

Company Registration Number: 07562918 (England & Wales)

THORNDEN SCHOOL
(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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Members

Mrs S Allen
Mr R Boden
Dr V Radford
Mr T Ricketts
Miss S Whelan
Mrs P Isaacs (resigned 31 August 2018)

Trustees

Mrs S Allen, Vice Chair¹
Mr A Alzetani
Mrs J Beckingham, Staff Trustee (resigned 3 October 2018)
Mrs T Bevan, Staff Trustee
Mr R Boden, Chair
Mr S Bowyer
Mrs E Challand
Mrs J Crouch (appointed 19 October 2017)¹
Mrs L Fogleman-Peaston, Staff Trustee¹
Mr D Francis
Mrs A Hunter (appointed 19 October 2017)
Mr A Innes (resigned 28 March 2018)
Prof K Jones (resigned 30 May 2018)
Mr A Parr (appointed 25 January 2018)
Mrs J Pinnock (appointed 19 October 2017)
Dr V Radford
Mr T Ricketts¹
Mrs P Roberts, Staff Trustee
Mr P Sampson¹
Miss S Whelan, Staff Trustee¹

¹ Audit & finance committee

Company registered number

07562918

Company name

Thornden School

Principal and registered office

Winchester Road
Chandlers Ford
Eastleigh
Hampshire
SO53 2DW

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE ACADEMY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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Advisers (continued)

Company secretary

Mrs P Isaacs

Senior management team

Miss S Whelan, Headteacher
Mrs A Parry, Deputy Headteacher
Mr S Hicks, Deputy Headteacher
Mr R Collar, Deputy Headteacher
Dr J Evans, Assistant Headteacher
Mr S Smith, Assistant Headteacher
Mrs P Isaacs, Director of Finance (to 31 August 2018)

Independent auditors

Hopper Williams & Bell Limited
Statutory Auditor
Highland House
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Chandlers Ford
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Hampshire
SO53 4AR

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc
PO Box 1000
BX1 1LT

Solicitors

Browne Jacobson
Victoria Square House
Victoria Square
Birmingham
West Midlands
B2 4BU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2018. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The trust operates an academy for students ages 11 to 16 serving a catchment area in Chandlers Ford and Otterbourne. It has a student capacity of 1450 and had a roll of 1469 on 18 January 2018.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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

Details of the trustees who served during the year, and to the date these accounts are approved, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Trustee's third party indemnity is covered through the Department for Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) an alternative to insurance for Academy Trusts. This scheme protects trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring and provides cover up to £10,000,000 per year.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has been formed in accordance with the Articles of Association. The number of Trustees shall be not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

Subject to Articles 48-49 and 64 the Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees:

- (a) Up to one Governor, appointed under Article 50;
- (b) Seven Parent Governors appointed under Articles 53-58;
- (c) Four Staff Governors appointed under Article 58A;
- (d) up to 7 Community Governors appointed under Article 58B;
- (e) the Principal;
- (f) any Additional Governors, if appointed under Article 62, 62A or 68A and
- (g) any Further Governors, if appointed under Article 63 or Article 68A.

The Academy Trust may also have any Co-opted Governor(s) appointed under Article 59.

The Headteacher shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Governor.

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Parent Governors

Subject to Article 57, the Parent Governor(s) shall be elected by parents of registered students at the Academy. A Parent Governor must be a parent of a student at the Academy at the time when he is elected.

The Governing Body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all other matters relating to, an election of Parent Governors, including any question of whether a person is a parent of a registered student at the Academy. Any election of Parent Governors which is contested shall be held by secret ballot.

The arrangements made for the election of a Parent Governor shall provide for every person who is entitled to vote in the election to have an opportunity to do so by post or, if he prefers, by having his ballot paper returned to the Academy Trust by a registered student at the Academy.

Where a vacancy for a Parent Governor is required to be filled by election, the Governing Body shall take such steps as are reasonably practical to secure that every person who is known to them to be a parent of a registered student at the Academy is informed of the vacancy and that it is required to be filled by election, informed that he is entitled to stand as a candidate, and vote at the election, and given an opportunity to do so.

The number of Parent Governors required shall be made up by Parent Governors appointed by the Governing Body if the number of parents standing for election is less than the number of vacancies.

In appointing a Parent Governor the Governing Body shall appoint a person who is the parent of a registered student at the Academy; or where it is not reasonably practical to do so, a person who is the parent of a child of compulsory school age.

Staff Governors

The Governing Body shall make all necessary arrangements for, and determine all matters relating to, the election and removal of Staff Governors.

Community Governors

The Community Governors may be appointed by the Governing Body provided that the person who is appointed as a Community Governor is a person who lives or works in the community served by the Academy; or a person who, in the opinion of the Governing Body, is committed to the government and success of the Academy.

The Governors may not appoint an employee of the Academy Trust as a Community Governor if the number of Governors who are employed by the Academy Trust (including the Principal) would thereby exceed one third of the total number of Governors.

Co-opted Governors

The Governors may appoint up to 3 Co-opted Governors. A 'Co-opted Governor' means a person who is appointed to be a Governor by being Co-opted by Governors who have not themselves been so appointed. The Governors may not co-opt an employee of the Academy Trust as a Co-opted Governor if the number of Governors who are employed by the Academy Trust (including the Principal) would thereby exceed one third of the total number of Governors.

Term of Office

The term of office for any Governor shall be four years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Governor, any Governor may be re-appointed or re-elected.

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Resignation and Removal

A Governor shall cease to hold office if he resigns his office by notice to the Academy Trust (but only if at least three Governors will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect).

A Governor shall cease to hold office if he is removed by the person or persons who appointed him. This Article does not apply in respect of a Parent Governor.

Co-opted Governors appointed in accordance with Article 59 may be removed by a resolution of the Governing Body provided that no Co-opted Governor may vote on the removal of another Co-opted Governor.

Community Governors appointed in accordance with Article 46(d) may be removed by a resolution of the Governing Body.

Where a Governor resigns his office or is removed from office, the Governor or, where he is removed from office, those removing him, shall give written notice thereof to the Secretary.

