the control of finance. Trustees have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. vetting of new staff and visitors, supervision of school grounds) and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Statement of Internal Control.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Strategic report

Achievements and performance

Charitable activities

In Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School, KS2 results at the last validated data point of summer 2024:

KS2:

% achieving level EXS: writing 80%; reading 87%; maths 83%

% achieving level GDS: writing 20%; reading 43%; maths 13%

Reading Writing & Maths 80%

Year 4 Multiplication Check:

Pupils scoring 22 or more out of 25: 70%

KS1:

% Expected Standard + - reading 87%; writing 81%; maths 84%

% Greater Depth + - reading 26%; writing 19%; maths 23%

Phonics:

Y1 % achieving threshold: 79%

EYFS:

% achieving GLD: 80%

BASICS

In Kingstone High School, GCSE results including English Literature (taken in Year 10) which gives a true record of achievement:

Attainment 8: 41.95 (4.2)

English & Maths at Grade 5+: 43%

English and Maths at Grade 4+: 63%

Grade 5+ English: 44%

Grade 4+ English: 68%

Grade 5+ Maths: 47%

Grade 4+ Maths: 69%

EBACC

In both year 10 and 11, the number of students entered for EBACC is above 40%.

EBACC with strong pass (5+) inc E & M 16% (8% increase on previous 2 years)

EBACC with standard pass (4+) inc E & M 21% (10% increase on previous 2 years)

School Improvement Planning

Both schools have a comprehensive School Improvement Plan in place, informed by a SEF, to further develop both schools. In each case the plan is developed around the latest Ofsted framework and its areas of judgement. The primary school was judged to have remained 'Good' following an inspection in December 2022. The secondary school was inspected in February 2024, where it remained Good, although will be reinspected 12-18 months from that inspection. The school improvement work for the secondary is reflective of the areas highlighted for improvement in the most recent inspection. The school improvement plans have to focus on closing gaps between highlighted groups such as gender or SEND status but there is particular emphasis on ensuring disadvantaged students close the gap on their non-disadvantaged peers.

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Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

<u>Pupils on Roll (Census)</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Primary School</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 2016	335	154	489
October 2017	387	171	558
October 2018	440	194	634
October 2019	503	185	688
October 2020	571	188	759
October 2021	607	186	793
October 2022	642	194	836
October 2023	610	199	809
October 2024	598	201	799

Like the vast majority of schools across the county of Herefordshire, both the high school and primary have suffered in the past from declining numbers due to demographic changes. However, both schools have experienced a trend of improving numbers over recent years. The two schools are now oversubscribed in a number of year groups. The High school has been oversubscribed in Year 7 for each of the last four years.

Local housing developments continue to be built in the local area, contributing to additional pupils on roll. The 106 monies from these developments continue to be used to increase basic need capacity.

a. Key performance indicators

A key financial performance indicator for the Trust is actual performance compared to budget.

A revised budget deficit of £66k was approved by the Board of Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2024. The final outturn for the year was a surplus of £172k representing a budget variance of £238k. This can be broken down as follows:

	£'000
New grant from ESFA to cover teacher pension rise	44
Additional income: Interest	13
Additional income: Special Education needs	15
Additional income - other various	39
Staffing cost underspends due to vacancies	188
Additional site works	-91
Additional IT infrastructure	-99
Underspends on gas and electricity	26
Delay in minibus purchase - moved to 24/25	42
Underspends on training and staff advertising	21
Other budgetary underspends	40
Total budget variance	238

For the reporting year, teachers' pay (including agency staff) as a % of GAG was 60% (2023: 65.9%) and overall staffing as a % of GAG was 87% (2023: 91%).

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Strategic report (continued)

Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

Financial review

The majority of the Academy Trust's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2024 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

The Academy Trust also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2019), such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned as defined in the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2024, total expenditure of £5,858,208 (2023: £5,247,596) was covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The total net income before other gains and losses for the period was £74,792 (2023: net income of £509,758)

At 31 August 2024, the net book value of fixed assets was £4,660,879 (2023: £4,749,765) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in Note 15 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy Trust.

a. Reserves policy

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy Trust annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Academy Trust's level of reserves, unrestricted funds, (total funds less the amount held in restricted funds) at 31 August 2024 was £9,279 (2023: £nil). At the year end, the Academy Trust's level of General Restricted Funds stood at £1,290,871 (2023: £1,127,425).

b. Investment policy

Should funds become available to invest, the chosen investment vehicle will be short term Money Market deposits. The Finance Director will liaise with the Executive Headteacher regarding the amounts involved and the duration of the investment. Every effort will be made to maximise interest on surplus funds ensuring at the same time that full protection of funds is guaranteed.

