

WIGSTON ACADEMIES TRUST
(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE ACADEMY, ITS MEMBERS/ TRUSTEES AND
ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

Trustees

G Hall, Chair¹
S Morris^{1,4}
E Abbott (resigned 1 April 2015)^{1,4}
D Atkinson (resigned 1 April 2015)²
K Blower (resigned 22 November 2014)¹
C Buckby (resigned 1 April 2015)³
J Cooke (resigned 1 April 2015)^{3,4}
A Green, Executive Headteacher^{2,4}
R Hillsdon (resigned 2 November 2014)²
K Loydall (resigned 1 April 2015)¹
R Pell (resigned 1 April 2015)²
S Smith (resigned 1 April 2015)³
G Swingler¹
A Webster (resigned 1 April 2015)³
G Willars (resigned 1 April 2015)¹
C Woolley (resigned 1 April 2015)^{1,4}
A Wright (resigned 1 April 2015)^{1,4}
D Callis (resigned 1 April 2015)³
S Lamb (appointed 1 April 2015)¹
A Webster (appointed 1 April 2015, resigned 31 August 2015)¹
M Byrne (appointed 1 April 2015)¹
E Coats (appointed 1 April 2015)¹
C Gore (appointed 1 April 2015)¹
I Cox (appointed 1 September 2015)
J Cooke (appointed 9 September 2015)

Members

G Hall (resigned 1 April 2015)
D Atkinson (resigned 1 April 2015)
J Cooke (resigned 1 April 2015)
A Green (resigned 1 April 2015)
G Swingler (resigned 1 April 2015)
J Rixon (appointed 1 April 2015)
M Elton (appointed 1 April 2015)
E Abbott (appointed 1 April 2015)
A Wright (appointed 1 April 2015)
P Osgood (appointed 1 April 2015)

- ¹ Community Trustee
- ² Staff Trustee
- ³ Parent Trustee
- ⁴ Finance Committee

**Company registered
number**

7975551

Registered office

Station Road
Wigston Magna
Leicester
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**Principal operating
office**

Station Road
Wigston Magna
Leicester
LE18 2DU

Company secretary

C Reeds

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Administrative details (continued)

**Senior management
team**

A Green, Executive Headteacher
A Miller, Headteacher
Ian Cox, Headteacher
Sally Cox, Headteacher

Independent auditors

Clear & Lane Limited
Chartered Accountants
340 Melton Road
Leicester
LE4 7SL

Bankers

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Wigston Academies Trust (the academy) for the year ended 31 August 2015. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the academy comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the academy's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

● **Constitution**

The Academy Trust is a charitable 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 charitable company was incorporated as Abington Academy Trust on 5 March 2012. The school converted to academy status on 1 April 2012, when its operations, assets and liabilities were transferred to the academy from the governing body of the Foundation School, Abington High School. The charitable company changed its name to Wigston Academies Trust on 14 March 2015. On 1 April 2015 the Academy became a Multi Academy Trust when Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust joined the Trust.

The comparative 2014 figures include Abington Academy Trust only. The 2015 figures include a full year for Abington Academy Trust plus the 5 months to 31 August 2015 for Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy.

The governors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of Wigston Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Wigston Academy Trust.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are listed on page 1.

The Trust operates two Academies for pupils aged 10 to 19 serving a catchment area in Wigston. Wigston Academy (Abington Academy and Bushloe High School) has a pupil capacity of 1393 and had a roll of 1230 in the school census on 1st October 2015.

Wigston College (Guthlaxton Academy) has a pupil capacity of 1454 and had a number on roll of 701 at the same date.

● **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.

● **Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees**

Trustees are appointed as follows

Parent Trustee	Through open election for all eligible parents or guardians of students who attend Wigston Academy.
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Staff Trustee	Until 1 April 2015 through open election for all eligible members of staff working at Wigston Academy.
Community Trustee	Until 1 April 2015 through nomination by the board of Trustees of Wigston Academy. We would seek to appoint Trustees with relevant background or experience to compliment the existing Trustee qualifications.

● **Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

We expect all Trustees to undertake training as appropriate to their work at the Academy. New Trustees will be provided with an induction programme as required. A record is kept of all Trustee training and is reviewed on a regular basis.

● **Organisational structure**

The Trustees, who are responsible for the overall management and control of the Academy and meet at least termly each year.

The Executive Headteacher is responsible for co-ordinating the work of the Trustees and their Committees, preparation of agendas, papers and review of matters arising. The Academy Business Manager is responsible for preparation of accounts.

All Trustees give of their time freely and no remuneration and no expenses were paid in the period.

The Trustees determine the general policy of the school. The day to day running is delegated to the Executive Headteacher and the Headteachers, supported by senior staff. The Executive Headteacher undertakes the key leadership role overseeing educational, pastoral and administrative function in consultation with senior staff. The day to day administration is undertaken within the policies and procedures approved by the Trustees which provide for only significant expenditure decisions and major capital projects to be referred to Trustees for prior approval.

The Executive Headteacher oversees the recruitment of all staff. The Executive Headteacher is a Trustee, Principal Accounting Officer and attends all meetings. The Business Manager attends the Finance Committee meeting and any other meetings as appropriate.

● **Connected organisations, including related party relationships**

The Executive Headteacher is a member of a number of professional associations which enables the school to engage on a local and national level in current educational matters. Additionally, the Executive Headteacher and other members of the school staff share their expertise, knowledge and experience with many schools. The school is a National Support School and has close ties with the National College of Teaching and Learning. The school is a strategic lead partner in a Teaching School Alliance and an Academy Sponsor.

The school has two connected charities, Abington High School Charitable Trust and Guthlaxton College Foundation Fund (charity registration number 527854). Both were established to enable disadvantaged children to have the same opportunities as their peers, eg to take part in visits and to provide suitable help towards uniforms and clothing as necessary. These funds are under the control of the Academy Trust. The funds held by the two connected charities have been included in the results in the Financial Statements.

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● **Risk management**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Academy, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

The Trustees are responsible for the overseeing of the risks faced by the Academy. Detailed consideration of risk are delegated to the Senior Leadership and Management team of the Academy. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the period. A formal review of the Academy's risk management process is undertaken on an annual basis. Risk Management covers areas such as Financial Sustainability, Health and Safety and Student Welfare.

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

● **Trustees' indemnities**

In accordance with normal practice the Academy has purchased insurance to protect the Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors and omissions whilst on school business. The cover under the policy is £2 million and in the period under review the sum of £1,229 was paid (2014 - £895).

● **Principal activities**

Wigston Academy Trust's purpose is to manage and develop a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum for students at the school and the wider community of which we serve.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

● **Objects and aims**

Wigston Academy Trust's 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.