Where an Additional or Further Governor appointed pursuant to Articles 62, 62A or 63 ceases to hold office as a Governor for any reason, other than being removed by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to appoint an Additional or Further Governor in his place.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

All new Trustees are provided with a copy of the school prospectus, the list of Trustees and committee membership document, an up to date Governor Training Booklet and a copy of the School Development Plan and the Governors Handbook.

All new Trustees are given the opportunity to meet individually with the Headteacher and be given a tour of the school (unless it is a staff Governor). Trustees can attend any training session that they feel is appropriate to them and they are encouraged to attend the designated training for new Trustees.

Opportunities to join a committee are offered and Trustees can become a Link Governor for a Department where there is a vacancy.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees of Thornden School Academy Trust devolves the responsibility of the day to day running of the Academy to the Headteacher, who is the Accounting Officer and Senior Leadership Team. Their activities and decisions are monitored through a number of Trustee Committees. The main ones are:

Audit and Finance Committee	- Mr T Ricketts (Chair)
Curriculum Committee	- Dr V Radford (Chair)
Staffing Committee	- Mr R D Boden (Chair)

The Audit & Finance and Curriculum committees meet twice a term and the Staffing usually termly to consider reports from the Senior Leadership Team. The Headteacher attends all of the meetings.

Audit and Finance. The School Business Manager prepares the financial data and meets with the Headteacher prior to the committee meeting. The Headteacher reports on the actual income and expenditure figures and explains any variances. Any area of material expenditure is agreed at this committee and ratified by the Full Board of Trustees. Finance policies are considered and agreed by the committee and where appropriate, taken to the Full Board of Trustees. Reports relating to Buildings or Health and Safety are reported by the Deputy Headteacher. The Chairman reports to the Full Board of Trustees.

Curriculum. The Headteacher reports to the Committee on any curriculum changes and the School Development Plan. The Headteacher also reports on targets and achievement. The Chairman reports to the Full Board of Trustees. Any significant change to the curriculum would be discussed and approved by the Trustees.

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In addition to these committees, there is a Pay Committee which is chaired by the Chair of Governors. There are other committees who meet when required and report back to the Full Board of Trustees.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

Pay for leadership personnel is set by the Pay Committee. This includes all members of the Senior Leadership Team who have delegated authority for the day to day running of the school.

Trade union facility time

In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Union (Facility Time Publication Requirements) Regulations 2017:

FTE number of employees who were relevant Union officials	0
% of time spent of facility time	0
% of pay bill spent of facility time	0
Time spent on paid Trade Union activities as a % of total paid facility time hours	0

Related Parties and other Connected Charities and Organisations

Subsidiary Company

Thornden School is also the sole shareholder of a trading company – Thornden School Services Ltd (incorporated in England and Wales Registration Number: 7781857). The purpose of this company is to enable the school's facilities to be used by the wider community and for any monies raised to be donated back to the Academy.

The Academy Trust works closely with its 6 feeder primary schools but has no involvement with the operating policies, leadership or governance of these schools. Where support is offered it is designed to broaden the education of our future students and ensure a smooth transition. The Academy is also a Teaching School, currently working with 30 other partner schools. Again, no involvement with the operating policies, leadership or governance of these schools exists. Part of the Teaching School initiative involves working with student teachers through the School Direct programme. Thornden School became a SCITT in March 2014. Audits and accountability checks are carried out by the National College of Teaching and Learning. The finances are managed within the Academy and are reported on separately.

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Objectives and Activities

Objects and Aims

The Academy Trust's object ("the Object") is 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 a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum ("the Academy"); and
- to promote for the benefit of individuals living in Chandlers Ford and the surrounding area who have need by reason of their age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said individuals.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

The School Development Plan lists the aims and objectives for the year and is reviewed annually. Every subject area contributes to the plan and the outcomes are reviewed each year.

Key objectives for the Academy Trust are published in the school development plan 2017-18, highlighting key whole school objectives for the year. In summary these were:

- To continue to maximise outcomes for all students through vigorous performance management that leads to highly effective continued professional development
- To continue to ensure that all students make sustained progress that develops knowledge, understanding and skills
- To continue to use assessment and consolidate learning that deepens understanding through feedback and effective learning
- To develop, maintain and support the ethos and vision of Thornden through internal and external projects
- To continue to extend the opportunities and demonstrate learning behaviours that have a positive impact on student progress

Objectives are achieved with the involvement of staff through the performance management cycle. Specific identified staff will have key responsibilities to ensure objectives are met. On an annual basis a detailed whole school review is undertaken.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to the guidance on public benefit offered in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Thornden School Academy Trust provides an inclusive mixed education for 11-16 year old students within the local community. Our Admission Policy is broadly in line with Hampshire County Council and no admission is made on the basis of ability. The school works closely with Hampshire County Council for both admissions and appeals.

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Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

The outcomes achieved by students in Thornden School Academy Trust continue to be outstanding both in terms of achievement and progress. In 2018, 90% of students achieved 9-4 grades including English and Maths, 50% of students achieved the English Baccalaureate measure at 4/C+ with 40% at 5+. The progress 8 score will exceed +0.2.

Performance data for 2017/8 offers evidence of similar consistent performances in terms of both raw data and value added performance, this data is fully supported by external benchmarks demonstrating the continued delivery of outstanding education for our students. Thornden School Academy Trust reaches targets that have been set internally as well as expectations based on national data sets. Attendance is consistently outstanding with final figure in 2017/18 at 93.8% attendance, exclusion figures are low, with permanent exclusions being very rare.

The ethos of the Academy Trust is characterised and supported by various enrichment activities, from individual music lessons (350+ students) to regular sporting, musical and performance based opportunities. Educational trips and activities are undertaken by all students. Trips vary from short local activities to overseas trips which support the curriculum or offer enrichment activities.

At the end of the financial year there was a total balance of £750,000 invested with Lloyds Bank in a fixed term deposit account. Interest accrued during 2017-18 was £3406 which reflects the low interest rates set by the Bank of England. No bank charges relating to cash flow were incurred.