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c. Principal risks and uncertainties

The Trustees consider that the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy Trust are:

- The trust is at risk of falling pupil numbers at KHS when one large year group completes Year 11, and therefore it is a priority to ensure that a robust financial status is maintained.
- Financial risk - not operating within its budget and running a deficit, changes in funding, inappropriate or insufficient financial controls and systems, fraudulent activity and/or financial commitments made without adequate authorisation.
- Operational risks resulting from changes in staffing or inappropriate staff being employed.
- The plan for a MAT expansion in the coming academic year is a priority to ensure that opportunities are taken advantage of, and that a robust due diligence process takes place.
- Estate Management risk of non-compliance to relevant regulations
- KHS is due an Ofsted inspection in the next academic year. Strategic improvement plans must ensure that all priorities identified in the last inspection have been rigorously addressed.
- There was a data dip in some areas for the latest set of GCSE results. This could have a risk if there is another dip moving forward.

The key controls used by the Academy include:

- Detailed terms of reference for all committees.
- Formal agendas for the Academy board and committees.
- Schemes of delegation and formal financial regulations.
- Formal written policies.
- Regular strategic oversight of estate management to ensure safe well-maintained sites
- Clear authorisation and approval levels.
- Policies and procedures required by law to protect the vulnerable.
- Monthly Management Accounts

Fundraising

The School has fundraising done on its behalf by the Friends of Kingstone High School. They keep a separate account and their accounts are audited independently of the school. Friends of Kingstone High School is a registered charity.

Plans for future periods

Kingstone Academy Trust will continue its relentless progress towards fulfilling the pledges contained in our Strategic Intent document - these are developed around the educational achievement of all of our young people from age 3 - 16, our further involvement in our wider community and through providing our young people with a range of opportunities that will provide them with the skills to be successful adults.

The Trust has set ambitious academic targets for Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 as well as stretching targets for improving attendance. Continuous Professional Development for all staff is at the heart of our operations to continually seek improvement in the service we provide. The Academy Trust will continue to benchmark itself against national academic measures and also areas of specific interest and expertise.

It will measure itself against internal annual School Improvement Plans and against the Aims and Objectives as outlined in both the Funding Agreement and the Memorandum of Association. The School Improvement Plans are developed around the 4 Ofsted themes and have a number of specific and measurable objectives.

As an outward facing school we will where appropriate continue to both share our expertise with others and to learn from them as we jointly seek to enhance the life opportunities of the young people we work with on a daily basis. We have plans to expand the MAT in the next academic year, following a robust period of due diligence and consultation.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The School has agreed a Risk Management strategy, a Risk register and a risk management plan. These have been discussed by Trustees and include the financial risks to the school. The register and plan are constantly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

Principal activities

This is defined in the Articles of Association:

The Academy Trust's objects ("the Objects") are specifically restricted to the following to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing schools ("the Academies") offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

Promoting for the benefit of the inhabitants of Kingstone and the surrounding area, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

Kingstone Academy Trust is a Multi-Academy Trust formed between Kingstone High School and Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School.

Kingstone Academy Trust continues to have proactive and mutually beneficial relationships with a number of county and nationwide groups such as the Local authority, the Schools Network, National College for School Leadership, Schools, Students and Teachers (SSAT), local post 16 providers, employers and training organisations. These links are maintained in the interests of supporting good practice and information sharing to enhance the school operations at all age groups. Kingstone Academy Trust also has an on-going relationship with the Abingdon Learning Trust, a multi-academy trust, to provide strategic support.

Disclosure of information to auditors

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that 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 auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Cooper Parry Group Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

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

.....
Mr J D C Wright
Chair of Trustees

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

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

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Chief Executive Officer, 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 Kingstone Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 4 times during the year.