● **Objectives, strategies and activities**

The purpose of the School is to be a learning community where young people and adults share the search for knowledge, truth and pursuit of excellence. Our vision is to deliver outstanding learning to all students. Our belief, as communicated to the pupils, is that we can all "Strive to Succeed" and we belong to one community.

Our aims are the same for all children. Within a happy, caring and disciplined framework, and with the co-operation of parents, we strive to ensure that all children;

- achieve the highest academic standards of which they are capable.
- develop good social and working relationships in school and also in the wider community.
- develop a reasoned and acceptable set of social, moral and spiritual values, and behave in a way which does not conflict with these values.
- acquire personal qualities which will help bring them success and happiness.
- develop positive attitudes towards their physical well-being.

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To achieve these aims, we strive to ensure that;

- our curriculum is carefully planned and organised, so that all teaching staff meet the requirements of school-wide policies as well as the requirements of their particular subjects.
- our policies and procedures, both inside and outside the classroom, are consistent with the successful promotion of our aspirations for our children.
- we maintain a wide range of extra-curricular activities, through which children can develop their personal interests and aptitudes.
- the needs of each individual child are known, and that appropriate provision for those needs are available.

Wigston Academy is committed to serving the local community; within this partnership, we aim to provide high quality education in a safe, caring and happy environment, where everyone is valued.

We endeavour to provide enrichment experiences and opportunities which encourage children to achieve their full potential; to become confident, responsible, independent and well educated individuals able to fulfil positive roles in society.

Our Objectives for the period included:

1. Achievement and Standards.

- at Key Stage 2 and 3.
- Curriculum Organisation – the new National Curriculum.
- KS3 – 4 Pathways for students.
- Teaching and Learning (AfL, tracking, target setting, profiling).
- Learning Reviews – Teaching and Learning groups/Performance Management.
- Intervention and Support (target groups to overcome barriers to learning, support provision 'Closing the gaps').
- Pastoral Support systems/programmes.

Mentoring and Coaching (One to One Tuition and target groups – support programmes, parental intervention).

“How do children learn?”

Ensure that the following initiatives from Phase 3 of the Improvement Plan, are fully embedded into school practice.

- Learning Reviews.
 - Sharing best practice.
 - Teacher assessment and the use of data – targeted intervention.
 - Teacher and support staff roles remodelling.
2. Personal Development and wellbeing – extending participation, health education, PSHCE review, Review of trips and visits/homestudy, community engagement, attendance, School Council.
3. Quality of Provision – extend partnership working (LSL and NctI– wider community), Campus Reorganisation (transition, KS4 performance, teacher exchanges, curriculum/timetable revision). Primary Schools. LA – Enhanced Resource Provision – Teaching Schools.
4. Leadership and Management – Capital Works/resources, Sharing Best Practice, monitoring and evaluation procedures (CASEF), Performance Management. Campus Reorganisation, Sponsored Academies, Locality Partnerships.
5. Views of Stakeholders.
Transition KS3 to 4, School Council, Home School initiatives, Admissions. Reorganisation Consultation.

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● **Public benefit**

Wigston Academy Trust is a charitable trust which seeks to benefit the public through the pursuit of its stated aims. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

● **Key performance indicators and review of activities**

Wigston Academy (Abington Academy site A and Bushloe High School site B)

Academic results at Key stage 2 have met the floor targets with 65% of pupils achieving a Level 4 + in Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

78% of students achieved a Level 4+ in Reading, 79% of pupils achieved a Level 4+ in Writing and 73% of pupils achieved a Level 4+ in Mathematics.

	Site A	Site B
Level 4 or above in Reading, Writing and Maths	67	63
Level 4 or above in Reading	79	78
Level 4 or above in Maths	71	74
Level 4 or above in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	70	63
Level 4 or above in Writing	84	73
Level 5 or above in Reading	27	30
Level 5 or above in Maths	23	28
Level 5 or above in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	32	33
Level 5 or above in Writing	19	8
Expected progress in Reading	75	74
Expected progress in Writing	87	71
Expected progress in Maths	69	73

At key stage 3, attainment continues a trend of improvement. 59% of pupils achieved a Level 6+ in English, 64% of pupils achieved a Level 6+ in Mathematics and 66% of pupils achieved a Level 6+ in Science.

	Site A		
	5+	6+	7+
English	90	66	14
Reading	93	64	16
Writing	90	60	14
Maths	90	62	33
Science	95	68	37

	Site B		
	5+	6+	7+
English	94	52	6
Reading	94	53	7
Writing	92	47	6
Maths	93	66	34
Science	94	64	29

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Wigston College (Guthlaxton Academy)

Academic results at key Stage 4 have improved across the key measures. 46% of students achieved 5 A*-C including English and Mathematics. 72% of students have made 3 levels of progress in English and 66% have made 3 levels of progress in Mathematics.

5 A*-C E&M	46.0
English 3L P	72.1
Maths 3L P	65.8
5 A* - C	53.3
5 A* - G	94.2

At Key stage 5, the average grade was a D+, APS (entry) was 194.5, APS (student) was 714.8 and 99% of students achieved 1+ grade A* - E.

A Level	
Average grade	D+
APS (entry)	194.5
APS (student)	714.8
1+ A* - E	98.5%

Vocational	
Average grade	D-
APS (entry)	219.2
APS (student)	786.2

Other Key achievements

- The gap is closing between disadvantaged and other students at Key Stage 2 in GPS.
- The gap has narrowed at Level 5+ in English and mathematics.
- Increased the amount of intervention and support programmes especially those targeted at catching up students.
- Further improved CPD and Sharing Best Practice across sites.
- Extended the focus of key groups including the most able for support and academic mentoring.

● **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason 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 Accounting Policies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

● **Financial review**

Excluding the funds transferred from existing academies into the Trust, the majority of the school's funding was provided by the Education Funding Agency (EFA). The schools total incoming resources for the year to 31 August 2015 amounted to £24,750,315 of which £17,736,967 related to funds transferred from Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust and £5,956,395 related to the EFA General Annual Grant (GAG). The Trust's total outgoing resources for the period amounted to £7,570,659.

At 31 August 2015 the Academy held free reserves (unrestricted funds not designated for a specific future use) of £919,171, being total unrestricted funds of £1,141,792 less designated funds of £222,621. These free reserves can be spent on any activities within the Trust's charitable objects. Restricted available funds amounted to £754,937 are to be spent in line with particular grant terms (being mainly GAG unspent funds). Total unspent GAG £678,724, plus free reserves of £917,171 at 31 August 2015 were £1,597,895, being the remaining available carried forward funds for general school reserves and capital spending.

