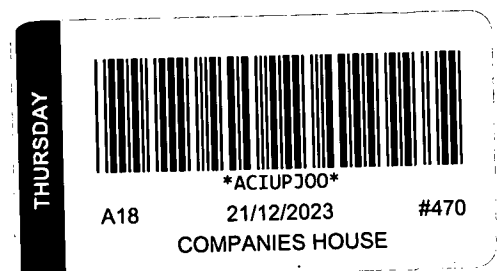


HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Registration number: 08542806



HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members

Mr G D Wilson
Mr N Richardson (resigned 6 January 2023)
Mr A Storr
Mr D Hall
Mrs E A Wilson
Mr C Huscroft

Trustees (Directors)

Mr C J Huscroft (Chair) (*) (#)
Mrs E M Macdonald OBE (*)
Mrs C Hough (*)
Mr M Mathias (*) (#)
Mrs P Winn (#) (resigned 25 July 2023)
Mrs J Edwards (*) (resigned 25 July 2023)
Mrs C O'Connell
Mrs L Cunningham
Miss A C Oxtoby (appointed 1 February 2023)
Mr N A Greenfield (appointed 1 February 2023)
Mr G D Wilson (resigned 28 November 2022) (*) (National Leader of Governance)
Mr P Lakin (#) (resigned 17 March 2023)
Miss L Winn (*) (resigned 7 February 2023)

(*) members of the finance and general purposes committee
(#) members of the audit committee

Company Secretary

Mr K Matchett

Senior Management Team

Mrs E Macdonald, Chief Executive Officer, Founding Headteacher/Accounting Officer
Mrs K Beal, Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Founding Headteacher
Mrs C Mudd, Founding Headteacher
Mrs M Milner, Founding Headteacher
Mr D Marks, Head of School Improvement
Mr K Matchett, Chief Financial Officer

Principal and Registered Office

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Company Registration Number

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HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRIVE DETAILS

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statement and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2023. The annual report serves the purposes of both Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates 15 primary academies, 1 secondary academy and a SCITT for pupils from nursery to 16 serving a catchment area in the Hull and Yorkshire region. Its academies have a roll of 6,263 in the school census of October 2022.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The company registration number is 08542806.

The Board acts as the Trustees for the charitable activities of the Hull Collaborative Academy Trust and are also the Directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (HCAT).

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

The Academy Trust operations are:

- Bellfield Primary School (P)
- Collingwood Primary School (P)
- Dorchester Primary School (P)
- Eastfield Primary School (P)
- Gilberdyke Primary School (P)
- Longhill Primary School (P)
- Malton Primary School (P)
- Pearson Primary School (P)
- Hull SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) (T)
- Stockwell Primary Academy (P)
- Sutton Park Primary School (P)
- The Marvell College (S)
- Thoresby Primary School (P)
- Wansbeck Primary School (P)
- Westcott Primary School (P)
- Wheeler Primary School (P)
- Withernsea Primary School (P)

(P) = primary school

(S) = secondary school

(T) = teachers' training

Members' liability

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

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Trustees' indemnities

The Academy through its Articles has indemnified its Trustees to the fullest extent permissible by law. During the period the Academy also purchased and maintained liability insurance for its Trustees. The insurance is unlimited.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Trustees

The company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy Trust. The Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees being not less than three but (unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution) shall not be subject to any maximum.

The members may appoint up to 18 Trustees.

The members may appoint Staff Trustees through such process as they may determine, provided that the total number of Trustees who are employees of the Academy does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees.

The CEO has chosen to formally be appointed a Trustee from 25 June 2020 to ensure certain committees are quorate. Prior to this date the CEO was treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Trustee.

The Secretary of State may also appoint additional Trustees if he feels it appropriate and ultimately has the power to in effect take over the Governance of the Academy. The Secretary of State has not appointed any additional Trustees.

The Trustees appointed have been carefully selected to establish a broad, diverse and effective skill set with a particular focus on leadership and strategic business development. All Trustees are members of the board with some who are also members of local governing bodies within our academies. New Trustees are identified after a skills audit of existing Trustees is conducted to identify areas of weakness. All prospective Trustees go through a rigorous and robust selection process to ensure that the board is constantly self-improving and effective challenge takes place.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

The training and induction provided to new Trustees will depend on their existing experience and the Skills Audit to ensure that all essential skills are covered by the Board and training provided as required. All training needs are coordinated by the professional clerking service. All new Trustees will meet with the CEO and will be offered a tour of the academies and the chance to meet with staff and students. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents they need to undertake their role as a Trustee. As there are normally only one or two new Trustees a year, induction is specifically tailored to the individual.

New Trustees are provided with the Articles of Association and Governance Handbook; they are also required to sign the NGA (National Governors Association) Code of Conduct. Their attention is also drawn to the Noal Principles and the standards required in public life.

Collective and individual training needs are regularly reviewed. There is a designated lead to coordinate training for Trustees.

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Organisational structure

There are four layers of corporate governance:

- The Members
- The Board of Trustees
- Senior Management Team
- Individual Academy Senior Leadership Teams

The aim of this structure is to ensure that decisions are made with appropriate involvement at the right level. The Members retain control over the direction of the Academy Trust and appointment of Trustees.

The Trustees have responsibility for strategy and the oversight of the day to day management and operation of the Trust as carried out by the senior management team. The Trust has various Committees to support all obligations and responsibilities outlined in The Academy Trust Handbook. The Trustees are responsible for shaping general policy; setting an annual budget plan aligned to the agreed Trust priorities; monitoring the Trust by use of results and budgets; managing risk and providing assurance; capital expenditure; making major decisions about the Leadership of the Trust and Trust appointments.

The Senior Management Team is to provide day-to-day management of the Trust and includes the CEO and Founding Heads as well as the Head of School Improvement and Chief Financial Officer. The CFO, along with the Trust Operations Manager, are responsible for the operational aspects of running the Trust including the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and according to delegated authorities and the appointment of staff.

The Chief Executive Officer is the Accounting Officer.

School Stakeholder Groups are committees established by the Trustees to provide support and challenge in relation to defined aspects of the work of the secondary school and the SCITT.

Parent/community engagement events are held twice-yearly to capture the views of parents and key community representatives.

The Headteachers' Partnership Board provides feedback on Trust policies.

The HCAT School Council is a means of seeking the views of pupils/students.

The specific roles of members, trustees, school stakeholder groups and headteachers are defined in the Scheme of Delegation. The responsibilities of Trust committees, the Headteachers' Partnership board and HCAT School Council are set out in the Committee Terms of Reference.

As the Trust continues to evolve and to ensure that the committees are fit for purpose the Trustees have operated seven committees for 2022/23. These committees have Trustees (with appropriate skills) as voting members.

- Audit & Risk Assurance
- Business Development
- Capital Allocations
- Finance
- Operations
- Pay
- School Improvement

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Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The key management personnel identified within the Trust are the Senior Leadership Team as referenced on page 2. The Trust has established a pay committee comprising of Trustees who are not employees of the Trust to determine the pay ranges for these key positions, in line with any national guidance on executive salary setting, level of responsibility, local context and challenge, any available benchmarking information and current market conditions for competitive recruitment. This includes making decisions in relation to Headteachers' pay.

Performance management of all the Headteachers' is undertaken by an external, independent moderator who provides recommendations for the pay committee and includes a review of the annual objectives. This is to ensure transparency and impartiality.

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Relevant union officials

Number of employees who were relevant Union officials during the relevant period	Full-time equivalent employee number
1	1

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

Percentage of pay bill spent on facility time

	2023
Provide the total cost of facility time	20,099
Provide the total pay bill	33,771,064

Paid trade union activities

	2023
Time spent on paid trade union activities as a percentage of total paid facility time hours calculated as: (total hours spent on paid trade union activities by relevant union officials during the relevant period ÷ total paid facility time hours) x 100	0.0006 %

Trustees should refer to Statutory Instrument 2017 No. 328, The Trade Union Facility Time Publication Requirements Regulations 2017 for calculation details.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust works in partnership with a range of organisations to benefit and enhance the provision and support offered to schools within its Trust. The Trust continues to work with all potential feeder primary schools in the local area.

Trustees are drawn from the local community, and from time to time it is possible that the Trust will enter transactions with organisations in which a Trustee has an interest. All such transactions are reflected in the Trusts' Register of Business Interests. These are duly considered by the Trust on a regular basis to ensure that all such transactions are in line with the Academy Trust Handbook guidelines.

These partnerships include:

Hull SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

Hull SCITT is part of Hull Collaborate Academy Trust and operates as a school with delegated responsibility to the SCITT Director. Hull SCITT also works in partnership with St Cuthbert's Roman Catholic Academy Trust to train and accredit their primary and secondary teachers.

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Hull and East Riding Local Authorities

The organisation works in partnership to offer school to school support outside of the Academy Trust. The Trust has selected representatives on a variety of committees and boards across the authority. HCAT also purchases certain services from the local authorities.

Hull University

The Trust works with Hull University to provide the Post Graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) element of the SCITT Training programme.

Edukos Trust

The CEO is a Trustee of HCAT, and our CEO is a Trustee of Edukos Trust.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and other in a business relationship with the trust

The Trust continues to develop its relationships with key suppliers. The Trust maintains a list of contracts and a full list of suppliers in our financial system.

It is important that our business relationships are beneficial to both sides and lines of communication are maintained to maximise the value to the organisation. Time spent with suppliers can help to increase the use of their service whilst ensuring for example purchased software is further developed for the advantage of the Trust.