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

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs E Vigus, CEO (ex- officio)	4	4
Mrs C Lambeth	4	4
Mr A P Coates, Vice Chair of Trustees	4	4
Mr A Robertson (resigned 8 April 2024)	2	3
Mr J D C Wright, Chair of Trustees	4	4
Dr J D Hanks (resigned 14 December 2023)	3	3
Ms M Douglas	2	4
Mrs R Metcalfe	4	4
Mrs D McCauley	4	4
Mr I Davies	4	4

The Board maintains oversight by virtue of the fact that the Board and its committees together met 12 times during the year.

The board has, over the course of the year 2023-24 had two resignations.

The Trustees have two main committees. The Quality and Standards Committee(Q&S) and the Finance, Pay and Audit Committee (F,P&A). There is an additional one-off Risk Committee (see below in capacity to handle risk) and the members attend the AGM full board in December. There are four members taken from business and education backgrounds.

Governance reviews

The Trustees have, in order to better hold senior leadership to account, undertaken additional training through The National College. There are plans to implement a review of governance in the academic year 2024-25 in line with the due diligence being undertaken for the MAT expansion plans.

The trustees assess its own effectiveness by one to one meetings in key areas such as SEND, PP and Safeguarding. Learning walks, policy reviews, outcomes and reporting evidence are regularly undertaken. As are review of different aspects such as attendance and exclusion data and use of pupil premium and sports premium as well as the National Tutoring Programme.

Conflicts of interest

The Academy Trust manages potential conflicts of interest by requiring trustees and key management personnel to complete an annual register of interest form. This information is used to maintain a register of interests. At the start of each board meeting, trustees are asked to declare any potential conflicts of interest.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Governance (continued)

Where a conflict exists, the relevant trustee(s) will be asked to leave the meeting and will not be able to vote on any decision.

The Quality and Standards Committee

Its purpose is to support a broad and balanced curriculum and review policies and actions related to curriculum and assessment, safeguarding, behaviour, attendance, SEND and pupil premium. The focus is ensure high standards in the quality of education, personal development, and behaviour and attitudes

The Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to consider and advise the governing body on standards and other matters relating to the school's finance and resources, including statutory requirements and the school's financial policy.

Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr Andrew Coates, Chair of Committee	3	3
Mrs Elissa Vigus, CEO (ex-officio)	3	3
Mr James Wright	3	3
Mr Ian Davies	3	3

Evidence of effectiveness

Regular budget monitoring and cash flow analysis, disposal of assets, best value, review of internal and external audits.

Review of value for money

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

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

- All of the school's work continues to focus essentially on improving the quality of its provision in order to enable all students to achieve the highest possible standards of attainment and progress.
- The Finance, Personnel and Audit committee receives monthly budget monitoring reports and information relating to any tendering/procurement in accordance with the Trust's policies.
- The budget is presented to the full Board of Trustees annually for approval. It also receives the Annual Audited Accounts and External Auditors' Management Report.
- The Academy Trust undertakes tendering exercises for significant contracts to ensure that they are competitive. For higher value contracts, three quotes are required
- The Academy Trust explores opportunities to increase revenues through the hire of facilities, grants and donations.
- A risk register is maintained with high risks reviewed and updated as necessary.
- There is an annual externally recruited internal audit review with the report delivered to Trustees.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Kingstone Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2024 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees. In addition, there is an additional annual meeting, held in October, that looks solely at risk for the Trust. This is a separate committee made up of the F,P & A attendees and the chair of the Q&S committee; it has a separate chairman from either standard committee.

The risk and control framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees has decided to employ Devon Audit Partnership as internal auditor.

This option has been chosen because the partnership came highly recommended for their professional and effective delivery.

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

- Governance and Scheme of delegation
- Bank account management
- Fraud framework
- Income, debtors and debt Management
- Purchasing and payments
- Payroll and expenses

The audit took place in July 2024 and the auditor reported to the board of trustees through the audit and risk committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities. The auditor prepared 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.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The risk and control framework (continued)

Review of effectiveness

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

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework;
- the work of the external auditors.