Key Performance Indicators

The use of target setting, performance management and Benchmarking is informed by the use of data available to the school. The school improvement plan, and departmental improvement plans are linked to whole school objectives and targets are set in agreement with governors who receive regular updates on progress against milestones. School admission numbers remain high and there is a waiting list. Senior Leaders and Governors receive regular management accounts showing financial performance against the agreed budget – this year, despite funding restraints the academy outturn exceeded budget expectations.

Going Concern

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

Financial Review

The Board of Trustees consider that the Academy Trust is in a sound financial position.

The School Development Plan is reviewed annually and GAG funding together with other grants and donation from the trading subsidiary is utilised to fund the objectives agreed.

Trustees review and agree any balances that should be held in the account and carried forward into the following financial year where applicable and recorded in the minutes.

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Reserves Policy

Our aim is to use the allocated funding each year for the full benefit of our current students. However we also consider it necessary to carry forward some reserves to:

- Provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants;
- To invest in future years' priorities for the children of our school, for example capital projects;
- To have contingency reserve cover expenditure required for unforeseen circumstances such as urgent maintenance.
- To ensure that staffing levels and class sizes can be maintained at an appropriate ratio and that the students can continue to have access to the broad curriculum.
- To ensure that the increased costs to employers with regards to the minimum wage, the apprenticeship levy and cost of living pay increases can be met whilst managing the cumulative effect of flat allocations.
- Retain a small balance to account for any deficits which may occur within the Teaching Schools and SCITT budgets.

The reserves as at 31 August 2018 were as follows:

- Unrestricted (free) reserves of £391,090
- A restricted fixed asset fund of £14,678,269, which can only be realised through disposal of tangible fixed assets
- A pension deficit of £1,546,000
- Other restricted funds of £214,793
- Total funds of £ 13,738,152

There is a £1,546,000 deficit in respect of the Local Government Pension Scheme. This will result in increased employers' pension contributions over a period of years. We have reflected the effect of increased pension costs in our future budgets. Increased pension contributions will be met from the academy trust's budgeted annual income, and whilst the deficit might not be eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the fund, or direct impact on the free reserves of the academy trust as a result of recognising the deficit.

Investment Policy

The objective is to maximise investment on any long term accrued balances in order to protect those balances against inflation. The school also aims to invest any other surplus cash funds, as determined by the Business Manager on a short term basis. All investments will be made ensuring there is no tangible risk to the loss of those funds. The policy states:

- There will be sufficient cash balances retained in the bank account to meet the day to day running costs of the school.
- All funds will be invested ensuring that there is no risk to the loss of those funds.
- Capital funds will be invested to protect against inflation.
- Other short term surplus balances will be invested to maximise returns.
- Any other non-cash investments shall only be permissible with prior written approval of the Full Governing Body.

There is a Fixed Term Investment Accounts held with Lloyds Bank, some of which has been invested for a period of several months. The maximum amount of cash is invested although a sensible contingency is retained in the bank account. Monies invested are deemed to be safe and not invested in stocks and shares where losses could be incurred.

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Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Employer responsibility for the Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities has increased and will continue to do so over subsequent years.

The academy is likely to incur further future staff costs under increases to the living wage and nationally agreed increases to pay scales and employer pension rates.

The National Funding Formula, and the continuation of local authority agreed formula changes means that it is difficult to accurately forecast future GAG funding. Grants available from the ESFA continue to change annually and we are unable to assume that these will continue in their current form. The planned spending review in 2020 future income streams are virtually impossible to forecast with confidence.

The effects of Brexit and/or a change in government could also affect the cost of goods and services during this period of uncertainty.

Risk Management

The Trustees (through the Chair of the Finance Committee) together with the Deputy Head Teacher and School Business Manager have considered the risks and uncertainties that the academy faces under the following headings:

- Political ~ including change of Government/Government policy
- Strategic & Reputational Risks
- Social and Technological
- Legislative and Regulatory
- Environmental and Operational Risks
- Managerial and Professional
- Compliance Risks
- Financial Risks ~ including Grants for various initiatives
- Legal Risks
- Contractual and Physical Risks

A full review of this risk assessment will be undertaken in 2018 and then considered at least once a term by Governors

Regular Health and Safety audits are carried out and reported to the Audit and Finance Committee and Full Governing Board. Internal training and assessments take place regularly as recommended by the school's Health and Safety Advisor. Other safeguards include a Business Continuity Plan and adequate insurance through the RPA and additional insurances through Marsh for vehicles and engineering inspections.

Staff training aims to ensure risks to the health and safety of our students, staff, visitors, contracts and other stakeholders are minimised.

Fundraising

As part of its work within the community, the academy trust undertakes fundraising activities, for example through sponsored events, cake sales, non-uniform days etc. The academy trust raises funds in order to support its own operations and also to make donations to local and national charities. The academy trust undertakes all such activities itself, with the help of its students and their families. We confirm that when fundraising:

- No unsolicited approaches are made to members of the public.
- No commercial participators are used.
- No regularity schemes or standards are applicable
- No complaints were made to the academy trust during the year

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Plans for Future Periods

The Academy continues to strive to ensure that all students achieve the best possible outcome. The School Improvement Plan details the key aims and objectives for the year, how this will be achieved, by when and by whom and this is regularly reported back to the Full Governing Body.

Thornden School Academy is in a fortunate position as the number of students has remained consistent for a number of years and we continue to be over subscribed.

Funds Held as Custodian Trustee on Behalf of Others

The academy does not hold funds on behalf of others. The trading subsidiary holds a balance of £6063.93 for Thornden Community Choir and £2506.11 for Thornden Community Windband.