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● **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have developed a reserve policy statement for the school within its Financial Handbook which encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

The Trustees have determined that the total level of free reserves plus unspent General Annual Grant (GAG) should be approximately £990,000 (approximately one month's expenditure based on 2015/16 budget). As at 31 August 2015 free reserves plus unspent GAG amounted to £1,597,895. The current level of free reserves are considered appropriate for the Trust at this stage as the excess reserves above general target will be used as a buffer to reduce the financial impact of reducing rolls over the next year and as a contribution to capital buildings works during the current year in relation to the merging of the three school sites.

Cash reserves at 31 August 2015 were £2,110,167 being higher than free reserves plus unspent GAG of £1,597,895 by some £512,272, due mainly to funds that have been designated of £222,621 towards the school's capital works programme and the replacement of the All Weather Pitch plus other restricted funds, and accruals accounts adjustments for income and expenses.

The pensions deficit of £4,282,000 is being addressed over the medium to long term by means of contribution rates revised by the pension scheme actuaries on a triennial basis, which are affordable for the academy.

● **Investment policy and performance**

The school regularly monitors the current/fund account balances to ensure immediate financial commitments can be met (payroll and payment runs) and that the accounts have adequate balances to meet forthcoming commitments. Any surplus funds will be invested in a deposit account bearing a higher rate of interest. A periodic review of interest rates will be carried out and compared with other investment opportunities. The school's current policy is to only invest funds in risk free deposit accounts. Any change of policy requires approval of Trustees via the Finance Committee.

● **Financial and risk management objectives and policies**

The Academy Trust has a Risk Management Policy and Risk Register which aim to identify, assess and evaluate the risks which the Academy faces and to put procedures in place which aim to reduce that risk. The register is reviewed and updated as necessary.

● **Principal risks and uncertainties**

At 31 August 2015 the pension deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme stood at £4,282,000 for the 3 Academies (31 August 2014 £973,000 for Abington Academy Trust). The Academy has mitigated its risk in relation to this pension scheme by taking out insurance against early retirement on the grounds of ill health. Changes in contribution rates as decided upon by the actuaries of the scheme are budgeted for as soon as they are known, when they are updated every three years.

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.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

● **Future developments**

The Trustees intend to continue their current strategies of maintaining the School's position in a competitive market by providing outstanding education for all students. Achieving high standards of academic results is a constant aim whilst maintaining breadth and depth of wider education to develop the whole person.

The Executive Headteacher and senior staff continue to review the curriculum to ensure that the educational qualifications remain appropriate for our students' development. Our future plans are financed from income direct from the DfE, related to student numbers and other lump sum factors. Trustees will ensure funding is invested appropriately for the next generation of students as they have done in the past for current students. Maintaining and, where necessary, developing the fabric of the facilities of the Academies are central to our strategy. Our plans are primarily focused on expansion of the school's capital programme and partnership working locally and nationally e.g. the forming of a Multi Academy Trust on 1 April 2015, the merging of two schools (Abington Academy and Bushloe High School) on 1 September 2015 and sponsoring and renaming Wigston College (formerly Guthlaxton Academy) as part of the Trust's organisation.

We have a planned programme of maintenance and investment for the school site. Each year we invest heavily in computer equipment and infrastructure to ensure our students and staff have the best school environment we can provide. In partnership with the LA, we have begun a major capital build programme on the campus to improve educational facilities on the site for the children.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

The Academy does not hold any such funds on behalf of any organisations other than with respect to the 2 controlled charities referred to on page 4 and note 30 to the financial statements.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any information needed by the charitable company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the charitable company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Clear & Lane Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The Designated Trustees will propose a motion re-appointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

This report, incorporating the Strategic report, was approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as the company directors, on 7 December 2015 and signed on the board's behalf by:

G Hall, Chair
Chair of Trustees

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of Responsibility

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

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

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' report and in the Trustees' responsibilities statement. The Board of Trustees has formally met 9 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
G Hall, Chair	8	9
S Morris	6	9
E Abbott	2	5
D Atkinson	2	5
K Blower	0	2
C Buckby	1	5
J Cooke	5	5
A Green, Executive Headteacher	9	9
R Hillsdon	2	2
K Loydall	4	5
R Pell	2	5
S Smith	4	5
G Swingler	6	9
A Webster	1	5
G Willars	4	5
C Woolley	3	5
A Wright	3	5
D Callis	3	5
S Lamb	3	4
C Gore	4	4
E Coates	4	4
A Webster	4	4
M Byrne	0	4
I Cox	0	0

Governance reviews:

The academy intends to conduct a self-evaluation review or an external review annually. A review is due in the year ended August 2016.

Wigston Academies Trust was formed on 1 April 2015. At this time there were three schools (all academies) who were member schools. One of these schools (Guthlaxton Academy) was sponsored as part of this Trust formation at the request of the DFE. As a Trust a major reorganisation of Governance on the site took place with Members, Directors/Trustees and Local Governing Bodies being organised. All aspects of Trust organisation have been completed with a full scheme of delegation being agreed by all parties. On 1 September 2015, Abington Academy and Bushloe High School merged to become one school Wigston Academy Trust, and Guthlaxton Academy changed its name to Wigston College. This reorganisation has had a very positive impact on the success of the trust.

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Up to the formation of the Multi Academy Trust, on 1 April 2015 there was a Finance Committee which was a sub-committee of the main governing body. Its purpose was to assist the decision making of the governing body, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the Governing Body's responsibility to ensure sound management of the Academy's finances and resources.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
J Cooke	2	2
A Green	1	2
S Morris	1	2
R Woolley	1	2
A Wright	0	2

Since the formation of the Multi Academy Trust, all finance matters have been dealt with at Full directors meetings – see above for attendance at these meetings.

Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer the Executive Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

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

- planning efficiently, effectively and economically the resources available to meet the needs of all the pupils achieving high quality outcomes.
- the trust's accommodation and site are maintained to a high standard.
- the views of the parents and pupils are sought and responded to in relation to the suitability and availability of resources. Resources and equipment are well cared for.
- staff development is well organised and CPD is planned to support the needs of staff and children.
- specific funding is identified and deployed appropriately eg. SEN funding/pupil premium.

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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 Wigston Academies Trust for the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 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 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

The Risk and Control Framework

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

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

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Leicestershire County Council as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's 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 on payroll systems
- testing of purchase systems
- testing of control account/bank reconciliation's

On an annual basis, the internal auditor reports to the Board of Trustees on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The governing body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint an internal auditor. Reports to the governing body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the governing body's financial responsibilities are done via the finance committee on a termly basis. The responsible officers role is undertaken by the Internal Auditors with the responsible officer function being fully delivered in line with the EFA's requirements. There were no material control issues as a result of the Internal Auditors work during the year.