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

Conclusion

Based on the advice of the audit and risk committee and the accounting officer, the board of trustees is of the opinion that the academy trust has an adequate and effective framework for governance, risk management and control.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on
on their behalf by:

and signed

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Mr J D C Wright
Chair of Trustees

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Mrs E Vigus
Accounting Officer

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Kingstone Academy Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Trust 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, including for estates safety and management, under the funding agreement between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023, including responsibilities for estates safety and management.

I confirm that I and the Academy Trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy Trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy Trust's funding agreement and the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

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.

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Mrs E Vigus
Accounting Officer
Date:

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

.....
Mr J D C Wright
Chair of Trustees

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Kingstone Academy Trust (the 'academy trust') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

Other information

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

Responsibilities of trustees

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Our assessment focused on key laws and regulations the Academy Trust has to comply with and areas of the financial statements we assessed as being more susceptible to misstatement. These key laws and regulations included but were not limited to compliance with the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011, the Academies Financial Handbook 2023, the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery and employment legislation.

We are not responsible for preventing irregularities, including fraud. Our approach to detecting irregularities, including fraud, included, but was not limited to, the following:

- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Academy Trust and how the Academy Trust is complying with that framework, including agreement of financial statement disclosures to underlying documentation and other evidence;
- obtaining an understanding of the Academy Trust's control environment and how the Academy Trust has applied relevant control procedures, through discussions with Trustees and other management and by reviewing the reports on the internal scrutiny work commissioned by the trust in relation to the year and by performing walkthrough testing over key areas;
- obtaining an understanding of the Academy Trust's risk assessment process, including the risk of fraud;
- reviewing meeting minutes of those charged with governance throughout the year; and
- performing audit testing to address the risk of management override of controls, including testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Whilst considering how our audit work addressed the detection of irregularities, we also considered the likelihood of detection of fraud based on our approach. Irregularities arising from fraud are inherently more difficult to detect than those arising from error.

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

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

Hannah Murphy ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Cooper Parry Group Limited

Statutory Auditor

Cubo Birmingham

Office 401, 3rd Floor

Two Chamberlain Square

Birmingham

B3 3AX

Date:

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

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

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 17 November 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Kingstone Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Kingstone Academy Trust and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Kingstone Academy Trust and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Kingstone Academy Trust and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Kingstone Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 August 2011 and the Academy Trust Handbook, extant from 1 September 2023, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusions included:

- Reviewing the internal control policies and procedures implemented by the Academy Trust and evaluating their design and effectiveness to understand how the Academy Trust has complied with the framework of authorities, including reviewing the reports on the internal scrutiny work commissioned by the Academy Trust in relation to the year.
- Reviewing the minutes of meetings of the Trustees, relevant sub-committees and other evidence made available to us, relevant to our consideration of regularity;
- Enquiries of the Accounting Officer, including reviewing the work undertaken by the Accounting Officer in relation to their Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance; and

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

- Detailed testing of the income and expenditure of the Academy Trust based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit of the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

In line with the Framework and guide for external auditors and reporting accountants of academy trusts issued April 2023, we have not performed any additional procedures regarding the Trust's compliance with safeguarding, health and safety and estates management.

Conclusion

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

Reporting Accountant
Cooper Parry Group Limited

Statutory Auditor
Cubo Birmingham
Office 401, 3rd Floor
Two Chamberlain Square
Birmingham
B3 3AX

Date:

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income and endowments from						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	20,927	20,927	374,115
Other trading activities		23,329	-	-	23,329	27,333
Investment income	6	13,286	-	-	13,286	112
Charitable activities		187,807	5,687,651	-	5,875,458	5,355,794
Total income		224,422	5,687,651	20,927	5,933,000	5,757,354
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds		23,153	-	-	23,153	22,331
Charitable activities	8	191,990	5,303,054	340,011	5,835,055	5,225,265
Total expenditure		215,143	5,303,054	340,011	5,858,208	5,247,596
Net income/(expenditure)		9,279	384,597	(319,084)	74,792	509,758
Transfers between funds	18	-	(189,151)	189,151	-	-
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains/(losses)		9,279	195,446	(129,933)	74,792	509,758
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	22	-	113,000	-	113,000	646,000
Net movement in funds		9,279	308,446	(129,933)	187,792	1,155,758