The local community is a beneficiary of the Trust, please refer to the Public Benefit section of the Trustees Report on page 10 for more details. The Trust's impact on the environment is referred to in the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting section on pages 22 to 23 and our commitment to maintain the Trust's reputation for high standards can be seen throughout the Trustee's report.

Engagement with employees (including disabled persons)

Our employees are our greatest assets, and the Trust invests a significant proportion of our resources in developing this resource. With Children First our staff are our first line in delivering the Trust vision.

Our SCITT brings in new teachers into the Trust and we encourage our staff to continue to develop throughout their careers.

The Trust holds a Trust conference for all teaching staff annually to start the year. This is an opportunity for the key themes for the Trust to be cascaded and a check in at the start of a new academic year.

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We continue to utilise the HCAT Shared space (Office365) across all schools, accessed via our website, which contains latest news and provides access to several resources for staff. Alongside Zoom/Teams which are still utilised for meetings when necessary.

The Trust formed a wellbeing group during 2019/20 with the objective of helping all our staff and ensuring the wellbeing of our staff. We have circulated several wellbeing surveys to better understand the concerns of our staff and plan ways of supporting them. We encourage our staff to undertake training and actively seek opportunities to utilise the apprenticeship levy.

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust is committed to the equality of opportunity for all employees (including those with a disability) from recruitment, this continues through to training opportunities and in their further career development. The Trust adopted the Local Authorities model policy on conversion, and this has been supplemented by individual school level policies.

Employment of disabled persons

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust is committed to the equality of opportunity for all employees (including those with a disability) from recruitment. This continues through to training opportunities and in their further career development. The Trust adopted the Local Authorities model policy on conversion and this has been supplemented by individual school level policies.

Description of employee consultation

As a Restorative organisation Hull Collaborative Academy Trust follows the principle that all changes affecting staff, children and family involves due process and for staff to feel part of a community that does things with, rather than to people. Schools conduct daily circle check ins to allow for open discussion of school and Trust matters.

Objectives and activities

Objectives and aims

The principal activity of Hull Collaborative Academy Trust is to provide the highest quality education for all children within our schools, our ethos is 'Children First'. The Trust strives to ensure that every child within the Trust receives high quality teaching and learning opportunities. Our schools also lay the foundations of character building to prepare children for life and encourage social mobility. In addition, the Trust strives to offer wide reaching support to other schools through sponsorship and school to school support.

The Trust has a strong moral purpose, its values are based on Restorative Practice which builds community with our staff, children and families. Staff and schools are given high challenge and high support to provide the best environment for education and wellbeing for the whole community, as well as developing leadership and teamwork for themselves. The Trust believes that it is important to ensure the families of children should be part of this community and a dedicated family support team is available to provide outreach to families, to engage them in supporting the best outcomes for their children.

Members of the Senior Management Team met fortnightly to review the progress of each school in the Trust. Schools share their self-evaluation, performance data, school improvement and staff development activities and arrange and facilitate dissemination of good practice across the Trust. Any issues arising are risk assessed by the group and an agreed way forward is devised and implemented.

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Staff have developed the HCAT Signature with five key pillars that define the Trust and the values that underpin our Trust community and the education we offer to our children:

- Restorative Behaviours
- Academic Readiness
- Character Building
- Socially and Emotionally secure
- Wider experiences

Objectives, strategies and activities

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust was formed to provide the best possible education for Children in Hull and Yorkshire. It also intends to provide a local solution to sponsorship so schools in difficulty can access a local sponsor. There is a high focus on developing quality teachers for the city and developing staff and leaders through the Trusts Hull SCITT with around 30 teachers being trained per year.

As an approved sponsor of schools, the Trust looks to support and improve schools as part of the Trust ethos. The Trust seeks to collaborate with more schools to the benefit of the strength of the Trust and for the children who we educate. The Trust is open to approaches from other schools to join the Trust and is in the process of collaborating with further schools in Hull and Yorkshire.

The Trust facilitates joint CPD in the form of conferences, training sessions and network groups allowing all schools in the Trust to access the best training. The numbers of participants allow us to engage world class speakers and trainers that individually we would be unable to finance. It also allows us to offer other schools in the area high quality learning opportunities for their staff.

Shared resources across the Trust in terms of staffing and contracts also benefit all schools. The School Improvement team is at the core of the Trust's plans. They have helped schools maintain a line of sight on continuing school improvement through curriculum development training linked to changing national agenda such as validated phonic schemes.

All the Senior Leadership Team support the Trust and schools as ongoing, sustainable, businesses ensuring all schools have access to expertise that normally would be beyond the reach of an individual school.

Centralisation of certain key services in relation to finance, HR, payroll, IT, and capital projects including procurement are firmly established and have seen major improvements to service quality, financial control, and viability.

The Trust continues to search for best value for its procurement and services.

The Trust Board and its Committees must meet regularly enough to discharge their responsibilities under their Articles of Association, Funding Agreement, and the Academy Trust Handbook, to ensure robust governance and effective financial management arrangements. Board meetings take place at least three times a year and Finance Committee meets at least six times a year, with the Audit Committee meeting three times a year. Business is only conducted when the Board or Committee is quorate.

The Trust Operation Manager and Chief Financial Officer support the Trust and schools as ongoing, sustainable, businesses. In addition, central staff such as the Trust Emotional Wellbeing Lead, Safeguarding Lead, Human Resource, Payroll, Health Safety and Estates Team ensures all schools have access to expertise that normally would be beyond the reach of an individual school.

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Public benefit

The Academy Trust provides educational services to all children in the local area. The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance provided by the Charity Commission.

As an all-inclusive Academy Trust promoting educational activities and community use of its facilities the Trustees believe this meets the Public Benefit test as required under Charity Law. The main public benefit delivered by the Trust is the maintenance and development of a high-quality education to all pupils in its care. It is the Trustees aim to provide outstanding teaching and learning opportunities in all schools within the Trust.

Strategic Report

Achievements and performance

Ofsted Inspections:

The Trust received 1 inspection by OFSTED during the academic year 22-23.

Bellfield Primary received its follow up inspection in January 2023, following a previous improving letter received in December 2018.

January 2023 Inspection outcomes

Overall judgement	Quality of Education	Behaviour and Attitudes	Personal Development	Leadership and management	EYFS
Good	Good	Outstanding	Outstanding	Outstanding	Good

The trust is pleased that OFSTED recognised the extremely strong leadership at the school together with the exemplary behaviour and personal development at the school.

Pupils numbers (Based on January census information)

	2022	2023
Bellfield	236	246
Collingwood	330	340
Dorchester	318	319
Eastfield	627	618
Gilberdyke	217	214
Longhill	366	383
Malton	225	223
The Marvell College	1,236	1,236
Pearson	222	216
Stockwell	392	387
Sutton Park	364	368
Thoresby	540	567
Wansbeck	260	250
Westcott	290	300
Wheeler	464	459
Withernsea	517	496
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Total	6,604	6,622

Pupils' numbers rose slightly across the academic year however 50% of schools showed a decline in their individual pupil numbers when compared to the previous year.

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Key financial performance indicators

Outcomes

The trust.

Marvell College Outcomes

	2022	2023
Progress 8	-0.10	-0.19
Attainment 8	45.42	44.5

2023 outcomes at KS4 can not be used to compare directly with 2022 outcomes due to changes to grading, nationally outcomes in 2023 are lower than that seen in 2022.

Whilst outcomes are slightly lower than national, the gap has closed significantly in 2023 compared to 2022. In 2022 the gap was 3.38 compared to 1.7 in 2023.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

Year 1 Phonics pass

	Pass % 2022	Pass % 2023
Bellfield	90	87
Collingwood	76	73
Dorchester	89	82
Eastfield	84	85
Pearson	82	78
Sutton Park	84	84
Thoresby	84	82
Wansbeck	71	77
Wheeler	75	78
Westcott	87	84
Gilberdyke	91	83
Longhill	77	80
Stockwell	85	73
Withernsea	77	72
Malton	78	81
National	75	79

The trust continues to be pleased with the impact of the phonic programmes used by trust schools particularly with many cohorts with starting points lower than what is typical.

80% of schools achieved phonic outcomes broadly inline or above the national percentage.

60% of schools achieved outcomes higher than national.

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Key Stage 1 Attainment

	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	EX+	GD	EX+	GD	EX+	GD
Bellfield	87	30	80	17	87	27
Collingwood	59	7	57	7	59	7
Dorchester	72	17	67	8	72	14
Eastfield	72	26	62	10	72	21
Gilberdyke	78	28	72	22	75	31
Longhill	72	28	72	28	74	28
Malton	71	25	67	25	63	21
Pearson	65	10	65	10	71	16
Stockwell	72	8	55	4	66	6
Sutton Park	77	14	65	7	74	14
Thoresby	73	23	72	15	77	23
Wansbeck	67	9	64	6	70	6
Westcott	60	20	49	9	63	20
Wheeler	63	23	57	7	73	17
Withernsea	57	9	53	6	61	7
National	68	19	60	8	70	16

67% of schools achieved the national average or higher in reading at the expected level with 53% achieving inline or higher than the national average achieving depth.

67% of schools achieved the national average or higher in writing at the expected level with 80% achieving inline or higher than the national average achieving greater depth.

67% of schools achieved the national average or higher in maths at the expected level with 60% achieving inline or higher than the national average achieving greater depth.