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Review of Effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, the Executive 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 internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditors;
- 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 Board of Trustees and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 7 December 2015 and signed on its behalf, by:

G Hall, Chair
Chair of Trustees

A Green
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Wigston Academies Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy Board of Trustees and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook (2014).

I confirm that I and the academy Board of Trustees are able to identify any material, irregular or improper use of funds by the academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook (2014).

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 EFA.

A Green
Accounting Officer

Date: 7 December 2015

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Trustees (who act as governors of Wigston Academies Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report (including the Strategic report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 7 December 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

G Hall, Chair
Chair of Trustees

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WIGSTON ACADEMIES TRUST

We have audited the financial statements of Wigston Academies Trust for the year ended 31 August 2015 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Summary income and expenditure account, the Statement of total recognised gains and losses, the Balance sheet, the Cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

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 opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, 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.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the academy's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the academy's affairs as at 31 August 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' report, incorporating the Strategic report, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WIGSTON ACADEMIES TRUST

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

Luke Turner ACA FCCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Clear & Lane Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

340 Melton Road

Leicester

LE4 7SL

11 December 2015

WIGSTON ACADEMIES TRUST
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WIGSTON
ACADEMIES TRUST AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 3 November 2015 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Wigston Academies Trust during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 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 Wigston Academies Trust and EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Wigston Academies Trust and EFA 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 Wigston Academies Trust and EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Wigston Academies Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Wigston Academies Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2014, 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 2014 to 2015. 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 2014 to 31 August 2015 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 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA. 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.

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes:

- On a sample basis testing transactions and balances.
- Making enquiries of the academy regarding systems and controls in place that are relevant to our regularity conclusion.
- On a sample basis reviewing records for evidence of those systems and controls in operation.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO WIGSTON
ACADEMIES TRUST AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY (continued)**

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 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Luke Turner ACA FCCA

Clear & Lane Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors

340 Melton Road
Leicester
LE4 7SL

11 December 2015

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £	
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Transfers on existing academies moving into the trust	2	913,166	(2,668,199)	19,492,000	17,736,967	-
Voluntary income	2	-	6,300	-	6,300	-
Activities for generating funds	3	101,139	-	-	101,139	16,280
Investment income	4	2,251	771	-	3,022	765
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Funding for the academy trust's educational operations	5	-	6,710,559	192,328	6,902,887	3,332,450
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		1,016,556	4,049,431	19,684,328	24,750,315	3,349,495
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds:						
Fundraising expenses and other costs		72,385	-	-	72,385	7,358
Charitable activities:						
Academy trust educational operations	10	-	7,002,416	444,337	7,446,753	3,431,078
Governance costs	6	-	51,521	-	51,521	8,407
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	9	72,385	7,053,937	444,337	7,570,659	3,446,843
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS, CARRIED FORWARD		944,171	(3,004,506)	19,239,991	17,179,656	(97,348)

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
NET INCOMING / (OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS, BROUGHT FORWARD		944,171	(3,004,506)	19,239,991	17,179,656	(97,348)
Transfers between Funds	21	-	(62,256)	62,256	-	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR BEFORE REVALUATIONS		944,171	(3,066,762)	19,302,247	17,179,656	(97,348)
Gains and losses on revaluations of investment assets		-	(2,141)	-	(2,141)	-
Actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit pension schemes		-	210,000	-	210,000	(268,000)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		944,171	(2,858,903)	19,302,247	17,387,515	(365,348)
Total funds at 1 September 2014		197,621	(668,160)	6,118,170	5,647,631	6,012,979
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2015		1,141,792	(3,527,063)	25,420,417	23,035,146	5,647,631

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
TOTAL INCOME		1,016,556	23,733,759	24,750,315	3,349,495
LESS: TOTAL EXPENDITURE		72,385	7,498,274	7,570,659	3,446,843
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	21	944,171	16,235,485	17,179,656	(97,348)

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	21	944,171	16,235,485	17,179,656	(97,348)
Gains and losses on revaluations of investment assets		-	(2,141)	(2,141)	-
Actuarial gain/(loss) related to pension scheme	28	-	210,000	210,000	(268,000)
TOTAL GAINS AND LOSSES RECOGNISED SINCE 1 SEPTEMBER 2014	21	944,171	16,443,344	17,387,515	(365,348)

There is no difference between the income/(expenditure) on ordinary activities for the year stated above and its historical cost equivalent.

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 7975551

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	15		25,404,177		6,118,170
Investments	16		34,237		-
			<u>25,438,414</u>		<u>6,118,170</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	17	19,105		9,950	
Debtors	18	507,611		90,593	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,110,167		541,885	
		<u>2,636,883</u>		<u>642,428</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>(642,761)</u>		<u>(139,967)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,994,122</u>		502,461
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>27,432,536</u>		6,620,631
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	20		<u>(115,390)</u>		-
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITY			<u>27,317,146</u>		6,620,631
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	28		<u>(4,282,000)</u>		<u>(973,000)</u>
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION SCHEME LIABILITY			<u>23,035,146</u>		<u>5,647,631</u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted general funds	.21	754,937		304,840	
Restricted fixed asset funds	21	25,420,417		6,118,170	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		<u>26,175,354</u>		<u>6,423,010</u>	
Pension reserve		<u>(4,282,000)</u>		<u>(973,000)</u>	
Total restricted funds			<u>21,893,354</u>		5,450,010
Unrestricted funds	21		<u>1,141,792</u>		197,621
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>23,035,146</u>		<u>5,647,631</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (continued)
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 7 December 2015 and are signed on their behalf, by:

G Hall, Chair
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	23	(377,673)	108,633
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	24	3,022	765
Capital expenditure and financial investment	24	(9,638)	(25,288)
Acquisitions and disposals	24	(36,378)	-
Cash transferred on existing academies moving into the trust	26	1,805,770	-
CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		1,385,103	84,110
Financing	24	183,179	-
INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR		1,568,282	84,110

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
Increase in cash in the year	1,568,282	84,110
Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing	(183,179)	-
MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS IN THE YEAR	1,385,103	84,110
Net funds at 1 September 2014	541,885	457,775
NET FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2015	1,926,988	541,885

The notes on pages 27 to 51 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005, the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by EFA, applicable accounting standards and 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.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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 and include grants from Education Funding Agency.

Transfers between funds and between categories of funds i.e. restricted, designated and unrestricted funds are only processed with due regard to grant terms, agreement of funders (where applicable) and due process where formal trustees' resolutions are required. Full disclosures are given within the notes to the accounts for any transfers processed.

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

1.3 INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the academy has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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 year for which it is receivable and any unspent amount is reflected as a balance in the restricted general fund.

Capital grants are recognised when receivable 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.