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Note					
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	-	974,425	4,790,812	5,765,237	4,609,479
Net movement in funds	9,279	308,446	(129,933)	187,792	1,155,758
Total funds carried forward	<u>9,279</u>	<u>1,282,871</u>	<u>4,660,879</u>	<u>5,953,029</u>	<u>5,765,237</u>

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

The notes on pages 28 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

KINGSTONE ACADEMY TRUST
REGISTERED NUMBER: 07681857

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	15	4,660,879	4,749,765
		<u>4,660,879</u>	<u>4,749,765</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	265,196	341,160
Cash at bank and in hand		1,713,499	1,343,832
		<u>1,978,695</u>	<u>1,684,992</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(678,545)	(516,520)
Net current assets		<u>1,300,150</u>	<u>1,168,472</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>5,961,029</u>	<u>5,918,237</u>
Net assets excluding pension liability		<u>5,961,029</u>	<u>5,918,237</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	22	(8,000)	(153,000)
Total net assets		<u><u>5,953,029</u></u>	<u><u>5,765,237</u></u>
Funds of the Academy Trust			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	18	4,660,879	4,790,812
Restricted income funds	18	1,290,871	1,127,425
		<u>5,951,750</u>	<u>5,918,237</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	18	5,951,750	5,918,237
Pension reserve	18	(8,000)	(153,000)
Total restricted funds	18	<u>5,943,750</u>	<u>5,765,237</u>
Unrestricted income funds	18	<u>9,279</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds		<u><u>5,953,029</u></u>	<u><u>5,765,237</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 24 to 53 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on and are signed on their behalf, by:

.....
Mr J D C Wright
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 28 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	25	600,079	450,519
Cash flows from investing activities	27	(230,198)	(207,229)
Cash flows from financing activities	26	(214)	56,417
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		369,667	299,707
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		1,343,832	1,044,125
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	28, 29	<u>1,713,499</u>	<u>1,343,832</u>

The notes on pages 28 to 53 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies

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

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

1.2 Going concern

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Donations

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

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

Donated fixed assets (excluding transfers on conversion or into the Academy Trust)

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as 'Income from Donations and Capital Grants' and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Academy Trust's accounting policies.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Charitable activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Taxation

The Academy Trust is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Long leasehold buildings	- 2%-20% straight line method
Long leasehold land	- 125 years straight line
Furniture and equipment	- 15%-20% straight line method
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line method

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

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

1.7 Liabilities

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

1.8 Provisions

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

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle 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.

1.9 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 17. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.10 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Pensions

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

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

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme, and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

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

1.12 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 22, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2022 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2024. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement::

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

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3. Income from donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations and contributions from other organisations	-	-	-	83
Capital grants	-	20,927	20,927	374,032
Total 2024	-	20,927	20,927	374,115
Total 2023	83	374,032	374,115	

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4. Funding for the Academy Trust's charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Educational operations				
DfE/ESFA grants				
General annual grant	-	4,780,212	4,780,212	4,307,958
Other DfE/ESFA grants				
UIFSM	-	27,881	27,881	23,353
Pupil Premium	-	295,549	295,549	265,865
Supplementary grant	-	169,856	169,856	202,198
Rates relief	-	18,564	18,564	17,938
Others	-	148,933	148,933	32,871
	-	5,440,995	5,440,995	4,850,183
Other Government grants				
Local authority grants	-	48,231	48,231	195,173
Special education projects	-	198,425	198,425	215,889
	-	246,656	246,656	411,062
Other income from the academy trust's educational operations	187,807	-	187,807	94,549
	187,807	-	187,807	94,549
	187,807	5,687,651	5,875,458	5,355,794
Total 2024	187,807	5,687,651	5,875,458	5,355,794
Total 2023	94,549	5,261,245	5,355,794	

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5. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Hire of facilities	11,070	11,070	19,260
Catering income	1,225	1,225	1,355
Other income	11,034	11,034	6,718
Total 2024	23,329	23,329	27,333
Total 2023	27,333	27,333	

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Investment income - short term deposits	13,286	13,286	112