MTC

School	Average MTC Mark	Average MTC Mark	+ / -
	2022	2023	Difference
All Pupils			
Bellfield	20	17	-3
Collingwood	18	21	+3
Dorchester	15	18	+3
Eastfield	18	21	+3
Gilberdyke	18	16	-2
Longhill	21	20	-1
Malton	17	18	+1
Pearson	22	19	-3
Stockwell	13	18	+5
Sutton Park	16	21	+5
Thoresby	14	19	+5
Wansbeck	14	15	+1
Westcott	22	21	-1
Wheeler	17	20	+3
Withernsea	15	17	+2

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Following intensive cross trust curriculum work focussed on improving the aspects of the curriculum to support pupils' arithmetic 67% of schools had outcomes increase in the end of Y4 multiplication check.

The average multiplication check score across the trust rose from 17.3 in 2022 to 18.7 in 2023.

KS2 outcomes

KS2 Provisional 2023

READING

WRITING

MATHS

	Ex + 23	GD 23	Progress	Ex + a	GD	Progress	Ex +	GD	Progress
Bellfield	88	20	-0.3	78	16	+0.2	81	3	-1.3
Collingwood	71	22	+2.3	78	24	+4.2	78	20	+3.6
Dorchester	65	23	-1.2	72	21	+0.7	77	19	-0.4
Eastfield	88	35	+2.0	89	36	+4.0-	94	42	+4.1
Pearson	79	31	+0.9	83	14	+1.8	90	31	+3.1
Sutton Park	83	38	+2.0	80	15	+0.1	80	30	+0.9
Thoresby	76	26	+0.3	82	16	+2.0	76	17	+0.1
Wansbeck	88	38	+4.3	82	21	+3.1	85	35	+4.8
Wheeler	66	20	+0.3	70	11	+1.0	71	24	+2.5
Westcott	89	39	+1.5	79	26	+0.9	87	37	+1.4
Gilberdyke	97	39	+2.8	84	32	+2.5	97	39	+2.9
Longhill	68	15	+0.4	88	32	+5.7	77	32	+3.6
Stockwell	74	15	+2.6	70	11	+0.9	70	11	-1.7
Withernsea	48	7	-3.0	58	2	-1.0	44	5	-3.6
Malton	66	20	+0.85	79	24	+4.16	40	6	-3.35
National	73	29	0.00	71	13	0.00	73	24	0.00

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Progress

80% of schools achieved progress in reading above the national average
93% of schools achieved progress in writing above the national average
67% of schools achieved progress in maths above the national average
93% of schools reading progress were statistically average or above when compared nationally.
100% of schools writing progress were statistically average or above when compared nationally.
87% of school's maths progress were statistically average or above when compared nationally.

Attainment

67% of schools achieved standards in reading broadly in line or above the national average with 40% achieving greater depth.

93% of schools achieved standards in writing broadly in line or above the national average with 93% achieving greater depth.

80% of schools achieved standards in maths broadly in line or above the national average with 53% achieving greater depth.

OFSTED RATINGS

School	Date of last inspection	Outcome
Bellfield	January 2023	Good
Collingwood	November 2021	Requires Improvement
Dorchester	July 2021	Good
Eastfield	June 2015	Outstanding
Gilberdyke	September 2021	Requires Improvement
Longhill	November 2021	Good
Malton	September 2021	Requires Improvement **
Pearson	June 2022	Good
Stockwell	January 2018	Good
Sutton Park	January 2019	Good
Thoresby	June 2016	Outstanding
Wansbeck	June 2019	Good
Westcott	June 2019	Good
Wheeler	November 2021	Good
Withernsea	February 2018	Good **
Marvell College	June 2019	Good

** Schools have yet to be inspected as part of the academy trust, both judgements and inspections link to the schools prior to joining.

Schools inspected as part of the trust:

- 86% have received an overall outcome of Good or Outstanding.
- 100% have received "Good" judgements for leadership and management.
- 100% have received a "Good" judgement for behaviour and attitudes.
- 100% have received a "Good" judgement for personal development.
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Going concern

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

The Trustees consider that the Trust is a going concern. The 3 - 5-year forecasts have been considered by the Board. The Board assesses school budget's which have a negative trajectory on their individual circumstances to determine the underlying causes of the position. Measures and support are then put in place to mitigate any forecasted deficits ensuring that the cumulative impact can be managed by the Trust without materially impacting on its financial stability. The Trust is careful to include contingencies in the budget process including pay increases, pay increments, pension contributions and inflation.

Nationally there is a downward projection of children expected to enter the education system over the next five to seven years. The Trust is already experiencing the impact of declining number in four of its primaries and views this as a major risk which it will continue to monitor and react to as necessary.

The Trust continue to review all its service level agreements as they expire and consider better value by working with suppliers to consolidate accounts and achieve economies of scale and better value for money. The Trust operates effectively within its finance policy and scheme of delegation ensuring no unnecessary expenditure is incurred.

Working budgets are maintained and updated regularly including monthly comparisons to the financial system. Any variances are investigated as they arise, monthly management accounts are discussed with the Chair and periodical accounts are presented to Trustees. The Trust pools its reserves to protect its activities by providing a financial stability against an unpredictable environment and to ensure sufficient provision for future capital procurement and to safeguard future cash flow requirements. Current reserve levels are high and cash flow is not considered an issue.

Promoting the success of the Academy Trust

HCAT is a successful Trust. Over 80% of the schools in the Trust have been judged by Ofsted to be good or above. When a school does not meet this judgement, it receives focused support from the Trust's highly skilled School Improvement Team until it is judged good or above again.

Our results in Primary schools have ensured we are at the top of progress for our children including those who are disadvantaged. Our results and reputation ensure that our schools remain popular, and the Restorative culture ensures children and families would recommend HCAT schools to others. This also means we can attract the best staff and retention of staff is high.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

Financial review

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the period ended 31 August 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the period ended 31 August 2023 total expenditure of £46,663,458 was not covered by the recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources of £43,973,449 (excluding capital grants and transfer of funds inherited on conversion) for the period was £2,690,009. This excess includes depreciation and amortisation charges, accounting adjustments in relation to tangible fixed assets of £2,158,406 and FRS 102 pension cost adjustments, in relation to the LGPS liability of £738,000. If the depreciation charges and FRS 102 pension cost adjustments were added back to the excess figure of £2,690,009, the Trust made a surplus of £206,397.

At 31 August 2023 the net book value of fixed assets was £64,938,596 and movements in tangible and intangible assets are shown in notes 12 and 13 within the financial statements.

The Academy's associate staff are entitled to membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme. The Academy's share of the Scheme's assets is currently assessed to be less than its liabilities in the Scheme, and consequently the Academy balance sheet shows a net liability of £(1,225,000).

During 2018/19 the Trustees adopted a new policy for those employees who have reached their lifetime allowance. In keeping with other private and public sector bodies, staff can opt out of the appropriate pension scheme and at no additional cost to the Trust, they are paid this as an additional allowance, this is reported as part of their total emoluments.

Reserves policy

The Trustees regularly review the reserve levels of the Trust. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees have reviewed the Trust's income and expenditure and the future cashflows, requiring a minimum cash balance of £2,000,000 to minimise the financial risk of the Trust being unable to pay the debts as they fall due, and to maximise the educational benefit of the Trust funding and other income.

In May 2022 the Board approved a decision to move to reserve pooling for the Trust. The decision was based upon the need for the Trust to be able to manage its risk profile effectively whilst also introducing a system which better reflected the true legal status of all the funds.

For the presentational purposes each school has been allocated a notional sum of £15,000 with the core balance of reserves sitting centrally.

A breakdown of the funds at 31 August 2023 is as follows:

	£
Unrestricted general fund	2,185,337
Restricted general fund	-
Restricted fixed asset fund	64,299,874
Restricted pension fund	(1,225,000)
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Total funds	65,260,211
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

The trust is carrying a net deficit of £1,225,000 (2022: £5,347,000) on the pension reserve deficit due to future pension liabilities exceeding the current value of assets held. Over time this will be brought back into balance through the payment of monthly pension contributions, based on a percentage of gross salaries, into the East Riding Pension Fund, which includes an element to address the deficit position.

Investment policy

The trust currently invests its 'surplus' cash in treasury deposits for a maximum of 42 days.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide a reasonable level and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on a ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the Trust's 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 for the Trust for the year 2022/23 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Key risks:

The Trust view risk management as an integral part of good corporate governance and consider the key risks most likely to arise in the following areas:

- Safeguarding pupils, employees and all other persons to whom the Trust has a duty of care
- Maintaining effective control of public funds and maintaining cost base in response to increasing teacher pay and pension rates with no certainty of central funding
- Protecting property including buildings, equipment, vehicles and all other assets and resources
- Compliance with statutory obligations, policy and financial procedures
- Maintaining the positive reputation of the Trust
- The age of the estate and the capital investment required in the future compared to the capital grant funding received through government funding (School Condition Allocation)
- Declining primary admissions
- Succession planning for key senior leadership posts
- Increased numbers of children new to the country in four inner city schools which aren't immediately eligible for funding are putting a strain on resources.