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the academy are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the academy can be reliably measured. An equivalent amount is included as expenditure under the relevant heading in the Statement of financial activities, except where the gift in kind was a fixed asset in which case the amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the academy's policies.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis where there is certainty of receipt 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.

1.4 RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which a liability is incurred and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities are costs incurred in the academy's educational operations.

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the academy's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and Trustees' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

All resources expended are 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 one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised.

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. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities and are carried forward in the Balance sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the academy's depreciation policy.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings	-	3% and 2% Straight line
Freehold land	-	Not depreciated
Leasehold buildings	-	4% Straight line
Leasehold land (125 year lease)	-	Not depreciated
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	15% Straight line
Computer equipment	-	25% Straight line

1.7 INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

1.8 OPERATING LEASES

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

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

1.9 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and value in use.

1.10 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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes, are contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme ("SERPS"), and the assets are held separately from those of the academy.

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 quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in note 28, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the academy is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit 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 gains and losses on the settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of financial activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Transfers on existing academies moving into the trust	913,166	16,823,801	17,736,967	-
Donations	-	6,300	6,300	-
Voluntary income	913,166	16,830,101	17,743,267	-

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3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Hire of facilities	48,233	-	48,233	12,105
Fundraising income	2,025	-	2,025	3,442
Recharged staff salaries	2,200	-	2,200	733
Headteacher consultancy fees	13,332	-	13,332	-
Tiger tots income	33,092	-	33,092	-
Bar income	2,257	-	2,257	-
	<u>101,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,139</u>	<u>16,280</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Dividends received	-	771	771	-
Bank interest received	2,251	-	2,251	765
	<u>2,251</u>	<u>771</u>	<u>3,022</u>	<u>765</u>

5. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
DfE/EFA revenue grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	5,956,395	5,956,395	2,773,728
Other DfE/EFA grants	-	773,063	773,063	558,722
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,729,458</u>	<u>6,729,458</u>	<u>3,332,450</u>
Other government grants				
Local authority capital grants	-	141,543	141,543	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>141,543</u>	<u>141,543</u>	<u>-</u>
Other funding				
Other grants	-	31,886	31,886	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>31,886</u>	<u>31,886</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,902,887</u>	<u>6,902,887</u>	<u>3,332,450</u>

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6. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Governance Internal audit costs	-	1,494	1,494	747
Governance Auditors' remuneration	-	22,875	22,875	5,016
Governance Auditors' non audit costs	-	1,375	1,375	600
Governance legal and professional fees	-	25,362	25,362	2,044
Governance training	-	415	415	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>51,521</u>	<u>51,521</u>	<u>8,407</u>

7. DIRECT COSTS

	Educational Operations £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
LGPS Pension interest cost (£162,000) less expected return on assets (£119,000)	43,000	43,000	23,000
Educational supplies	178,417	178,417	63,297
Examination fees	129,906	129,906	2,309
Staff development	15,088	15,088	21,456
Educational consultancy	34,847	34,847	21,845
Other direct costs	140,887	140,887	68,797
Depreciation	333,253	333,253	157,800
Technology costs	19,178	19,178	14,738
Teaching and educational support staff costs - salaries	3,932,031	3,932,031	1,964,120
Teaching and educational support staff costs - NI	283,875	283,875	144,674
Teaching and educational support staff costs - pensions	649,321	649,321	299,401
	<u>5,759,803</u>	<u>5,759,803</u>	<u>2,781,437</u>

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8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Educational Operations £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Recruitment	3,000	3,000	-
Maintenance of premises and equipment	159,561	159,561	44,274
Cleaning	19,494	19,494	10,483
Rent and rates	80,039	80,039	19,872
Insurance	125,831	125,831	38,948
Depreciation	111,084	111,084	52,600
Catering (excess of income compared to non wages catering costs)	(34,393)	(34,393)	161
Bank interest and charges	3,001	3,001	1,240
Other support costs	151,532	151,532	53,295
Security and transport	16,583	16,583	8,724
Technology costs	33,250	33,250	16,316
Energy costs	115,344	115,344	46,751
Support staff costs - salaries	744,228	744,228	293,279
Support staff costs - NI	31,230	31,230	12,592
Support staff costs - pensions	127,166	127,166	51,106
	<u>1,686,950</u>	<u>1,686,950</u>	<u>649,641</u>

9. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs 2015 £	Non Pay Expenditure Other costs 2015 £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Fundraising expenses	56,065	16,320	72,385	7,358
COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS	<u>56,065</u>	<u>16,320</u>	<u>72,385</u>	<u>7,358</u>
Direct costs - Educational Operations	4,865,227	894,576	5,759,803	2,781,437
Support costs - Educational Operations	902,624	784,326	1,686,950	649,641
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	<u>5,767,851</u>	<u>1,678,902</u>	<u>7,446,753</u>	<u>3,431,078</u>
GOVERNANCE	-	51,521	51,521	8,407
	<u>5,823,916</u>	<u>1,746,743</u>	<u>7,570,659</u>	<u>3,446,843</u>

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10. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2015 £	Support costs 2015 £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Educational Operations	<u>5,759,803</u>	<u>1,686,950</u>	<u>7,446,753</u>	<u>3,431,078</u>

11. STAFF

a. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Wages and salaries	4,725,973	2,261,948
Social security costs	316,126	157,266
Other pension costs (Note 28)	781,817	350,507
	<u>5,823,916</u>	<u>2,769,721</u>
Supply teacher costs	129,248	68,797
	<u>5,953,164</u>	<u>2,838,518</u>

b. Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the academy during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2015 No.	2014 No.
Teachers	126	39
Administration and support	126	34
Management	15	5
	<u>267</u>	<u>78</u>

c. Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose emoluments fell within the following bands was:

	2015 No.	2014 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	2	0
In the band £90,001 - £100,000	0	1
In the band £100,001 - £200,000	1	0
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>

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11. STAFF (continued)

The above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2015, pension contributions for these staff members amounted to £32,951 (2014 - £12,290).

12. CENTRAL SERVICES

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

13. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 4 Trustees (2014 - 5) in respect of defined benefit pension schemes.

The Headteacher and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff members, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments from the academy in respect of their service as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration fell within the following bands:

A Green (Headteacher and Trustee)

Remuneration £105,000 - £110,000 (2014: £95,000 - £100,000)

Employer's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2014: £10,000 - £15,000)

D Atkinson (Staff Trustee) (resigned 1 April 2015)

Remuneration £5,000 - £10,000 (2014: £10,000 - £15,000)

Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2014: £0 - £5,000)

R Hillsdon (Staff Trustee) (resigned 1 April 2015)

Remuneration £5,000 - £10,000 (2014: £10,000 - £15,000)

Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2014: £0 - £5,000)

R Pell (Staff Trustee) (resigned 1 April 2015)

Remuneration £25,000 - £30,000 (2014: £40,000 - £45,000)

Employer's pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2014: £5,000 - £10,000)

A Webster (Staff Trustee) (appointed 1 April 2015)

Remuneration £25,000 - £30,000 (2014: £NIL)

Employers pension contributions £0 - £5,000 (2014: £NIL)

During the year, no Trustees received any reimbursement of expenses (2014 - £NIL).

14. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the academy has purchased insurance to protect Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business. The insurance provides cover up to £2 million on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £1,229 (2014 - £895). The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

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15. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST					
At 1 September 2014	6,406,346	-	175,033	64,136	6,645,515
Additions	155,716	-	43,653	38,975	238,344
Transfers in	10,436,453	8,648,119	272,835	134,593	19,492,000
At 31 August 2015	<u>16,998,515</u>	<u>8,648,119</u>	<u>491,521</u>	<u>237,704</u>	<u>26,375,859</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2014	410,610	-	75,524	41,211	527,345
Charge for the year	251,788	117,944	45,920	28,685	444,337
At 31 August 2015	<u>662,398</u>	<u>117,944</u>	<u>121,444</u>	<u>69,896</u>	<u>971,682</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2015	<u>16,336,117</u>	<u>8,530,175</u>	<u>370,077</u>	<u>167,808</u>	<u>25,404,177</u>
At 31 August 2014	<u>5,995,736</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,509</u>	<u>22,925</u>	<u>6,118,170</u>

Included in freehold land and buildings is land with a cost of £1,482,000 (2014 - £695,000) which is not depreciated. Included in leasehold land and buildings is land on a 125 year lease with a cost of £1,571,453 which is also not depreciated.

The leasehold land and buildings are held on a 125 year lease with the local authority. The cost of the freehold land and buildings and leasehold land and buildings was arrived at in the period ended 31 August 2013 using the EFA standard valuation on a depreciated replacement cost basis provided to the academy. This provided a value for the land and buildings as at the date of conversion.

The transfers in are the assets transferred from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust moving into the Multi Academy Trust. See also note 26.

16. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed securities £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 September 2014	-
Transfers in on existing academies moving into the trust	36,378
Revaluations	(2,141)
At 31 August 2015	<u>34,237</u>
HISTORICAL COST	
	<u>36,378</u>

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17. STOCKS

	2015 £	2014 £
Classroom and other materials	<u>19,105</u>	<u>9,950</u>

18. DEBTORS

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade debtors	29,584	3,925
VAT recoverable	163,016	14,882
Prepayments and accrued income	315,011	71,786
	<u>507,611</u>	<u>90,593</u>

**19. CREDITORS:
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2015 £	2014 £
Other loans	67,789	-
Trade creditors	143,278	1,964
Taxation and social security	155,348	47,920
Other creditors	92,278	44,293
Accruals and deferred income	184,068	45,790
	<u>642,761</u>	<u>139,967</u>

DEFERRED INCOME

Deferred income at 1 September 2014	23,409
Resources deferred during the year	63,037
Amounts released from previous years	<u>(23,409)</u>
Deferred income at 31 August 2015	<u>63,037</u>

Included within deferred income are amounts received in advance for trips which take place after the year end £55,110 (2014 - £14,581), rates funding received in advance for £5,665 (2014 - £5,370), and other income received in advance £2,262 (2014 - £3,458).

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**20. CREDITORS:
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Other loans	115,390	-
	<u>115,390</u>	<u>-</u>

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:

	2015	2014
	£	£
BETWEEN ONE AND TWO YEARS		
Other loans	25,642	-
	<u>25,642</u>	<u>-</u>
BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE YEARS		
Other loans	89,748	-
	<u>89,748</u>	<u>-</u>

Other loans consists of Salix loan for energy saving capital works as approved by the Education Funding Agency. The loan is interest free and repayable as indicated.

21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
DESIGNATED FUNDS						
School's capital works programme	97,621	-	-	-	-	97,621
All weather pitch	-	114,583	-	10,417	-	125,000
	<u>97,621</u>	<u>114,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,417</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>222,621</u>
GENERAL FUNDS						
General Funds	100,000	901,973	(72,385)	(10,417)	-	919,171
Total Unrestricted funds	197,621	1,016,556	(72,385)	-	-	1,141,792
	<u>197,621</u>	<u>1,016,556</u>	<u>(72,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,141,792</u>

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
General Annual Grant (GAG)	246,002	6,588,734	(6,093,756)	(62,256)	-	678,724
Other DfE/EFA grants	58,838	756,749	(815,587)	-	-	-
Other grants	-	35,099	(8,599)	-	-	26,500
Abington High School Trust Fund	-	6,300	-	-	-	6,300
Guthlaxton College Foundation Fund	-	47,549	(1,995)	-	(2,141)	43,413
Pension reserve	(973,000)	(3,385,000)	(134,000)	-	210,000	(4,282,000)
	<u>(668,160)</u>	<u>4,049,431</u>	<u>(7,053,937)</u>	<u>(62,256)</u>	<u>207,859</u>	<u>(3,527,063)</u>

RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
DfE/EFA capital grants	41,912	119,410	(3,294)	-	-	158,028
Transfer from local authority	5,904,061	19,081,169	(423,514)	-	-	24,561,716
Capital expenditure from GAG	172,197	342,206	(12,745)	62,256	-	563,914
Local authority capital grants	-	141,543	(4,784)	-	-	136,759
	<u>6,118,170</u>	<u>19,684,328</u>	<u>(444,337)</u>	<u>62,256</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,420,417</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>5,450,010</u>	<u>23,733,759</u>	<u>(7,498,274)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>207,859</u>	<u>21,893,354</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>5,647,631</u></u>	<u><u>24,750,315</u></u>	<u><u>(7,570,659)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>207,859</u></u>	<u><u>23,035,146</u></u>

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

Designated Funds

The designated funds are for the purpose of the completion of the schools capital works programme and development of the school buildings.

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

The All Weather Pitch designated funds represents the historic annual funds retained specifically for the future replacement of the pitch surface. The £114,583 incoming resources are the funds transferred from existing academy, Guthlaxton Academy Trust on the formation of the Multi Academy Trust (MAT). The balance carried forward relates to the unspent funds for future repair works.

Unrestricted Funds

Included in the incoming resources is £913,166 of unrestricted funds transferred from the existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust on the formation of the MAT.

Restricted Funds

The General Grant (GAG) relates to the school's development and operational activities. Included in the GAG income is £632,345 of funds unspent from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust transferred on the formation of the MAT and is included in voluntary income.