7. Expenditure

	Staff Costs 2024 £	Premises 2024 £	Other 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading activities:					
Direct costs	3,673	8,989	10,491	23,153	22,331
Academies educational operations:					
Direct costs	3,613,292	-	906,681	4,519,973	4,168,766
Allocated support costs	494,823	392,551	427,708	1,315,082	1,056,499
Total 2024	4,111,788	401,540	1,344,880	5,858,208	5,247,596
Total 2023	3,872,509	326,583	1,048,504	5,247,596	

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Educational operations	191,990	5,643,065	5,835,055	5,225,265
Total 2023	94,299	5,130,966	5,225,265	

9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Educational operations	4,519,973	1,315,082	5,835,055	5,225,265
Total 2023	4,168,766	1,056,499	5,225,265	

Analysis of support costs

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Pension finance costs	2,000	-
Support staff costs	482,210	377,055
Premises costs	401,571	316,518
Technology costs	93,208	86,122
Governance costs	24,302	23,038
Other support costs	311,791	253,766
	1,315,082	1,056,499

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10. Net income/(expenditure)

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2024 £	2023 £
Operating lease rentals	8,825	13,366
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	340,011	303,365
Interest on defined benefit pension scheme cost	2,000	32,000
Auditors remuneration for :		
- audit	17,561	16,725
- non-audit work	3,780	3,600
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11. Staff

a. Staff costs and employee benefits

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	3,016,107	2,883,887
Social security costs	299,543	285,118
Pension costs	700,045	587,341
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	4,015,695	3,756,346
Staff restructuring costs	-	29,000
Supply staff costs	96,093	87,163
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	4,111,788	3,872,509
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Staff restructuring costs comprise:

	2024 £	2023 £
Severance payments	-	29,000
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	-	29,000
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b. Severance payments

The Academy Trust paid £Nil severance payments in the year (2023 - £29,000), disclosed in the following bands:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
£25,001 - £50,000	-	1
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11. Staff (continued)

c. Special staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are special staff severance payments totalling £Nil (2023 - £29,000). Individually the payments were £Nil (2023 - £29,000).

d. Staff numbers

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

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Teachers	46	47
Admin	46	44
Management	6	4
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The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Teachers	38	43
Admin	36	32
Management	6	4
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e. Higher paid staff

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

	2024 No.	2023 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	2
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	-	2
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	2	-
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	-	1
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f. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of key management personnel benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £403,691 (2023 - £404,776).

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12. Central services

The Academy Trust has provided the following central services to its academies during the year:

- > Human resources
- > Financial resources
- > Education support services

The Academy Trust charges for these services on the following basis:

A flat % of budgeted total income as follows:	2024	2023
KHS	8.0%	7.5%
KTPS	8.0%	6.5%

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Kingstone & Thruxton Primary Academy	74,004	63,000
Kingstone High School	309,000	293,000
Total	383,004	356,000

13. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

		2024 £	2023 £
D Bennett (Principal and Trustee) - resigned 31.08.23	Remuneration		90,000 - 95,000
	Pension contributions paid		20,000 - 25,000
E Vigus - (Principal and Trustee) - appointed 01.09.23	Remuneration	85,000 - 90,000	
	Pension contributions paid	20,000 - 25,000	

During the year ended 31 August 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

14. Trustees' and Officers' insurance

In accordance with normal commercial practice, the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 (2023: £5,000,000) on any one claim and the cost of this insurance for the year ended 31 August 2024 is included in the total insurance cost paid by the Trust.

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15. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 September 2023	5,605,365	619,428	216,191	13,857	6,454,841
Additions	69,324	50,050	131,751	-	251,125
At 31 August 2024	5,674,689	669,478	347,942	13,857	6,705,966
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2023	1,314,966	198,237	188,409	3,464	1,705,076
Charge for the year	157,988	125,977	52,582	3,464	340,011
At 31 August 2024	1,472,954	324,214	240,991	6,928	2,045,087
Net book value					
At 31 August 2024	4,201,735	345,264	106,951	6,929	4,660,879
At 31 August 2023	4,290,399	421,191	27,782	10,393	4,749,765

Leasehold land and buildings are subject to a 125 year lease with the local authority. Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is leasehold land of £652,000 (2023: £652,000).

Included in computer equipment are assets under construction totalling £38,308 (2023: £nil).