Managing risks:

To effectively manage these risks, the Board and Audit Committee are accountable for overseeing the implementation of the Risk Management Plan. This is done by:

- The Audit Committee meets three times a year.
- The Accounting Officer is responsible for embedding a culture of risk management across the Trust that encourages the identification and management of risk, reporting regularly to the Audit Committee on regularity, propriety and value for money.
- Providing an internal scrutiny programme and framework for recording, reviewing and reporting on potential risks and associated actions with follow up mechanism in place. The framework is traffic lighted to identify the level of risk.
- Use of external reviewers for internal scrutiny complying with the Academy Trust Handbook.
- Reinforcing the importance of effective risk management by offering training, good practice and other support.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

Managing risks: (Continued)

Strategic risks are identified and recorded in the Trust's Risk Register and graded as high, medium or low using the traffic light system. These risks are reviewed regularly and the Trustees assess the major risks and uncertainties to which the Trust is exposed. The key strategic risks are reviewed and actions to mitigate each risk are identified and reasonable assurance is discussed. Schools have also undertaken a risk assessment process with any key risks being escalated to the Board. We Are Every has continued to be used during the period for its extensive online training package.

The Trust's principal risks and uncertainties concern the future funding of education, the funding for High Needs and the impact all of these will have on the Trust's finances.

Financial and risk management objectives and policies

The Trust has basic financial instruments. These are bank balances, trade debtors, other debtors, accrued income, trade creditors and accruals. These arise through the normal trading activities of the Trust. The Trustees have assessed and implemented several systems to assess and mitigate risks that the Trust faces, especially in operational areas – specifically in relation to teaching, HR management and financial control. We have introduced systems, including operational procedures and internal financial controls to minimise risk. Where significant financial risks remain, they have reviewed insurance cover to ensure adequate. The Trust has an effective system of internal financial controls. Key risks have been identified below:

- Staff recruitment and retention; pro-active use of Schools Direct programmes in secondary and the continued development and training of our future teachers using the SCITT is central to ensuring the Trust maintains high quality flow of new staff. Expansion of the Trust creates further opportunities, and our CPD and internal development programme means that we continue to train and nurture our future leaders.
- Pupil numbers: there are concerns about the decline in primary school numbers on roll due to the local housing strategy and the general demographic.
- Age of the estate: HCAT is an established trust and receives annual guaranteed capital funding through the Schools Condition Allocation of approximately £800,000. This helps with the planning for the asset management of the Trust estate; however, we have some significant aging buildings that require significant investment.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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Risk management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed. The Trust's risk matrix is reviewed by the Audit Committee, key strategic risks are reviewed, actions to mitigate each risk are identified and reasonable assurance is discussed. Schools have also undertaken a risk assessment process with any key risks being escalated to the board.

The Trust also continues to review its financial procedures to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The Trust changed its budgeting software (IMP) in 2019/20 to develop longer term planning and forecast of financial risk. The Trust continues to use and develop We Are Every, which is a risk and compliance management system.

The Trustees believe that the principal risks and uncertainties in connection with providing the educational services the Academy can offer are:

- maintaining the level of pupil numbers which in turn provides the educational funding required to achieve its objectives whilst managing its cost base.
- maintaining the quality of the education provided and continuous improvement of its schools to advance the level of achievement within its catchment area.

The policies of the Trust are structured with the following objectives in mind.

- to enable the Trust to continue as a going concern to achieve the aims and objectives set out in its governing document.
- to promote the Trust's work as an educational establishment within the community it serves and to continue to improve the services it offers.

Further risks are contained within the Trust Risk register and are reviewed at each relevant committee meeting and with oversight from the Trusts Audit Committee.

Fundraising

The Trust undertakes limited fundraising activities throughout the school year. Schools undertake traditional fundraising such as school fairs and summer fairs. Schools also raise money for other charities throughout the year which helps our children appreciate that others need help as well. There have been no complaints about fundraising activities this year.

Some of our primary schools have active Parent Teachers Associations which follow national guidelines.

Furthermore, each Academy within the Trust is encouraged to fundraise for approved good causes.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

UK Greenhouse gas emissions and energy use data for the period 01 September 2022 to 31 August 2023	2023	2022
Energy consumption used to calculate emissions (kWh)	6,892,343	7,271,000
Energy consumption break down (kWh)		
Gas	4,215,454	4,197,367
Electricity	2,157,337	2,346,013
Transport fuel	29,919	35,105
Biomass	489,633	692,908
Scope 1 emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e		
Owned transport – mini-buses	3.12	1.90
Gas consumption	771.13	766.20
Total scope 1	774.25	768.10
Scope 2 emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e		
Purchased electricity	614.58	453.70
Scope 3 emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e		
Business travel in employee owned vehicles	3.73	6.80
Total gross emissions in metric tonnes CO₂e	1,392.56	1,228.60
Intensity ratio		
Tonnes CO ₂ e per pupil	0.19	0.29

Quantification and Reporting Methodology:

An evidence-based methodology was adopted in accordance with BS EN ISO 14064-3:2019, Section 4.3. The electricity, gas, and biomass consumption figures were taken from invoice records and data from energy brokers (Zenergi & Smartest). Minibus diesel consumption was taken from fuel card data and mileage claims were used to calculate energy use and emissions associated with grey fleet. Relevant sections of the GHG Reporting Protocol – Corporate Guidance (Chapters 6, 9, 10) and UK Government Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) for Academy Trusts, September 2023, have been utilised to structure this report. UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting 2023 were used to convert all energy units to kWh, all mileage units to kWh (Scope 3) and finally kWh to tCO₂e.

Intensity measurement

Two intensity ratios are reported showing emissions (tCO₂e) per pupil and per square meter floor area. Emissions per pupil is the recommended ratio for the sector for consistency and comparability and pupil numbers are based on the Autumn census of the respective year. Emissions per square meter floor area is reported to reflect the energy efficiency of the buildings, which are the source of most emissions.

Measures taken to improve energy efficiency

The Trust continued to monitor energy use closely at each of the schools this year and have been working with suppliers to improving metering arrangements. This will assist with identifying opportunities for improvement going forward. When approving capital expenditure, the Trust board considers energy efficiency reports as well as opportunities to decarbonise plant equipment as part of it due diligence.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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Plans for future periods

During the reporting period Dorchester Primary School has commenced a £1m scheme to decarbonise its heating system by replacing gas combustion boilers with low carbon air source heat pumps. The installation will be completed in the next reporting period and is following a successful bid for support from the Salix Fund.

The roll out of LED lighting to all schools has continued and will continue in the next reporting period to fully complete the replacement and reduce electricity consumption.

Video conferencing continues to be used to minimise travel.

Over the last reporting period, each site has completed an infrared survey, utilising thermal cameras to identify areas of excessive heat loss and under-performing heat sources. This analysis will inform future energy efficiency projects, alongside closely monitored maintenance and servicing programmes.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

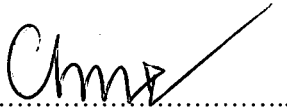
None.

Auditor

Insofar as the Trustees are aware:

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

The trustees' report, incorporating a Strategic Report, was approved by the order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mr C J Huscroft
Trustees

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

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

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to Mrs E M Macdonald OBE, 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 Hull Collaborative Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees was to formally meet 4 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
Mr M Mathias	3	4
Mrs C Hough	2	4
Mr C J Huscroft	4	4
Mr G D Wilson	2	2
Mrs P Winn	4	4
Mrs E M Macdonald OBE	4	4
Mrs J Edwards	3	4
Mr P Larkin	1	2
Mrs C O'Connell	2	4
Mrs L Winn	2	2
Mrs L Cunningham	3	4
Mr N Greenfield	1	2

Effective oversight of funds

Whilst the full board meets less than six times a year, the Trustees sit on various delegated committees which meet more regularly including Audit & Risk Assurance, Finance, Capital Allocations, Business Development, Pay, School Improvement and Operations. All these committees report to the full board, and Trustees are drawn from the full board to sit on these committees. We also issue management accounts monthly to all the Trustees to ensure oversight is maintained.

Conflict of Interest

The Trust, in line with DfE expectations, requires all Trustees and members of the Executive Team to complete registers of interest at the beginning of each academic year. There is an opportunity at the beginning of each Board and subcommittee meetings for trustees to update their information and remove themselves from any discussion they feel is appropriate.

The registers of interest are collated and used by the finance team to highlight potential contracts which may fall under the Related Party Transaction rules.

Risk registers are completed and maintained at a school level as well as within the core central services, such as Finance and Estates. These are used to identify and mitigate risk at an operation level. The key risks are then identified and added to the strategic risk register which is reviewed by Trustees.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to monitor closely the financial performance of the Academy Trust and to review all policies and practices relating to these areas.

	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Trustee		
Mr G D Wilson	0	1
Mrs C Hough	1	1
Mr C J Huscroft	3	4
Mrs E M Macdonald OBE	3	3
Mr M Mathias	2	2
Mrs J Edwards	0	4
Miss L Winn	1	1
Mrs L Cunningham	2	4

The Audit Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to assess internal review and external audit reports and reports to the Board of Trustees. Its remit covers Health and Safety, Safeguarding and Risk Management, including financial risk where applicable. Attendance at meetings during the year was as follows:

	Meetings Attended	Out of a possible
Trustee		
Mr M Mathias	4	5
Mr C J Huscroft	2	2
Mrs P Winn	5	5
Mr P Larkin	2	2
Miss L Winn	2	2
Mr N Greenfield	0	1

Review of value for money

As accounting officer, the Chief Executive Officer has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes 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:

- Successful for Salix Funding from Phase 3B Decarbonisation Scheme - £668000. Replacement of traditional and defective gas boiler systems with low emitting Air Source Heat Pump system, with Additional Solar PV installed to reduce costs, electricity /DNO upgrade, significant number of heat emitters replaced.
- Connect the Classroom Application approved for Malton. Full Wi-Fi 6, Networking and Server upgrade. £70358.53 grant.
- Procurement of 28 Interactive Screens across 5 different sites - £300 saving per screen
- Server procurement for 6 sites - significant savings achieved via procuring individual parts. £4800 saving compared to quote 2.
- ParentPay Trust Agreement - 15% discount negotiated.
- Jigsaw PSHE agreement - 10% trust discount negotiated on annual licence with 5% upfront payment discount agreed.
- Adept - Original Price Freeze agreed for 2 years for Engineer/Service time. £4000 less per annum per school compared to next supplier

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The purpose of the system of internal control

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

Capacity to handle risk.