Auditor

Insofar as the trustees are aware:

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

The Trustees' report, incorporating a strategic report, was approved by order of the board of trustees, as the company directors, on 28 November 2018 and signed on the board's behalf by:



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Mr R Boden
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of Responsibility

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

The board of trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Thornden School 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 eight 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 Sue Allen	7	8
Mr Aiman Alzetani	5	8
Mrs Jacqui Beckingham	6	8
Mrs Tracey Bevan	7	8
Mr Derek Boden	8	8
Mr Steve Bowyer	7	8
Mrs Liz Challand	8	8
Mrs Julie Crouch	7	8
Mr David Francis	7	8
Mrs Amanda Hunter	6	8
Mr Sandy Innes (resigned 28.03.18)	0	8
Prof Keith Jones (resigned 30.5.18)	5	8
Mr Andrew Parr (joined 25.01.18)	3	8
Mrs Louise Peaston	7	8
Mrs Julie Pinnock	6	8
Dr Veronica Radford	5	8
Mr Tim Ricketts	6	8
Mrs Philippa Roberts	7	8
Mr Philip Sampson	4	8
Miss Su Whelan	8	8

The audit and finance committee is also a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to oversee the finances within the framework set by the full Board of Trustees and to receive audit reports, monitor health and safety and make recommendations to all Trustees. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mrs Sue Allen	5	5
Mrs Julie Crouch (joined 05.18)	1	5
Mrs Louise Peaston	4	5
Mr Tim Ricketts (Chair)	5	5
Mr Philip Sampson	5	5
Miss Su Whelan	5	5

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

Review of Value for Money

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

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

- Joining the Academy Risk Protection Arrangement to reduce the cost of insurance to the Academy
- Implementing a tighter process for joining peripatetic music and reviewing the SLA to reduce the cost and risk to the academy
- Installed energy efficient lighting by utilising the SALIX Loan scheme approved by the DfE already saving energy consumption

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 ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Thornden School for the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the board of trustees.

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The Risk and Control Framework

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

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

The board of trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Trustees have appointed Hopper Williams & Bell Limited, the external auditors, to perform additional checks.

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

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchase systems
- Testing of control accounts/bank reconciliations
- Testing of internal controls

On a bi-annual basis, the external auditors report to the board of trustees through the Audit and Finance committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the board of trustees' financial responsibilities.

Review of Effectiveness

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

- the work of the external auditors;
- a review by the NCTL on ITT processes;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of trustees on 28 November 2018 and signed on their behalf, by:



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Mr R Boden
Chair of Trustees



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Miss S Whelan
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Thornden School I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust board of trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the academy trust, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

I confirm that I and the academy trust board of trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2017.

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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Ms S Whelan
Accounting Officer

Date: 28 November 2018

THORNDEN SCHOOL
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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the Group 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018;
- 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 Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company and the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and the Group 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 the Group 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 and the Group 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 Group'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 28 November 2018 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr R Boden
Chair of Trustees

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THORNDEN SCHOOL**

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Thornden School (the 'parent academy') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2018 which comprise the Group Consolidated statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account, the Group Consolidated balance sheet, the Group Consolidated 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 FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2018 and of the Group's 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 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the Education & Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group 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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THORNDEN SCHOOL

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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 Group strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report and the Group 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 Group and the parent Academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report including the Group 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:

- the parent Academy has not kept adequate accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent Academy 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.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF
THORNDEN SCHOOL**

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

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

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

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.

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.

USE OF OUR REPORT

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



Richard Hurst FCA (Senior statutory auditor)
for and on behalf of

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Date: 11 December 2018

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THORNDEN SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 4 September 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Thornden School during the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 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 Thornden School and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Thornden School and the 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 Thornden School and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THORNDEN SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Thornden School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 May 2011, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2017, 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 2017 to 2018. 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 2017 to 31 August 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

APPROACH

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO THORNDEN
SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (continued)**

SUMMARY OF WORK UNDERTAKEN

We carried out the following:

- planning of assurance procedures including identifying key risks;
- substantive testing including analytical review;
- concluding on procedures carried out.

Substantive testing included the following procedures:

- confirming that activities conform to the Academy's framework of authorities;
- considering the evidence supporting the Accounting Officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance;
- evaluating the general control environment of the Academy;
- testing a sample of transactions to consider whether the transaction is permissible within the Academy's framework of authorities;
- confirming whether any extra-contractual payments have been made and whether appropriate authority was obtained;
- reviewing documentation for evidence of borrowing and confirming if approval was obtained from the ESFA;
- confirming whether ESFA approval was obtained for any disposals of assets;
- reviewing the internal control procedures relating to credit cards;
- reviewing for any indication of purchases for personal use by staff or officers;
- reviewing the list of suppliers to consider whether supplies are from related parties;
- considering whether income generating activities are permissible within the Academy's charitable objects;
- reviewing whether lettings to related parties are made at favourable rates.

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Richard Hurst FCA

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Date: 11 December 2018

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018**

	Note	Un- restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants	2	-	24,447	282,416	306,863	34,975
Charitable activities	3	-	8,040,982	-	8,040,982	7,238,868
Teaching schools	28	-	415,323	-	415,323	130,920
Other trading activities		485,359	-	-	485,359	551,239
Investments	4	3,798	-	-	3,798	4,654
TOTAL INCOME		489,157	8,480,752	282,416	9,252,325	7,960,656
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		279,325	-	-	279,325	288,043
Charitable activities		6,656	8,477,044	319,068	8,802,768	8,033,487
Teaching schools	28	-	266,335	-	266,335	198,651
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5	285,981	8,743,379	319,068	9,348,428	8,520,181
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE TRANSFERS						
Transfers between Funds	19	203,176 (587,500)	(262,627) 205,792	(36,652) 381,708	(96,103) -	(559,525) -
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES						
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	24	-	449,000	-	449,000	654,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(384,324)	392,165	345,056	352,897	94,475
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
Total funds brought forward		775,414	(1,723,372)	14,333,213	13,385,255	13,290,780
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		391,090	(1,331,207)	14,678,269	13,738,152	13,385,255