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	3,989	11,113
Other debtors	228	-
Prepayments and accrued income	199,499	300,342
VAT recoverable	61,480	29,705
	265,196	341,160

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17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	318,845	110,097
CIF loan	56,203	56,417
Other taxation and social security	151,405	138,899
Other creditors	12,017	11,600
Accruals and deferred income	140,075	199,507
	<u>678,545</u>	<u>516,520</u>

Included within creditors is a CIF loan of £56,203 (2023: £56,417) from the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Trustees have agreed that this will be repaid in full during the 2024-25 academic year. Interest will be payable on the loan from 01 September 2024 at a rate of 2.07% per annum.

	2024 £	2023 £
Deferred income		
At 1 September 2023	88,361	28,904
Resources deferred during the year	25,393	88,361
Amounts released from previous periods	(88,361)	(28,904)
	<u>25,393</u>	<u>88,361</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds received in advance for Free School Meals, school trips and rates funding for the 2024/2025 academic year.

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18. Statement of funds

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
Unrestricted funds	-	224,422	(215,143)	-	-	9,279
	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted general funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	1,127,425	4,780,212	(4,427,615)	(189,151)	-	1,290,871
UIFSM	-	27,881	(27,881)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	295,549	(295,549)	-	-	-
Supplementary grant	-	169,856	(169,856)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	246,656	(246,656)	-	-	-
Rates relief	-	18,564	(18,564)	-	-	-
Other ESFA/DfE funding	-	148,933	(148,933)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(153,000)	-	32,000	-	113,000	(8,000)
	974,425	5,687,651	(5,303,054)	(189,151)	113,000	1,282,871
	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Tangible fixed asset fund	4,790,812	20,927	(340,011)	189,151	-	4,660,879
Total Restricted funds	5,765,237	5,708,578	(5,643,065)	-	113,000	5,943,750

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2024 £
Total funds	5,765,237	5,933,000	(5,858,208)	-	113,000	5,953,029

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

General Annual Grant (GAG): must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2024.

Other DfE/ESFA Grants: are utilised for the purposes intended by the donor.

Other Restricted General Funds: include payments made towards Academy trips.

The Pension Fund: is the (deficit)/ surplus in the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds: include the fixed assets transferred on conversion to Academy, capital grants, additions and depreciation.

Unrestricted Funds: are all those income and expenses for general use in the Academy.

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	89	122,077	(122,166)	-	-
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	974,489	4,307,958	(3,957,778)	(197,244)	1,127,425
UIFSM	-	23,353	(23,353)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	265,865	(265,865)	-	-
Supplementary grant	-	202,198	(202,198)	-	-
Rates relief	-	17,938	(17,938)	-	-
Other DfE/EFSA grants	-	32,871	(32,871)	-	-
Local authority grants	-	411,062	(411,062)	-	-
Restricted pension fund	(888,000)	-	89,000	646,000	(153,000)
	86,489	5,261,245	(4,822,065)	448,756	974,425
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Fixed asset fund	4,522,901	374,032	(303,365)	197,244	4,790,812
Total Restricted funds	4,609,390	5,635,277	(5,125,430)	646,000	5,765,237
Total funds	4,609,479	5,757,354	(5,247,596)	646,000	5,765,237

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18. Statement of funds (continued)

Total funds analysis by academy

Fund balances at 31 August 2024 were allocated as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Kingstone High School	892,112	672,847
Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School	316,533	421,847
Kingstone Academy Trust	91,505	32,731
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Total before fixed asset funds and pension reserve	1,300,150	1,127,425
Restricted fixed asset fund	4,660,879	4,790,812
Pension reserve	(8,000)	(153,000)
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Total	5,953,029	5,765,237
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Total cost analysis by academy

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Kingstone High School	2,811,788	184,720	219,414	895,222	4,111,144	3,696,066
Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School	784,145	104,687	16,784	195,861	1,101,477	991,336
Kingstone Academy Trust	24,705	207,416	-	73,455	305,576	256,828
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Academy Trust	3,620,638	496,823	236,198	1,164,538	5,518,197	4,944,230
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19. Members' liability

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

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20. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	4,660,879	4,660,879
Current assets	12,447	1,833,561	132,687	1,978,695
Creditors due within one year	(3,168)	(542,690)	(132,687)	(678,545)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(8,000)	-	(8,000)
Total	9,279	1,282,871	4,660,879	5,953,029