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating, and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks that has been in place for the year ending 31 August 2023 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 Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

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

The Board of Trustees has decided to buy-in an internal audit service from Southgates Chartered Certified Accountant. This is the continuation of an existing contract with the Internal Auditors who have an established relationship with and understanding of the Trust and who have a wide breadth of experience and knowledge in educational finance.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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

Due to the internal auditor assisting the Trust with other financial areas the Trust has not had a large amount of internal scrutiny work carried out during the year.

There were no material control or other issues reported by the internal auditor to date.

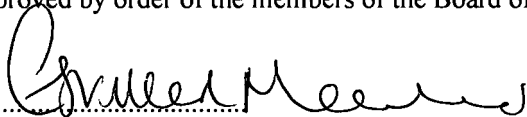
Review of effectiveness

As Accounting Officer, Mrs E M Macdonald OBE 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 Southgates Education as internal auditor and the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the senior management team within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

During the year the Trust underwent a Governance Review by the DfE. The findings of the report have been shared with senior management and the Trust has put in place a response to all the finding. In the main the Trust has spent significant time reviewing and formulating a new business plan which will be used to monitor and report on all strategic activities to the Board.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Mrs E M Macdonald OBE
Trustee



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Mr C J Huscroft
Chair of Trustee

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST
STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Hull Collaborative Academy Trust, I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy Trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy Trust, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration, I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

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

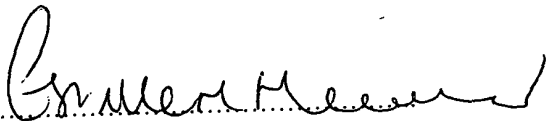
I confirm that the following instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA:

- **Financial issues:**

There was an irregularity in respect of monies not used for trust purposes affecting the Wheeler Street School of circa £25,000. The Trust reported this to the ESFA, per the ATH, in a timely manner. The ESFA have reviewed the outcomes of the internal review and the new controls put in place and are satisfied with the Trust response to the matter.

- **Non-financial issues:**

Monthly distribution of the Management Accounts to the Chair did not take place in the four months September – December 2022 as a result of a change in CFO. This was rectified from January 2023. The Trust notified the ESFA of this in early 2023.



Mrs E M Macdonald OBE
Accounting officer

DATED: 19 DECEMBER 2023.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

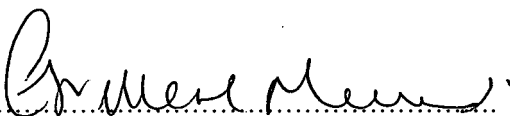
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards FRS 102 have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation;

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the Board on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs E M Macdonald OBE
Trustee



Mr C J Huscroft
Trustee

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hull collaborative academy trust(the "Charity") for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account), Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102: 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Fund agency.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST(CONTINUED)**

Other information (covers the Reference and Administrative Details, the Trustees' Report and Strategic Report and the Governance Statement)

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Other information includes the Trustees' report (incorporating the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report), the Governance Statement, and the Accounting Officer's Statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST(CONTINUED)**

Responsibilities of the trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 13, the trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Using our knowledge of the charitable company and the industry in which it operates, we identified the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2019, the Academy Trust Handbook 2022 to 2023 issued by the ESFA, the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 issued by the ESFA and the UK Tax legislation. We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement by considering the controls the company has established to address risks identified and how the directors monitor these controls and by evaluating the opportunity to commit fraud.

Our audit procedures included the following;

- testing management override controls including journal testing and reviewing accounting estimates for reasonableness
- enquiries of management and the company's solicitors of actual and potential litigation claims
- reviewing legal and professional fees for any potential litigation claims
- identification of key laws and regulations central to the academies operations and review of compliance with such laws including a review of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023
- enquiries of management including fraud and associated risks
- discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST(CONTINUED)**

- challenging assumptions and judgements made within significant accounting estimates and judgements such as depreciation and the local government pension scheme liability
- testing focussing on the areas of the financial statements most susceptible to material error including completeness of income and review to ensure correct matching revenue and costs
- testing of income, bank, purchases and payroll, systems and controls and providing conclusions on the regularity of samples chosen

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

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Academy's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention to our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Academy to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST(CONTINUED)

Use of the audit report

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



Mark Wilson FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Dutton Moore, Statutory Auditor

Dutton Moore
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
Aldgate House
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Dated: 19 December 2023

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

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 17th August 2023 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by ESFA, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Hull Collaborative Academy trust during the period 1st September 2022 to 31 August 2023 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 Hull Collaborate Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we may state to Hull Collaborative Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Hull Collaborative Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Board of Trustee's accounting officer and the reporting accountant
The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of the Board of Trustees' funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 27 June 2013 and the Academy Trust Handbook extant from 1 September 2022, 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 2022 to 2023 issued by the ESFA. 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 from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Approach

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

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw to our conclusion includes:

- Evaluating the systems and control environment;
- Assessing the risk of irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance
- Confirming that the activities of the Academy Trust are in keeping with the Academy's framework and the charitable objectives, and obtaining representations from the Accounting Officer and other Key Management Personnel.

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

Conclusion

In the course of our work (except for the matters listed below) nothing has come to our attention, which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year from 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

- **Financial issues:**

There was an irregularity in respect of monies not used for trust purposes affecting the Wheeler Street School of circa £25,000. The Trust reported this to the ESFA, per the ATH, in a timely manner. The ESFA have reviewed the outcomes of the internal review and the new controls put in place and are satisfied with the Trust response to the matter.

- **Non-financial issues:**

Monthly distribution of the Management Accounts to the Chair did not take place in the four months September – December 2022 as result of a change in CFO. This was rectified from January 2023. The Trust notified the ESFA of this in early 2023.



**Mark Wilson FCCA
For and on behalf of Dutton Moore, Chartered Accountants**

**Aldgate House
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Hull
HU1 1RS**

DATE: 19 DECEMBER 2023

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2023 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	279,963	-	1,479,207	1,759,170
Other trading activities	4	1,783,915	23,451	-	1,807,366
Investments	5	864			864
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funding for the Academy's Trust's educational operations	3	-	41,785,256	-	41,785,256
Total		2,064,742	41,808,707	1,479,207	45,352,656
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy Trust educational operations	7	2,006,331	42,579,707	2,077,420	46,663,458
Net income/(expenditure)		58,411	(771,000)	(598,213)	(1,310,802)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	27		4,893,000		4,893,000
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		58,411	4,122,000	(598,213)	3,582,198
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2022		2,126,926	(5,347,000)	64,898,087	61,678,013
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2023		2,185,337	(1,225,000)	64,299,874	65,260,211

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted General Funds £	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £	2022 Total £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and capital grants	2	252,427	-	934,722	1,187,149
Other trading activities	4	1,857,844	208,822	-	2,066,666
Investments	5	8,012			8,012
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Funds inherited on conversion	29	64,139	316,000	3,505,000	3,253,139
Funding for the Academy's Trust's educational operations	3	-	38,552,253	-	38,552,253
Total		2,182,422	38,445,075	4,439,722	45,067,219
Expenditure on:					
<i>Charitable activities:</i>					
Academy Trust educational operations	7	1,326,907	42,523,075	2,050,250	45,900,232
Net income/(expenditure)		(855,515)	(4,078,000)	(2,389,472)	(833,013)
Other recognised gains and losses					
Actuarial gains on defined benefit pension schemes	27		26,139,000		26,139,000
Net movement in (deficit)/funds		855,515	22,061,000	2,389,472	25,305,987
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds/(deficit) carried forward at 31 August 2022		1,271,411	(27,408,000)	62,508,615	36,372,026
Total funds/(deficit) brought forward at 1 September 2023		2,126,926	(5,347,000)	64,898,087	61,678,013

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08542806)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	-	1,695
Tangible assets	13	64,938,596	65,063,743
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		64,938,596	65,065,438
Current assets			
Debtors	14	1,305,480	1,960,819
Cash at bank and in hand		4,538,901	3,715,419
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		5,844,381	5,676,238
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(4,297,766)	(3,716,663)
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Net current assets		66,485,211	67,025,013
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Pension scheme liability		(1,225,000)	(5,347,000)
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Net assets including pension liability		65,260,211	61,678,013
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Funds for the Academy:			
Restricted funds			
Restricted general fund		-	-
Restricted fixed asset fund		64,299,874	64,898,087
Restricted pension fund		(1,225,000)	(5,347,000)
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		63,074,874	59,551,087
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted general fund		2,185,337	2,126,926
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Total funds		65,260,211	61,678,013
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The financial statements on pages 38 to 66 were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 19 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Mr C J Huscroft
Trustee

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	20	1,376,670	3,440,772
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	21	864	8,012
Capital expenditure and financial investment	22	(554,052)	(3,417,030)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	24	823,482	31,754

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1. Accounting Policies

General information

The multi Academy Trust is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales and the company registration number is 08542806.