The notes on pages 28 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

THORNDEN SCHOOL
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 07562918

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		14,678,269		14,304,372
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	14	1,050		906	
Debtors	15	352,134		583,514	
Investments	16	-		750,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,563,720		523,568	
		<u>1,916,904</u>		<u>1,857,988</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	17	(993,786)		(860,148)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>923,118</u>		<u>997,840</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>15,601,387</u>		<u>15,302,212</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		<u>(317,235)</u>		<u>(124,957)</u>
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			<u>15,284,152</u>		<u>15,177,255</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		<u>(1,546,000)</u>		<u>(1,792,000)</u>
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			<u><u>13,738,152</u></u>		<u><u>13,385,255</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted income funds:					
Restricted income funds	19	214,793		68,628	
Restricted fixed asset funds	19	14,678,269		14,333,213	
Restricted income funds excluding pension liability		<u>14,893,062</u>		<u>14,401,841</u>	
Pension reserve		<u>(1,546,000)</u>		<u>(1,792,000)</u>	
Total restricted income funds			<u>13,347,062</u>		<u>12,609,841</u>
Unrestricted income funds	19		<u>391,090</u>		<u>775,414</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>13,738,152</u></u>		<u><u>13,385,255</u></u>

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (continued)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

The financial statements on pages 22 to 54 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 28 November 2018 and are signed on their behalf, by:



.....
Mr R Boden
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 28 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 07562918

ACADEMY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	£	2017 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12		14,678,269		14,304,372
Investments	13		1		1
			<u>14,678,270</u>		<u>14,304,373</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	15	333,865		812,634	
Investments	16	-		750,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,285,385		212,696	
			<u>1,619,250</u>	<u>1,775,330</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	17		<u>(914,890)</u>	<u>(777,491)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>704,360</u>		<u>997,839</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>15,382,630</u>		<u>15,302,212</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	18		<u>(317,235)</u>		<u>(124,957)</u>
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			<u>15,065,395</u>		<u>15,177,255</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	24		<u>(1,546,000)</u>		<u>(1,792,000)</u>
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITIES			<u>13,519,395</u>		<u>13,385,255</u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds		214,793		68,628	
Restricted fixed asset funds		14,678,269		14,333,213	
			<u>14,893,062</u>	<u>14,401,841</u>	
Restricted funds excluding pension asset			<u>14,893,062</u>	<u>14,401,841</u>	
Pension reserve		(1,546,000)		(1,792,000)	
			<u>13,347,062</u>	<u>12,609,841</u>	
Total restricted funds			<u>13,347,062</u>	<u>12,609,841</u>	
Un-restricted funds			172,333	775,414	
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>13,519,395</u>	<u>13,385,255</u>	

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ACADEMY BALANCE SHEET (continued)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2018

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The notes on pages 28 to 54 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	21	<u>983,117</u>	<u>108,657</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(692,965)	(31,866)
(Purchase)/sale of short term unlisted investments		<u>750,000</u>	<u>(134,035)</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>57,035</u>	<u>(165,901)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		1,040,152	(57,244)
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>523,568</u>	<u>580,812</u>
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	22	<u><u>1,563,720</u></u>	<u><u>523,568</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

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 historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2017 to 2018 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Thornden School constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Academy and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

No separate SOFA has been presented for the Academy alone as permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Fund accounting

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

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Academy has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

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 entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. 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 period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

As a result of amendments to FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the academy has changed its accounting policy in respect of the donation received from its trading subsidiary, Thornden School Services Limited. Previously, the donation was recognised in the year to which it related. Under the provisions of the amended standard, the donation can only be recognised in this way where there is a legal obligation such as a deed of covenant. The effect of this change in accounting policy is to reduce donations received (and to reduce net assets) in the academy by £218,758, and to reduce donations paid (and to increase net assets) in Thornden School Services Limited by the same amount. There is no effect on the consolidated group financial statements.

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

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.4 Expenditure

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

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

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

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Going concern

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

1.6 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Thornden School and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries').

The Academy has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Income and expenditure account.

1.7 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Academy in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £2,500 are capitalised 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, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long-term leasehold land	-	Not provided
Leasehold property	-	Shorter of 50 years straight line or length of lease
Leasehold improvements	-	15 & 50 years - straight line
Furniture and fixtures	-	3 & 7 years - straight line
Motor vehicles	-	5 years - straight line
Computer equipment	-	3 years - straight line

Long leasehold land has not been depreciated as it is similar to freehold land, which does not require depreciation.

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.

1.9 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date, unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading 'Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities.

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

1.10 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.12 Debtors

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

1.13 Cash at Bank and in hand

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

1.14 Liabilities and provisions

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

1.15 Financial instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the Academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment. 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 costs as detailed in notes 17 and 18. 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 other financial instruments. Amounts due to the Academy's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.16 Taxation

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

1.17 Pensions

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

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 24, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore 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 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.

1.18 Agency arrangements

The academy trust acts as an agent in distributing training bursaries from the NCTL. Payments received and subsequent disbursements are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the academy does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.19 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy 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 (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 24, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2018. 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.

2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Un- restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
Donations	-	24,447	-	24,447	7,114
Capital grants	-	-	282,416	282,416	27,861
	-	24,447	282,416	306,863	34,975
Total 2017	-	7,114	27,861	34,975	

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3. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Un- restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
DfE/ESFA grants				
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	6,322,954	6,322,954	6,283,208
Schools Direct	-	644,473	644,473	288,822
DfE/ESFA other grants	-	102,370	102,370	100,067
	-	7,069,797	7,069,797	6,672,097
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	71,376	71,376	61,551
	-	71,376	71,376	61,551
Other funding				
Trip income	-	545,085	545,085	237,465
Tuition fee income	-	144,409	144,409	145,689
Other income	-	210,315	210,315	122,066
	-	899,809	899,809	505,220
	-	8,040,982	8,040,982	7,238,868
Total 2017	-	7,238,868	7,238,868	

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Un- restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £	Total funds 2017 £
Short term deposits	3,798	-	3,798	4,654
Total 2017	4,654	-	4,654	