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior period

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	4,749,765	4,749,765
Current assets	1,543,305	141,687	1,684,992
Creditors due within one year	(415,880)	(100,640)	(516,520)
Pension liability	(153,000)	-	(153,000)
Total	974,425	4,790,812	5,765,237

21. Capital commitments

	2024 £	2023 £
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	168,900	67,690

22. Pension commitments

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

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

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Contributions amounting to £83,415 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2024 (2023 - £72,201) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academy trusts. 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 ensure scheme costs are recognised and managed appropriately and the review specifies 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 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 27 October 2023, with the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, applying a notional investment return based on 1.7% above the rate of CPI. The key elements of the valuation outcome are:

> Employer contribution rates set at 28.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). This is an increase of 5% in employer contributions and the cost control result is such that no change in member benefits is needed.

> Total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £39,800 million.

The result of this valuation will be implemented from 1 April 2024. The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2028.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £508,002 (2023 - £474,300).

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

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the Academy Trust has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The Academy Trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

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22. Pension commitments (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 contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2024 was £185,007 (2023 - £229,211), of which employer's contributions totalled £143,431 (2023 - £185,020) and employees' contributions totalled £41,576 (2023 - £44,191). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 20.1 per cent for employers and 5.5 to 12.5 per cent for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2024 %	2023 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.15	4.3
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	4.15	4.3
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.20	5.4
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.65	2.8

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

	2024 Years	2023 Years
Retiring today		
Males	20.8	21.4
Females	23.30	24.0
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	22	22.5
Females	24.70	25.7

Sensitivity analysis

	2024 £	2023 £
Discount rate -0.1%	65,000	197,000
CPI rate +0.1%	64,000	188,000
Salary increase rate +0.1%	3,000	12,000
1 year increase in member life expectancy	125,000	308,000

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

Share of scheme assets

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

	At 31 August 2024 £	At 31 August 2023 £
Equities	2,088,390	1,862,960
Property	748,080	612,480
Cash and other liquid assets	31,170	25,520
Bonds	249,360	51,040
Total market value of assets	3,117,000	2,552,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £405,000 (2023 - £53,000).

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Current service cost	155,000	181,000
Net interest from net defined benefit asset/liability	2,000	32,000
Administrative expenses	-	3,000
Total amount recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities	157,000	216,000

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

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 September	2,705,000	3,141,000
Current service cost	155,000	181,000
Interest cost	54,000	44,000
Actuarial losses/(gains)	88,000	(843,000)
Benefits paid	(23,000)	45,000
Contributions from scheme participants	146,000	137,000
At 31 August	3,125,000	2,705,000

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22. Pension commitments (continued)

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

	2024 £	2023 £
At 1 September	2,552,000	2,253,000
Interest income	144,000	105,000
Actuarial gains/(losses)	201,000	(197,000)
Employer contributions	189,000	305,000
Benefits paid	(23,000)	45,000
Admin expenses	-	(3,000)
Employee contributions	54,000	44,000
At 31 August	<u>3,117,000</u>	<u>2,552,000</u>

23. Leasing agreements

At 31 August 2024 the Academy Trust had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	11,308	10,858
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	9,203	17,350
	<u>20,511</u>	<u>28,208</u>

24. Related party disclosures

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.

There were no other related party transactions for the year ended 31 August 2024 other than certain Trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 13.

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25. Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	74,792	509,758
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	340,011	303,365
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(20,927)	(374,032)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	(34,000)	(124,000)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	2,000	35,000
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	75,964	(29,756)
Increase in creditors	162,239	130,184
Net cash provided by operating activities	600,079	450,519

26. Cash flows from financing activities

	2024 £	2023 £
CIF loan	(214)	56,417
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities	(214)	56,417

27. Cash flows from investing activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(251,125)	(581,261)
Capital grants from DfE Group	20,927	374,032
Net cash used in investing activities	(230,198)	(207,229)

28. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand and at bank	1,713,499	1,343,832
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,713,499	1,343,832

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29. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,343,832	369,667	1,713,499
	<u>1,343,832</u>	<u>369,667</u>	<u>1,713,499</u>