The address of its registered office is:

Dorchester Primary School
Dorchester Road
HIJ7 6AH

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

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2022 to 2023 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the company and have been rounded to the nearest pound.

Hull Collaborative Academy Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Conversion to an academy trust

The conversion from a state maintained school to an academy trust involved the transfer of identifiable assets and liabilities and the operation of the school for £Nil consideration. The substance of the transfer is that of a gift and it has been accounted for on that basis as set out below.

The assets and liabilities transferred on conversion from to an academy trust have been valued at their fair value. The fair value has been derived based on that of equivalent items. The amounts have been recognised under the appropriate balance sheet categories, with a corresponding amount recognised in Donations transfer from local authority on conversion in the Statement of Financial Activities and analysed under unrestricted funds, restricted general funds and restricted fixed asset funds. Further details of the transaction are set out in the notes.

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 company to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

The Trustees consider that the Trust is a going concern. The 3 - 5 year forecasts have been considered by the Board. Most academies presented a balanced budget for the upcoming financial year 2023/2024. For those which were unable to balance their budget the Board has assessed the individual circumstances causing the negative position and is assured of the measures in place to mitigate any forecasted deficits and that the cumulative impact can be managed by the Trust without materially impacting on its financial stability. The Trust is careful to include contingencies in the budget process including pay increases, pay increments, pension contributions and inflation.

The Trust continue to review all its service level agreements as they expire, and consider better value by working with suppliers to consolidate accounts and achieve economies of scale and better value for money. The Trust operates effectively within its finance policy and scheme of delegation ensuring no unnecessary expenditure is incurred.

Working budgets are maintained and updated regularly including monthly to the financial system for comparison. Any variances are investigated as they arise and monthly management accounts are discussed with the Trustees. The Trust pools its reserves in order to protect its activities by providing a financial comfort against an unpredictable environment and to ensure sufficient provision for future capital procurement and to safeguard future cash flow requirements. The Trust's level of reserves is predicted to increase over the next three years to provide more robust comfort levels, having experienced a dip in reserves in recent years. Cash flow is not considered an issue.

Income

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

Grants

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

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

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

Other grants from government agencies and other bodies are recognised in the period in which they are receivable to the extent the conditions of funding have been met. 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.

Sponsorship income

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

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Donations

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

Other income

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

Donated goods, facilities and services

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

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

Donated fixed assets (excluding transfers on conversion)

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

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The Trust charges a Central Service Contribution to pay for financial and legal services. It also includes executive time from the founding heads and the central services team which includes the School Improvement Team, Strategic Business Manager, Emotional Wellbeing Officer, Administration Support, Safeguarding Lead, Health and Safety, HR, and Payroll.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure on raising funds

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

Redundancy/termination payments

The redundancy/termination payments are recognised in the accounts when they are incurred. The redundancy/termination payments have been disclosed separately in the staff costs note within the notes to the accounts.

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Charitable activities

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

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost net of amortisation and any provision for impairment. Amortisation is provided on intangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Asset class	Amortisation method and rate
Website	Straight line over 3 years

Tangible fixed assets

Assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on 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 Trust's depreciation policy. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold and leasehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful lives, per the table below.

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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.

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Freehold land	0%
Long leasehold land	Over the residual period of the 125-year lease
Freehold buildings	2% on a straight-line basis
Long leasehold buildings	2% on a straight-line basis
Building improvements	2% - 10% on a straight-line basis
Computer equipment	25% on a reducing balance basis
Furniture and equipment	25% on a straight-line basis
Motor vehicles	25% on a straight-line basis

HULL COLLABORATIVE ACADEMY TRUST

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Liabilities

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

Provisions

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

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

Private finance initiative

The Marvell College building was built under a private finance initiative ("PFI") agreement by Kingston Upon Hull City Council.

When the school converted to an academy the agreement was legally amended to take account of the change in circumstances. For the length of the agreement Kingston Upon Hull City Council undertake to fund the payments under the PFI agreement. The proportion of the cost that relates to the operation and maintenance of the building is charged to Hull Collaborative Academy Trust by Kingston Upon Hull City Council on a monthly basis, and is recalculated annually. The proportion of the cost that relates to the capital and finance costs payments under the agreement is charged to Hull Collaborative Academy Trust by Kingston Upon Hull City Council, however Hull Collaborative Academy Trust receive equivalent funding each year from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to cover the capital and finance costs payments in their entirety.

The income received from the ESFA for the PFI contribution is included in the Statement of Financial Activities under 'Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations. The expenditure incurred is included in the Statement of Financial Activities under 'Academy Trust educational operations.

The private finance liability remains with Kingston Upon Hull City Council and, therefore, the governors have decided to treat the payments to Kingston Upon Hull City Council as if they were made under an operating lease agreement.

Leased assets

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

Financial Instruments

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

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Amounts due to the charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

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

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument. Amounts due to charity's wholly owned subsidiary are held at face value less any impairment.

Taxation

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

Accordingly, the Academy Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 1 1 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.

Pension benefits

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

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

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

Fund accounting

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

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

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

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1. Accounting Policies (continued)

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 28, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore, a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2023. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

2. Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	2022/23 Total £	2021/22 Total £
Educational trips and visits	165,799	-	165,799	147,545
Capital grants	-	1,479,207	1,479,207	934,722
Other donations	114,164	-	114,164	104,882
Donated fixed assets	-	-	-	-
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	279,963	1,479,207	1,759,170	1,187,149
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The income from donations and capital grants was £1,759,170 (2022: £1,187,149) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £279,963 unrestricted funds (2022 : £252,427), £Nil restricted funds (2022: £Nil), £1,479,207 restricted fixed asset funds (2022: £934,722), and £Nil endowment funds (2022: £Nil).

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3. Funding for the Academy Trust's educational operations

	Restricted funds £	2022/23 Total £	2021/22 Total £
DfE/EFA revenue grants			
Teacher Pay and Pension Grants	37,356	37,356	68,342
Pupil Premium	3,126,679	3,126,679	2,847,615
UIFSM	570,323	570,323	524,855
Other ESFA Funding	1,828,796	1,828,796	784,972
General Annual Grant	32,559,112	32,559,112	30,912,650
	<u>38,122,266</u>	<u>38,122,266</u>	<u>35,138,434</u>
Other government grants			
Local Authority Funding	2,987,317	2,987,317	2,751,896
Other Government Grants	211,790	211,790	130,162
	<u>3,199,107</u>	<u>3,199,107</u>	<u>2,882,058</u>
Non-government grants and other income			
NCTL	-	-	-
Covid-19 additional funding (DfE/ESFA)			
Covid Recovery Premium	463,883	463,883	333,379
School Led Tuition Fund	-	-	198,382
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	-	-
Catch-up premium	-	-	-
	<u>463,883</u>	<u>463,883</u>	<u>531,761</u>
Total grants	<u>41,785,256</u>	<u>41,785,256</u>	<u>38,552,253</u>

The funding for educational operations was £41,785,256 (2022: £38,552,253) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £Nil unrestricted funds (2022: £Nil), £41,785,256 restricted funds (2022: £38,552,253), £Nil restricted fixed asset funds (2022: £Nil) and £Nil endowment funds (2022: £Nil).

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4. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022/23 Total £	2021/22 Total £
Hire of facilities	75,291	-	75,291	172,732
Catering income	690,428	-	690,428	567,461
Recharges and reimbursements	18,708	23,451	42,159	-
Other sales	999,488	-	999,488	1,326,473
	<u>1,783,915</u>	<u>23,451</u>	<u>1,807,366</u>	<u>2,066,666</u>

The income from other trading activities was £1,807,366 (2022 : £2,066,666) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £1,783,915 unrestricted funds (2022: £1,857,844), £23,451 restricted funds (2022: £208,822, £Nil restricted fixed asset funds (2022 : £Nil) and £Nil endowment funds (2022: £Nil).

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £	2022/23 Total £	2021/22 Total £
Bank interest	864	864	8,012

The income from investment income was £864 (2022: £8,012) which was allocated between the funds as follows; £864 unrestricted funds (2022: £8,012), £Nil restricted funds (2022: £Nil), £Nil restricted fixed asset funds (2022 : £Nil) and £Nil endowment funds (2022: £Nil).

6. Expenditure

	Staff costs £	Premises £	Other costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Academy's educational operations					
Direct costs	20,876,562	1,776,766	2,273,188	24,926,516	23,432,137
Allocated support costs	14,377,132	2,930,333	4,429,478	21,736,943	22,468,095
	<u>35,253,694</u>	<u>4,707,099</u>	<u>6,702,666</u>	<u>46,663,459</u>	<u>45,900,232</u>

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2023 £	2022 £
Operating leases – PFI payments	1,470,576	1,398,220
Operating leases – other leases	75,567	95,532
Fees payable to auditor – audit	35,000	31,370
Other audit services	11,723	8,635
Amortisation	1,692	1,692
Depreciation	2,158,406	2,012,905

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7. Charitable activities	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs – educational operations	24,926,515	23,432,137
Support costs – educational operations	21,736,943	22,468,095
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	46,663,458	45,900,232
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	Educational operations £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Analysis of support costs			
Support staff costs	14,377,132	14,377,132	16,058,455
Depreciation	381,640	381,640	340,115
Technology costs	587,529	587,529	363,375
Premises costs	2,930,333	2,930,333	2,393,374
Other support costs	3,460,309	3,460,309	3,312,776
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	21,736,943	21,736,943	22,468,095
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8. Staff		
Staff costs		
	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	26,257,149	24,456,444
Social security costs	2,391,184	2,258,622
Pension costs	6,005,981	8,710,400
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	34,654,314	35,425,466
Supply staff costs	582,975	459,458
Staff restructuring costs	16,405	29,301
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	35,253,694	35,914,225
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	2023 £	2022 £
Staff restructuring costs comprise:		
Redundancy payments	5,448	3,123
Severance payments	10,957	26,178
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	16,405	29,301
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Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £Nil (2022: £26,178). Individually, the payments were: £Nil (2022: £26,178)

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8. Staff (continued)

Staff numbers

	2023/22	2022/21
	No	No
Charitable activities		
Management	6	6
Teachers	400	427
Administration and support	642	632
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	1,048	1,065
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Higher paid staff

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 was:

	2023	2022
	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	9	8
£70,001 - £80,000	10	6
£80,001 - £90,000	6	4
£90,001 - £100,000	1	2
£100,001 - £110,000	1	1
£110,001 - £120,000	2	3
£120,001 - £130,000	2	-
£160,001 - £170,000	-	1
£170,001 - £180,000	-	-
£180,001 - £190,000	-	1
£190,001 - £200,000	1	-
£200,001 - £210,000	-	1
£210,001 - £220,000	1	-

The above disclosure is based on a remuneration for a 12-month period.