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5. EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs 2018 £	Premises 2018 £	Other costs 2018 £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading					
Direct costs	19,184	-	260,141	279,325	288,043
Support costs	-	-	-	-	-
Academy's educational operations:					
Direct costs	4,499,392	-	1,933,506	6,432,898	5,949,874
Support costs	1,544,439	537,931	287,500	2,369,870	2,266,660
Teaching schools	72,466	-	193,869	266,335	198,651
	<u>6,135,481</u>	<u>537,931</u>	<u>2,675,016</u>	<u>9,348,428</u>	<u>8,703,228</u>
Total 2017	<u>6,067,730</u>	<u>555,911</u>	<u>1,896,540</u>	<u>8,520,181</u>	

6. ANALYSIS OF SUPPORT COSTS

	Educational operations £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Technology costs	61,277	61,277	68,173
Premises costs	537,931	537,931	555,911
Governance costs	17,112	17,112	13,457
Other costs	159,528	159,528	170,548
Wages and salaries	1,069,842	1,069,842	945,417
National insurance	95,934	95,934	74,476
Pension cost	378,663	378,663	393,587
Depreciation	49,583	49,583	45,091
	<u>2,369,870</u>	<u>2,369,870</u>	<u>2,266,660</u>
Total 2017	<u>2,266,660</u>	<u>2,266,660</u>	

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7. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

This is stated after charging:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charitable group	319,068	314,481
Auditors' remuneration - audit	9,840	9,615
Auditors' remuneration - other services	6,768	3,400
Operating lease rentals	20,906	20,338
	=====	=====

8. TURNOVER

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Lettings	161,440	183,895
Ticket sales	223,403	237,126
Other	100,516	130,218
	=====	=====
	485,359	551,239
	=====	=====

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

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9. STAFF COSTS

a. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Wages and salaries	4,687,494	4,622,093
Social security costs	474,806	451,350
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	973,181	994,287
	<u>6,135,481</u>	<u>6,067,730</u>

b. Staff numbers

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

	2018 No.	2017 No. (restated)
Teachers	97	93
Administration and support	73	84
Management	7	6
	<u>177</u>	<u>183</u>

c. Higher paid staff

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

	2018 No.	2017 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	3	2
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	2	2
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	0	1
In the band £100,001 - £110,000	1	0

d. Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy trust comprise the senior management team as listed on page 2. The total amount of staff costs in respect of key management personnel was £607,123 (2017: £537,143).

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10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

One or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Academy. The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of principal and other staff members under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their role as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2018	2017
		£'000	£'000
Mrs J Beckingham	Remuneration	30-35	30-35
	Pension contributions paid	0-5	0-5
Mrs T Bevan	Remuneration	45-50	45-50
	Pension contributions paid	5-10	5-10
Mrs L Fogleman-Peaston	Remuneration	40-45	40-45
	Pension contributions paid	5-10	5-10
Mrs P Roberts	Remuneration	50-55	50-55
	Pension contributions paid	5-10	5-10
Miss S Whelan	Remuneration	95-100	90-95
	Pension contributions paid	15-20	15-20

During the year ended 31 August 2018, expenses totalling £1,420 (2017 - £nil) were reimbursed to 4 Trustees.

11. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

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

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Leasehold property £	Furniture and fixtures £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2017	15,873,519	2,088,938	5,000	839,585	18,807,042
Additions	537,307	131,351	-	24,307	692,965
At 31 August 2018	<u>16,410,826</u>	<u>2,220,289</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>863,892</u>	<u>19,500,007</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2017	1,639,842	2,045,392	5,000	812,436	4,502,670
Charge for the year	269,485	28,627	-	20,956	319,068
At 31 August 2018	<u>1,909,327</u>	<u>2,074,019</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>833,392</u>	<u>4,821,738</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2018	<u>14,501,499</u>	<u>146,270</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,500</u>	<u>14,678,269</u>
At 31 August 2017	<u>14,233,677</u>	<u>43,546</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,149</u>	<u>14,304,372</u>
Academy					
Cost					
At 1 September 2017	15,873,519	2,088,938	5,000	839,585	18,807,042
Additions	537,307	131,351	-	24,307	692,965
At 31 August 2018	<u>16,410,826</u>	<u>2,220,289</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>863,892</u>	<u>19,500,007</u>
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13. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Academy	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018	<u><u>1</u></u>

The investment represents 100% of the ordinary share capital of Thornden School Services Limited, whose principal activity is to carry out trading activities in support of the academy.

14. STOCKS

	Group		Academy	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,050	906	-	-
	1,050	906	-	-

15. DEBTORS

	Group		Academy	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Trade debtors	23,585	21,811	5,624	4,637
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	-	246,294
Other debtors	53,360	61,399	53,360	61,399
Prepayments and accrued income	275,189	500,304	274,881	500,304
	352,134	583,514	333,865	812,634
	352,134	583,514	333,865	812,634

16. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Group		Academy	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed term deposits	-	750,000	-	750,000
	-	750,000	-	750,000

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17. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Academy</u>	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Trade creditors	270,925	184,512	265,271	177,166
Other taxation and social security	117,650	115,252	117,639	113,336
Other creditors	227,974	152,905	227,974	106,341
Accruals and deferred income	377,237	407,479	304,006	380,648
	<u>993,786</u>	<u>860,148</u>	<u>914,890</u>	<u>777,491</u>

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Academy</u>	
	2018 £	2017 £	2018 £	2017 £
Deferred income				
Deferred income at 1 September 2017	298,515	198,798	276,534	128,796
Resources deferred during the year	338,264	298,515	269,513	276,534
Amounts released from previous years	(298,515)	(198,798)	(276,534)	(128,796)
Deferred income at 31 August 2018	<u>338,264</u>	<u>298,515</u>	<u>269,513</u>	<u>276,534</u>

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds received in advance for school trips which relate to the forthcoming academic year.