The DfE/EFA restricted funds grants consists of Pupil Premium, Year 7 Catch Up funding, Special Educational Needs Allowance (SENA), PE Teacher grant, National College for Leadership Schools, Summer School Funding, and Access to Work. Included in this income is £34,470 of funds unspent from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust transferred on the formation of the MAT included in voluntary income.

Other grants relates to grants received from other organisations and includes Leicester County Council Thomas Estley Learning Alliance (TELA) grant, Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, Leicester University and Birmingham City University grants, which were all fully spent in the year. The balance carried forward at 31 August 2015 is unspent funds received from Cadet Bursary Fund of £20,000, the Big Lottery of £6,000 and School Council Grant of £500. Included in the income is £3,209 of funds unspent from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust transferred on the formation of the MAT and is included in voluntary income.

The Abington High School Trust and Guthlaxton College Foundation Fund (charity registration number 527854) are charities that were established to raise funds to enable disadvantaged children to have the same opportunities as their peers, e.g. to take part in visits and to provide suitable help towards uniforms and clothing as necessary. Included in the income is £46,777 of Guthlaxton College Foundation Funds transferred from existing academy Guthlaxton Academy on the formation of the MAT.

The pension reserve relates to the academy's share of the deficit of Leicestershire County Council's Local Government Pension Scheme. Included in incoming resources is the pension liability £3,385,000 transferred from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust on the formation of the MAT.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds

DfE/EFA capital grants relate to funding received from these sources to purchase fixed assets. The closing balance relates to the net book value of assets concerned. Included is £68,625 of funds transferred from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust on the formation of the MAT. Included in the carry forward is £16,240 of unspent funds.

The transfer from local authority relates to the value of freehold and leasehold buildings and moveable assets transferred on conversion less depreciation charged to date. Included in incoming resources £19,081,169 of fixed asset funds transferred from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust on the formation of the MAT.

Capital expenditure from GAG relates to capitalised expenditure allocated to the GAG within this grant's terms. The income element is shown as a transfer from restricted funds, where the GAG is received, to the restricted fixed assets fund where it has been spent. Included in incoming resources are £342,206 of funds transferred from existing academies Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust on the formation of the MAT.

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21. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)

Leicestershire County Council grant funding is funding received for capital building works to be spent on joining the Abington Academy campus with the Bushloe High School campus.

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 2015.

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY FUND BALANCE

Fund balances at 31 August 2015 were allocated as follows:

	Total £
Abington Academy	409,301
Bushloe High School	503,655
Guthlaxton Academy	983,773
	1,896,729
Total before fixed asset fund and pension reserve	1,896,729
Restricted fixed asset fund	25,420,417
Pension reserve	(4,282,000)
	23,035,146
Total	23,035,146

ANALYSIS OF ACADEMIES BY COST

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

	Teaching and educational support staff costs £	Other support staff costs £	Educational supplies £	Other costs excluding depreciation £	Total £
Abington Academy	2,542,752	405,958	234,239	298,358	3,481,307
Bushloe High School	882,674	201,816	44,030	98,692	1,227,212
Guthlaxton Academy	1,423,226	367,489	279,872	347,216	2,417,803
	4,848,652	975,263	558,141	744,266	7,126,322

SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
Designated funds	97,621	114,583	-	10,417	-	222,621
General funds	100,000	901,973	(72,385)	(10,417)	-	919,171
	197,621	1,016,556	(72,385)	-	-	1,141,792
Restricted funds	(668,160)	4,049,431	(7,053,937)	(62,256)	207,859	(3,527,063)
Restricted fixed asset funds	6,118,170	19,684,328	(444,337)	62,256	-	25,420,417
	5,647,631	24,750,315	(7,570,659)	-	207,859	23,035,146

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22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	25,404,177	25,404,177	6,118,170
Fixed asset investments	-	34,237	-	34,237	-
Current assets	1,141,792	1,478,851	16,240	2,636,883	642,428
Creditors due within one year	-	(642,761)	-	(642,761)	(139,967)
Creditors due in more than one year	-	(115,390)	-	(115,390)	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(4,282,000)	-	(4,282,000)	(973,000)
	<u>1,141,792</u>	<u>(3,527,063)</u>	<u>25,420,417</u>	<u>23,035,146</u>	<u>5,647,631</u>

23. NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2015 £	2014 £
Net incoming resources before revaluations	17,179,656	(97,348)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	(3,022)	(765)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	444,337	210,400
Capital grants from DfE	(192,328)	(14,631)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(9,155)	2,482
Decrease in debtors	104,042	33,621
Decrease in creditors	(298,236)	(70,126)
Land, buildings, assets and liabilities on existing academies moving into the trust	(21,121,967)	-
Pension scheme deficit on existing academies moving into the trust	3,385,000	-
FRS 17 pension costs less contributions payable	91,000	22,000
FRS 17 adjustments	43,000	23,000
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATIONS	<u>(377,673)</u>	<u>108,633</u>

24. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2015 £	2014 £
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		
Interest received	2,251	765
Dividends received	771	-
NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	<u>3,022</u>	<u>765</u>

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24. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued)

	2015 £	2014 £
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(201,966)	(39,919)
Capital grants from DfE	192,328	14,631
	(9,638)	(25,288)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	(9,638)	(25,288)
	2015 £	2014 £
ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS		
Acquired fixed asset investments on existing academies moving into the trust	(36,378)	-
	(36,378)	-
	2015 £	2014 £
FINANCING		
Salix loan	196,000	-
Repayment of Salix loan	(12,821)	-
	183,179	-
NET CASH INFLOW FROM FINANCING	183,179	-

25. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	1 September 2014 £	Cash flow £	Other non-cash changes £	31 August 2015 £
Cash at bank and in hand:	541,885	1,568,282	-	2,110,167
DEBT:				
Finance leases	-	-	-	-
Debts due within one year	-	-	(67,789)	(67,789)
Debts falling due after more than one year	-	-	(115,390)	(115,390)
	541,885	1,568,282	(183,179)	1,926,988
NET FUNDS	541,885	1,568,282	(183,179)	1,926,988

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26. CONVERSION TO A MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

On 1 April 2015 Abington Academy Trust converted to a multi academy trust and renamed Wigston Academies Trust. Bushloe High School and Guthlaxton Academy Trust joined the multi academy trust on 1 April 2015, all the operations and liabilities were transferred to Wigston Academies Trust for £Nil Consideration..

The transfer has been accounted for using the acquisition method. The assets and liabilities transferred were valued at their fair value and recognised in the Balance sheet under the appropriate headings with a corresponding net amount recognised as net incoming resources in the Statement of financial activities as voluntary income.

The following table sets out the fair values of the identifiable assets and liabilities transferred and an analysis of their recognition in the Statement of financial activities.