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees and the Senior Management Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer national insurance contributions and employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £1,138,342 (2022: £974,700).

Highest paid director

In respect of the highest paid director:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Remuneration	218,509	209,092
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9. Central services

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

The Trust charges a Central Service Contribution to pay for financial and legal services. It also includes executive time from the founding heads and the central services team, which includes the School Improvement Team, Strategic Business Manager, Emotional Wellbeing Officer, Administration Support, Safeguarding Lead, Health and Safety, HR, and Payroll.

The academy trust charges for these services on the following basis:

During this year the Academy Trust agreed that each school funded and agreed proportionate amount comparable to their GAG income.

Schools contribute a management charge of between 7.5% - 8.5% to the Trust. This is reviewed and set annually based upon internal KPIs.

The actual amounts charged during the year were as follows:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Bellfield Primary School	71,904	70,341
Collingwood Primary School	119,940	113,143
Dorchester Primary School	110,424	123,450
Eastfield Primary School	200,242	170,336
Gilberdyke Primary School	64,038	75,323
Longhill Primary School	131,245	149,698
Malton Primary School	79,338	48,447
The Marvell College	369,567	375,777
Pearson Primary School	80,438	76,047
SCITT	-	50,000
Stockwell Primary School	148,148	143,031
Sutton Park Primary School	115,815	112,604
Thoresby Primary School	170,389	140,282
Wansbeck Primary School	94,203	85,490
Westcott Primary School	95,272	94,991
Wheeler Primary School	148,249	161,458
Withernsea Primary School	199,249	190,813
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	2,198,461	2,181,231
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10. Related party transactions - trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

Mrs E M Macdonald OBE (CEO):

Remuneration: £215,000 - £220,000 (2022: £205,000 - £210,000)

Employer's pension contributions: £Nil (2022: £Nil)

During the year ended 31 August 2023, travel and subsistence expenses totalling £Nil (2022: £694) were reimbursed or paid directly to Trustees.

Other related party transactions involving the Trustees are set out in note 29.

11. Trustees' and officers' insurance

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

12. Intangible fixed assets

	Intangible Assets £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 September 2022	22,284	22,284
At 31 August 2023	22,284	22,284
Amortisation		
At 1 September 2022	20,589	20,589
Charge for the year	1,695	1,695
At 31 August 2023	22,284	22,284
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	-	-
At 31 August 2022	1,695	1,695

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13.

Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Leasehold Improvements £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost							
At 1 September 2022	27,695,860	38,914,922	698,649	1,830,388	5,341,171	27,896	74,508,886
Additions	-	-	21,780	433,542	1,577,937	-	2,033,259
At 31 August 2023	27,695,860	38,914,922	720,429	2,263,930	6,919,108	27,896	76,542,145
Depreciation							
At 1 September 2022	3,266,283	3,221,291	531,97	1,023,331	1,377,406	24,853	9,445,143
Charge for the year	544,867	690,810	68,822	309,775	541,089	3,043	2,158,406
At 31 August 2023	3,811,150	3,912,101	600,801	1,333,106	1,918,495	27,896	11,603,549
Net book value							
At 31 August 2023	23,884,710	35,002,821	119,628	930,824	5,000,613	-	64,938,596
At 31 August 2022	24,429,577	35,693,631	166,670	807,057	3,963,765	3,043	65,063,743

Included within leasehold land and buildings is £35,002,821 (2022: £35,693,631) relating to long leasehold land and buildings.

The leasehold land and buildings at Bellfield Primary was revalued to £1,751,558 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Collingwood Primary was revalued to £1,867,402 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Dorchester Primary was revalued to £2,174,017 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land at Eastfield Primary was revalued to £1,480,922 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

During the period ended 31 August 2016 the donated building was replaced with a new building and was assessed to have a new value of £5,400,000 per an estimation by the ESFA.

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13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The leasehold land and buildings at Gilberdyke Primary was donated to the Trust at a value of £3,059,000 in the period ended 31 August 2017 per a valuation in March 2017 provided by the local authority.

The leasehold land and buildings at Longhill Primary was transferred to the Trust at a value of £4,259,987 in the period ended 31 August 2017 per depreciated cost recognised in the period ended 30 June 2017 Financial Statements for Longhill Primary School.

The freehold land at The Marvell College was donated to the Trust at a value of £25,073,920 in the period ended 31 August 2017 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The freehold land and buildings at Pearson Primary was revalued to £2,621,940 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Stockwell Primary was transferred to the Trust at a value of £1,395,376 in the period ended 31 August 2018 per depreciated cost recognised in the period ended 30 September 2017 Financial Statements for Sentamu Academy Learning Trust.

The leasehold land and buildings at Sutton Park Primary was revalued to £1,797,878 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Thoresby Primary was revalued to £1,493,105 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Wansbeck Primary was revalued to £1,808,180 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Wheeler Primary was revalued to £1,541,840 in the period ended 31 August 2016 per a valuation in March 2016 provided by Hull City Council.

The leasehold land and buildings at Withernsea Primary was transferred to the Trust at a value of £4,270,470 in the period ended 31 August 2019 per depreciated cost recognised in the period ended 31 August 2018 Financial Statements for Withernsea Primary School.

During the period ended 31 August 2021 one of the donated buildings was replaced with a new building and was assessed to have a new value of £4,779,905 per an estimation by the ESFA.

There is a formal lease in place with the local authority for 125 years for all the land and buildings (with the exception of Pearson Primary and The Marvell College which are freehold land and buildings) at £Nil rental. As the academy holds the risks and rewards of the building, the asset has been included on the basis of substance over legal form.

The leasehold land and buildings at Malton Primary was acquired by the Trust on conversion on 1 February 2022 at a value of £3,505,000. The valuation was provided by Eddisons, Chartered Surveyors.

14. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	24,274	51,832
VAT recoverable	372,826	977,265
Other debtors	1,686	93,716
Prepayments	334,509	292,214
Accrued grant and other income	572,185	545,792
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	1,305,480	1,960,819
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15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,545,741	1,394,766
Other taxation and social security	575,286	534,275
Other creditors	2,281	46,647
Accruals	1,001,888	786,545
Deferred income	574,674	400,770
Pension scheme creditor	597,896	553,660
	4,297,766	3,716,663
	4,297,766	3,716,663
	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred income		
Deferred income at 1 September 2022	400,770	406,870
Resources deferred in the period	574,674	400,770
Amounts released from previous periods	(400,770)	(406,870)
	574,674	400,770
	574,674	400,770

Deferred income relates to Universal Free School Meal funding received in July 2023, trip income relating to trips taken post year end and bursary payments owing at the year end.

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16. Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Incoming resources £	resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Restricted general funds					
General annual Grant (GAG)	-	32,559,112	(32,559,112)		
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	1,828,796	(1,828,796)		
Teacher Pay and Pension Grants		37,356	(37,356)		
Covid-19 other funding	-	463,883	(463,883)		
UIFSM	-	570,323	(570,323)		
Pupil Premium	-	3,126,679	(3,126,679)		
Local Authority Funding	-	2,987,317	(2,987,317)		
Other Grants and Trading Income	-	491,753	(491,753)		
Pension reserve (inc Transfer of Liabilities from existing academies into the Trust)	(5,347,000)		(771,000)	4,893,000	(1,225,000)
	(5,347,000)	42,065,219	(42,836,219)	4,893,000	(1,225,000)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital grants and expenditure from GAG	8,538,654	1,479,207	(836,624)		9,181,237
Donated Assets from Local Authority/ESFA	43,125,580		(892,272)		42,233,308
Transfer of Assets from existing academies into the Trust	13,071,516		(307,940)		12,763,576
Donated assets from DfE	162,337		(40,584)		121,753
	64,898,087	1,479,207	(2,077,420)		64,299,874
Total restricted funds	59,551,087	43,544,426	(44,913,639)	4,893,000	63,074,874
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	2,126,926	2,064,742	(2,006,331)		2,185,337
Total funds	61,678,013	45,609,168	(46,919,970)	4,893,000	65,260,211

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16. Funds (continued)

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

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Restricted general funds					
General annual Grant (GAG)	-	30,912,650	(30,912,650)	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	784,972	(784,972)	-	-
Teacher Pay and Pension Grants	-	68,342	(68,342)	-	-
Grants	-	68,342	(68,342)	-	-
Covid-19 other funding	-	531,761	(531,761)	-	-
UIFSM	-	524,855	(524,855)	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	2,847,615	(2,847,615)	-	-
Local Authority Funding	-	2,751,896	(2,751,896)	-	-
Other Grans and Trading	-				
Income	-	338,984	(338,984)	-	-
Pension reserve (inc Transfer of Liabilities from existing academies into the Trust)	(27,408,000)	(316,000)	(3,762,000)	26,139,000	(5,347,000)
	(27,408,000)	38,445,075	(42,523,075)	26,139,000	(5,347,000)
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Capital grants and expenditure from GAG	8,433,446	934,722	(829,514)	-	8,538,654
Donated Assets from Local Authority/ESFA	40,492,394	3,505,000	(871,814)	-	43,125,580
Transfer of Assets from existing academies into the Trust	13,366,325	-	(294,809)	-	13,071,516
Donated assets from DfE	216,450	-	(54,113)	-	162,337
	62,508,615	4,439,722	(2,050,250)	-	64,898,087
Total restricted funds	35,100,615	42,884,797	(44,573,325)	26,139,000	59,551,087
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted general funds	1,271,411	2,182,422	(1,326,907)	-	2,126,926
Total funds	36,372,026	45,067,219	(45,900,232)	26,139,000	61,678,013

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16. Funds (continued)

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

General Annual Grant (GAG) must be used for the normal running costs of the Academy.