Agency arrangements

a) NCTL grants

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds received in respect of NCTL grants as follows:

	Challenge the Gap £	Isle of Wight £	Training Bursaries £	Teaching School £
Brought forward	-	-	5,500	6,039
Grants received	184,614	15,000	-	-
Expenditure	(168,949)	-	(5,500)	(6,039)
Total	<u>15,665</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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b) Tennis court

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds in respect of the future maintenance of its tennis court, as follows:

	£
Brought forward	46,343
Contributions	4,000
	50,343
Total	50,343

18. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Academy	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Other creditors	177,235	124,957	177,235	124,957
Accruals and deferred income	140,000	-	140,000	-
	317,235	124,957	317,235	124,957
	317,235	124,957	317,235	124,957

Included within other creditors falling due after more than one year are loans as follows:

1) £90,390 Salix Finance loan which is repayable in 12 equal bi-annual installments from March 2018 to September 2023.

2) £86,845 Condition Improvement Fund loan which is repayable in 96 equal monthly installments from September 2018 to August 2026.

Included within deferred income falling due after more than one year is £140,000 in respect of deferred catering income from HC3S (Hampshire County Council Catering Services).

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	775,414	489,157	(285,981)	(207,024)	-	771,566
CIF loan repayments	-	-	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Salix loan repayments	-	-	-	(110,476)	-	(110,476)
HC3S deferred income to be released	-	-	-	(170,000)	-	(170,000)
	<u>775,414</u>	<u>489,157</u>	<u>(285,981)</u>	<u>(587,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,090</u>
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	6,322,954	(6,510,933)	187,979	-	-
Pupil premium	-	92,439	(92,439)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	9,931	(9,931)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	71,376	(71,376)	-	-	-
Teaching Schools	-	87,580	(105,393)	17,813	-	-
SSIF - The Basingstoke Project	-	327,743	(160,942)	-	-	166,801
Schools direct / SCITT	39,197	644,473	(662,193)	-	-	21,477
School fund	29,431	1,000	(3,916)	-	-	26,515
Other educational activities	-	923,256	(923,256)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(1,792,000)	-	(203,000)	-	449,000	(1,546,000)
	<u>(1,723,372)</u>	<u>8,480,752</u>	<u>(8,743,379)</u>	<u>205,792</u>	<u>449,000</u>	<u>(1,331,207)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	14,304,372	-	(319,068)	692,965	-	14,678,269
DfE/ESFA capital grants	28,841	28,131	-	(56,972)	-	-
DfE/ESFA CIF grants	-	254,285	-	(254,285)	-	-
	<u>14,333,213</u>	<u>282,416</u>	<u>(319,068)</u>	<u>381,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,678,269</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>12,609,841</u>	<u>8,763,168</u>	<u>(9,062,447)</u>	<u>587,500</u>	<u>449,000</u>	<u>13,347,062</u>
Total of funds	<u>13,385,255</u>	<u>9,252,325</u>	<u>(9,348,428)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>449,000</u>	<u>13,738,152</u>

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

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

General annual grant

This includes all funding received from the ESFA to carry out the objectives of the academy. It includes the school budget share, minimum funding guarantee, education services grant, insurance, rates, and pre/post-16 high need funding.

Pupil premium and other DfE/ESFA grants

This is funding received from the ESFA for specific purposes.

Teaching School

Teaching schools are outstanding schools that work with others to provide high quality training and development to new and experienced school staff. This is funding received from the DfE/ESFA for this purpose.

Schools Direct & SCITT

This is funding received from the DfE/ESFA in respect of initial teacher training.

Local authority grants

This is funding received from the local authority for specific purposes, for example Special Educational Needs funding.

Other educational activities

This includes all other educational income/expenditure.

Pension reserve

This represents the negative reserve in respect of the liability on the LGPS pension scheme which was transferred to the academy on conversion.

Fixed asset fund

The fund includes the value of the tangible fixed assets of the academy on conversion, and amounts transferred from GAG or other restricted funds specifically for expenditure on tangible fixed assets, and the annual charges for depreciation of these assets.

DfE/ESFA capital grants

This is money received from the DfE/ESFA specifically for expenditure on tangible fixed assets.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2018.

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19. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2017 £
General funds						
General fund	805,709	555,893	(293,168)	(293,020)	-	775,414
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	6,283,208	(6,508,497)	225,289	-	-
Pupil premium	-	90,974	(90,974)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	9,093	(9,093)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	61,551	(61,551)	-	-	-
Teaching Schools	-	130,920	(198,651)	67,731	-	-
Schools direct / SCITT	41,585	288,822	(291,210)	-	-	39,197
School fund	16,653	21,333	(8,555)	-	-	29,431
Other educational activities	-	491,001	(491,001)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,193,000)	-	(253,000)	-	654,000	(1,792,000)
	<u>(2,134,762)</u>	<u>7,376,902</u>	<u>(7,912,532)</u>	<u>293,020</u>	<u>654,000</u>	<u>(1,723,372)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	14,586,987	-	(314,481)	31,866	-	14,304,372
DfE/ESFA capital grants	32,846	27,861	-	(31,866)	-	28,841
	<u>14,619,833</u>	<u>27,861</u>	<u>(314,481)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,333,213</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>12,485,071</u>	<u>7,404,763</u>	<u>(8,227,013)</u>	<u>293,020</u>	<u>654,000</u>	<u>12,609,841</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>13,290,780</u></u>	<u><u>7,960,656</u></u>	<u><u>(8,520,181)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>654,000</u></u>	<u><u>13,385,255</u></u>