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets				
- Freehold/leasehold land and buildings	-	-	19,084,571	19,084,571
- Other tangible fixed assets and fixed asset investments	-	36,378	407,429	443,807
Cash at bank	888,493	917,277	-	1,805,770
Other assets	24,674	496,386	-	521,060
Other liabilities	-	(733,241)	-	(733,241)
LGPS pension surplus/(deficit)	-	(3,385,000)	-	(3,385,000)
Net assets/(liabilities)	<u>913,167</u>	<u>(2,668,200)</u>	<u>19,492,000</u>	<u>17,736,967</u>

Included in the above net assets transferred to the Trust were available funds of £913,167 unrestricted funds, £632,345 of unspent GAG and £84,456 of other restricted funds.

27. 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 exceed £10 for the debts and liabilities contracted before he/she ceases to be a member.

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The academy'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 Leicestershire County Council. Both are defined benefit schemes.

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2013.

Contributions amounting to £84,831 were payable to the scheme at 31 August 2015 (2014 - 44,076) 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

Not less than every four years 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 (currently 14.1%);
- total scheme liabilities for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets 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%

During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2016, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £920,852 (2014: £332,984).

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

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a 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 2015 was £306,000, of which employer's contributions totalled £237,000 and employees' contributions totalled £69,000. The agreed contribution rates for the year to 1 April 2016 are 20.4% for employers and 5.5 - 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.

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were:

	Expected return at 31 August 2015 %	Fair value at 31 August 2015 £	Expected return at 31 August 2014 %	Fair value at 31 August 2014 £
Equities	3.70	2,532,000	6.30	641,000
Bonds	3.70	806,000	3.30	156,000
Property	3.70	422,000	4.50	92,000
Cash	3.70	77,000	3.30	27,000
Total market value of assets		3,837,000		916,000
Present value of scheme liabilities		(8,119,000)		(1,889,000)
Deficit in the scheme		(4,282,000)		(973,000)

Expected returns on assets are calculated as follows:-

The figures shown in the standard FRS17 report for Fund employers are based on the actuary's recommended return assumptions which are derived from the Hymans Robertson Asset Model (HRAM), the proprietary stochastic asset model developed and maintained by Hymans Robertson LLP.

Asset model

The HRAM type of model is known as an economic scenario generator and uses probability distributions to project a range of possible outcomes for the future behaviour of asset returns and economic variables. Some of the parameters of the model are dependent on the current state of financial markets and are updated each month (for example, the current level of equity market volatility) while other more subjective parameters do not change with different calibrations of the model.

Key subjective assumptions are:

- the average excess equity return over the risk free asset (tending to approximately 3% p.a. as the investment horizon is increased),
- the volatility of equity returns (approximately 18% p.a. over the long term) and the level and volatility of yields, credit spreads, inflation and expected (breakeven) inflation, which affect the projected value placed on the liabilities and bond returns.
- the output of the model is also affected by other more subtle effects, such as the correlations between economic and financial variables.

The only exception to the use of HRAM is in deriving the expected return on bond assets: instead of the HRAM output, the actuary has used the yields applicable at the accounting date on suitable bond indices.

The expected return on assets is based on the long-term future expected investment return for each asset class as at the beginning of the year (i.e. as at 1 September 2014 for the year to 31 August 2015, or date of joining the fund if later).

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The amounts recognised in the Balance sheet are as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Present value of funded obligations	(8,119,000)	(1,889,000)
Fair value of scheme assets	3,837,000	916,000
Net liability	<u>(4,282,000)</u>	<u>(973,000)</u>

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Current service cost	(328,000)	(131,000)
Interest on obligation	(162,000)	(64,000)
Expected return on scheme assets	119,000	41,000
Total	<u>(371,000)</u>	<u>(154,000)</u>
Actual return on scheme assets	<u>(94,000)</u>	<u>87,000</u>

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	1,889,000	1,318,000
Current service cost	328,000	131,000
Interest cost	162,000	64,000
Contributions by scheme participants	69,000	32,000
Actuarial (Gains)/losses	(423,000)	350,000
Liabilities assumed in a business combination	6,211,000	-
Benefits paid	(117,000)	(6,000)
Closing defined benefit obligation	<u>8,119,000</u>	<u>1,889,000</u>

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

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

	2015	2014
	£	£
Opening fair value of scheme assets	916,000	658,000
Expected return on assets	119,000	41,000
Actuarial gains and (losses)	(213,000)	82,000
Contributions by employer	237,000	109,000
Contributions by employees	69,000	32,000
Assets acquired in a business combination	2,826,000	-
Benefits paid	(117,000)	(6,000)
	3,837,000	916,000

The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses was £3,548,000 (2014 - £373,000).

The academy expects to contribute £428,000 to its Defined benefit pension scheme in 2016.

The major categories of scheme assets as a percentage of total scheme assets are as follows:

	2015	2014
Equities	66.00 %	70.00 %
Bonds	21.00 %	17.00 %
Property	11.00 %	10.00 %
Cash	2.00 %	3.00 %

Principal actuarial assumptions at the Balance sheet date (expressed as weighted averages):

	2015	2014
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	3.70 %	3.70 %
Expected return on scheme assets at 31 August	3.70 %	5.50 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.50 %	4.40 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	2.60 %	2.60 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.60 %	2.70 %
Commutation of pensions to lump sums	50.00 %	50.00 %

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

	2015	2014
Retiring today		
Males	22.2	22.2
Females	24.3	24.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	24.2	24.3
Females	26.6	26.6

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

Amounts for the current and previous two periods are as follows:

Defined benefit pension schemes

	2015 £	2014 £	2013 £
Defined benefit obligation	(8,119,000)	(1,889,000)	(1,318,000)
Scheme assets	3,837,000	916,000	658,000
Deficit	<u>(4,282,000)</u>	<u>(973,000)</u>	<u>(660,000)</u>
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	497,000	(69,000)	-
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	<u>(213,000)</u>	<u>82,000</u>	<u>26,000</u>

Sensitivity analysis

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

Change in assumptions as at 31 August 2015:

	Approximate % increase to Employer Liability	Approximate monetary amount £
0.5% decrease in Real Discount Rate	13%	1,023,000
1 year increase in member life expectancy	3%	244,000
0.5% increase in the Salary Increase Rate	5%	426,000
0.5% increase in the Pension Increase Rate	7%	568,000

29. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2015 the academy had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings			Other
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£
EXPIRY DATE:				
Within 1 year	-	-	2,965	-

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30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

The activities of The Abington High School Trust and Guthlaxton College Foundation Fund are incorporated into the accounts (see note 21) by virtue of their control by the Academy Trust.

No related party transactions took place in the year.