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A CURRENT YEAR 12 MONTHS AND PRIOR YEAR 12 MONTHS COMBINED POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Unrestricted funds						
General fund	805,709	1,045,050	(579,149)	(500,044)	-	771,566
CIF loan repayments	-	-	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Salix loan repayments	-	-	-	(110,476)	-	(110,476)
HC3S deferred income to be released	-	-	-	(170,000)	-	(170,000)
	<u>805,709</u>	<u>1,045,050</u>	<u>(579,149)</u>	<u>(880,520)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,090</u>
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	12,606,162	(13,019,430)	413,268	-	-
Pupil premium	-	183,413	(183,413)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	19,024	(19,024)	-	-	-
Local authority grants	-	132,927	(132,927)	-	-	-
Teaching Schools	-	218,500	(304,044)	85,544	-	-
SSIF - The Basingstoke Project	-	327,743	(160,942)	-	-	166,801
Schools direct / SCITT	41,585	933,295	(953,403)	-	-	21,477
School fund	16,653	22,333	(12,471)	-	-	26,515
Other educational activities	-	1,414,257	(1,414,257)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,193,000)	-	(456,000)	-	1,103,000	(1,546,000)
	<u>(2,134,762)</u>	<u>15,857,654</u>	<u>(16,655,911)</u>	<u>498,812</u>	<u>1,103,000</u>	<u>(1,331,207)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
Fixed asset fund	14,586,987	-	(633,549)	724,831	-	14,678,269
DfE/ESFA capital grants	32,846	55,992	-	(88,838)	-	-
DfE/ESFA CIF grants	-	254,285	-	(254,285)	-	-
	<u>14,619,833</u>	<u>310,277</u>	<u>(633,549)</u>	<u>381,708</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,678,269</u>
	<u>12,485,071</u>	<u>16,167,931</u>	<u>(17,289,460)</u>	<u>880,520</u>	<u>1,103,000</u>	<u>13,347,062</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>13,290,780</u></u>	<u><u>17,212,981</u></u>	<u><u>(17,868,609)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>1,103,000</u></u>	<u><u>13,738,152</u></u>

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20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Un- restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2018 £	Total funds 2018 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	14,678,269	14,678,269
Current assets	469,986	1,446,918	-	1,916,904
Creditors due within one year	(78,896)	(914,890)	-	(993,786)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(317,235)	-	(317,235)
Pension reserve	-	(1,546,000)	-	(1,546,000)
	<u>391,090</u>	<u>(1,331,207)</u>	<u>14,678,269</u>	<u>13,738,152</u>

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR

	Un-restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	14,304,372	14,304,372
Current assets	858,071	971,076	28,841	1,857,988
Creditors due within one year	(82,657)	(777,491)	-	(860,148)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(124,957)	-	(124,957)
Pension reserve	-	(1,792,000)	-	(1,792,000)
	<u>775,414</u>	<u>(1,723,372)</u>	<u>14,333,213</u>	<u>13,385,255</u>

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21. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Group	
	2018	2017
	£	£
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(96,103)	(559,525)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation charges	319,068	314,481
Increase in stocks	(144)	(906)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	231,380	(219,868)
Increase in creditors	325,916	321,475
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	203,000	253,000
Net cash provided by operating activities	983,117	108,657

22. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Group	
	2018	2017
	£	£
Cash in hand	4,712	3,169
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	1,559,008	520,399
Total	1,563,720	523,568

23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2018 the Group and Academy had capital commitments as follows:

	Group		Academy	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Contracted for but not provided in these financial statements	-	554,285	-	554,285

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £103,677 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2018 (2017 - £100,765) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

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

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £563,208 (2017 - £570,102).

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx).

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2018 was £312,000 (2017 - £284,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £239,000 (2017 - £214,000) and employees' contributions totalled £73,000 (2017 - £70,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 15.1% for employers and between 5.5% and 12.5% for employees.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	2018	2017
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.80 %	2.50 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.60 %	3.60 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.10 %	2.10 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.10 %	2.10 %

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

	2018	2017
Retiring today		
Males	24.1	24.0
Females	27.2	27.0
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	26.2	26.0
Females	29.4	29.3

	At 31 August 2018 £	At 31 August 2017 £
Sensitivity analysis		
Discount rate +0.1%	5,213,000	4,964,000
Discount rate -0.1%	5,432,000	5,172,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	5,473,000	5,218,000
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	5,169,000	4,916,000

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

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

	Fair value at 31 August 2018 £	Fair value at 31 August 2017 £
Equities	2,412,000	2,004,000
Property	260,000	213,000
Government bonds	864,000	812,000
Corporate bonds	45,000	36,000
Cash and other liquid assets	87,000	98,000
Other	107,000	112,000
	<u>3,775,000</u>	<u>3,275,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £245,000 (2017 - £350,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of financial activities are as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Current service cost	400,000	425,000
Net interest cost	42,000	42,000
	<u>442,000</u>	<u>467,000</u>

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	5,067,000	4,886,000
Current service cost	400,000	425,000
Interest cost	127,000	98,000
Employee contributions	73,000	70,000
Actuarial gains	(289,000)	(360,000)
Benefits paid	(57,000)	(52,000)
	<u>5,321,000</u>	<u>5,067,000</u>

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24. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Movements in the fair value of the Group's share of scheme assets:

	2018 £	2017 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	3,275,000	2,693,000
Interest income	85,000	56,000
Actuarial losses	160,000	294,000
Employer contributions	239,000	214,000
Employee contributions	73,000	70,000
Benefits paid	(57,000)	(52,000)
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Closing fair value of scheme assets	<u>3,775,000</u>	<u>3,275,000</u>

25. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2018 the total of the Group's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2018 £	2017 £
Group and Academy		
Amounts payable:		
Within 1 year	20,071	18,781
Between 1 and 5 years	14,386	23,834
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Total	<u>34,457</u>	<u>42,615</u>

26. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of it being wound up while he/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.

27. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No related party transactions took place in the period of account, other than certain trustees' remuneration and expenses already disclosed in note 10.

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28. TEACHING SCHOOL TRADING ACCOUNT

	2018 £	2018 £	2017 £	2017 £
INCOME				
DIRECT INCOME				
Grant and other income	415,323		130,920	
TOTAL INCOME		415,323		130,920
EXPENDITURE				
DIRECT EXPENDITURE				
Staff costs	72,466		183,047	
Other expenditure	193,869		15,604	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENDITURE	<u>266,335</u>		<u>198,651</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		266,335		198,651
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS EXCLUDING DEPRECIATION		17,813		67,731
SURPLUS FROM ALL SOURCES		<u>166,801</u>		<u>-</u>
TEACHING SCHOOL BALANCES AT 1 SEPTEMBER 2017		-		-
TEACHING SCHOOL BALANCES AT 31 AUGUST 2018		<u><u>166,801</u></u>		<u><u>-</u></u>