SEN funding is provided for the provision of services for children with special educational needs.

Pupil Premium Grant, which may be spent for the educational benefit of pupils registered at that school, or for the benefit of pupils registered at other schools; and on community facilities i.e. services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils registered at other schools; and on community facilities i.e. services whose provision furthers any charitable purpose for the benefit of pupils at the school or their families, or people who live or work in the locality in which the school is situated. The grant does not have to be completely spent by schools in the financial year.

Devolved capital allocated direct by the DfE must be spent on capital purposes.

Capital expenditure from GAG income is made up of any fixed assets purchased during the year and the expense is the depreciation relating to those additions.

Restricted General Funds are made up of various revenue grants which are defrayed throughout the year on specific educational needs. The Academy Trust was not subject to a limit on GAG carry forward.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds represent reserves of the charity that are specifically designated for capital. Inherited assets are principally the land and buildings from the former school.

Restricted Pension Funds represent the LGPS pension deficit.

Analysis of academies by fund balance

Fund balances at 31 August 2023 were allocated as follows.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bellfield Primary School	15,000	15,000
Collingwood Primary School	15,000	15,000
Dorchester Primary School	15,000	15,000
Eastfield Primary School	15,000	15,000
Gilberdyke Primary School	15,000	15,000
Longhill Primary School	15,000	15,000
The Marvell College	15,000	15,000
Malton Primary School	15,000	15,000
Pearson Primary School	15,000	15,000
Hull SCITT	15,000	15,000
Stockwell Primary School	15,000	15,000
Sutton Park Primary School	15,000	15,000
Thoresby Primary School	15,000	15,000
Wansbeck Primary School	15,000	15,000
Westcott Primary School	15,000	15,000
Wheeler Primary School	15,000	15,000
Withernsea Primary School	15,000	15,000
Central services	1,930,337	1,871,926
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Total before fixed assets and pension reserve	2,185,337	2,126,926
Restricted fixed asset fund	64,299,874	64,898,087
Pension reserve	(1,225,000)	(5,347,000)
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Total	65,260,211	61,678,013

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16. Funds (continued)

During the year the Academy Trust has changed how funds have been allocated due to a change in policy as described below. This change in policy has led to the fact that some schools who had negative funds at 31 August 2022 now have positive funds at 31 August 2023.

As per the reserves policy outlined in the Trustees Report, Trustees have considered individual academy reserves within the Academy Trust. The Trust will manage the reserves at a Trust level with a balance of £15,000 being retained by each individual academy. This will allow the Trust to better support a more student focused approach to school improvement across all of the academies in the Trust.

Analysis of academies by cost

Expenditure incurred by each academy during the year (excluding depreciation/amortisation of £2,160,101 But including central catering recharges of £1,575,839) was as follows:

	Teaching and Educational Support staff Costs £	Other support Staff Costs £	Educational Supplies £	Other Costs (excluding Depreciation) £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Bellfield Primary School	799,610	168,750	27,271	237,558	1,233,189	1,162,932
Collingwood Primary School	1,519,537	133,830	55,089	436,137	2,144,593	1,865,251
Dorchester Primary School	1,540,505	257,578	90,984	366,047	2,255,114	2,083,345
Eastfield Primary School	2,300,216	241,102	50,754	556,142	3,148,214	2,869,171
Gilberdyke Primary School	769,407	100,082	23,820	233,010	1,126,319	1,092,748
Longhill Primary School	1,473,863	166,031	36,120	360,292	2,036,306	2,094,010
Malton Primary School	784,021	207,015	21,897	242,679	1,255,612	794,385
The Marvell College	5,840,688	736,272	128,292	3,144,547	9,849,799	8,949,436
Pearson Primary School	969,723	126,063	37,982	233,993	1,367,761	1,348,041
Hull SCITT	70,168	58,510	229,810	143,940	502,428	392,994
Stockwell Primary School	1,560,235	319,859	17,588	454,216	2,351,898	2,195,879
Sutton Park Primary School	1,379,611	110,783	55,867	354,645	1,900,906	1,914,217
Thoresby Primary School	2,137,827	177,469	61,004	488,391	2,864,691	2,418,704
Wansbeck Primary School	1,396,802	104,797	37,913	340,362	1,879,874	1,726,845
Westcott Primary School	983,770	154,215	41,058	273,609	1,452,652	1,388,836
Wheeler Primary School	1,686,908	605,546	46,395	434,696	2,773,545	2,566,578
Withernsea Primary School	2,119,276	292,809	67,223	391,219	2,870,527	2,796,985
Central services	1,054,735	2,903,830	29,072	1,213,239	5,200,876	7,600,717
Academy Trust	28,386,902	6,864,542	1,058,138	9,904,722	46,214,304	45,261,074

The amount of £307,876 in Central Services – Other Support Staff costs includes the current service cost less employer pension contributions of £532,000 and net interest cost of £239,000 in respect of the Trusts Pension scheme costs.

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Intangible fixed assets				-
Tangible fixed assets	619,910		64,318,686	64,938,596
Current assets	1,565,427		(18,812)	1,546,615
Current liabilities				-
Pension scheme liability		(1,225,000)		(1,225,000)
Total net assets	2,185,337	(1,225,000)	64,299,874	65,260,211

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

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted general funds £	Restricted fixed asset funds £	Total funds £
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	1,695	1,695
Tangible fixed assets	601,264	-	64,462,479	65,063,743
Current assets	1,525,662	3,716,663	433,913	5,676,238
Current liabilities	-	(3,716,663)	-	(3,716,663)
Pension scheme liability	-	(5,347,000)	-	(5,347,000)
Total net assets	2,126,926	(5,347,000)	64,898,087	61,678,013

18. Capital commitments

	2023 £	2022 £
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	452,741	486,069

The above capital commitments relate to the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

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19. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2023 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	22,605	66,821
Amounts due between one and five years	810	40,468
	23,415	107,289
	23,415	107,289

The above capital commitments relate to the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.

Private finance initiative commitments

In relation to the private finance initiative (PFI) Hull Collaborative Academy Trust (in particular reference to The Marvell College) is committed to making the following payments to Kingston Upon Hull City Council over the remaining term of the PFI agreement (assuming an annual increase of 1.03%):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts due within one year	1,510,024	1,412,622
Amounts due between one and five years	4,624,032	4,325,766
Amounts due over five years	13,095,393	13,804,580
	19,229,449	19,542,968
	19,229,449	19,542,968

20. Reconciliation of net income/(expenditure) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure)	(1,310,802)	(833,013)
Amortisation	1,695	1,692
Depreciation	2,158,406	2,012,905
Donated capital and capital grants	(1,479,207)	(934,722)
Interest receivable	(864)	(8,012)
FRS 102 net interest on defined benefit pension scheme	239,000	482,000
FRS 102 cost less contributions payable on defined benefit pension scheme	532,000	3,280,000
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	655,339	(634,098)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	581,103	(241,980)
Inherited pension liability	-	(316,000)
	1,376,670	3,440,772
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1,376,670	3,440,772

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21. Cash flows from financing activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Investments	864	8,012
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Net cash provided by financing activities	864	8,012
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22. Cash flows from investing activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,033,259)	(846,752)
Capital funding received from sponsors and others	1,479,207	934,722
Inherited assets		(3,505,000)
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Net cash used in investing activities	(554,052)	(3,417,030)
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23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at hand and in bank	4,538,901	3,715,419
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Total cash and cash equivalents	4,538,901	3,715,419
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24. Analysis of change in net debt

	At 1 September 2022	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023
			£
Cash	3,715,419	823,482	4,538,901
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Total	3,715,419	823,482	4,538,901
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25. Contingent liabilities

During the period of the funding agreement, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any asset for which a Government capital grant was received, the Academy is required either to re-invest the proceeds or to repay to the Secretary of State for Education and Skills the same proportion of the proceeds of the sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State.

Upon termination of the funding agreement, whether as a result of the Secretary of State or the Academy serving notice, the Academy shall repay to the Secretary of State sums determined by the reference to:

- a) the value at that time of the Academy's site and premises and other assets held for the purpose of the Academy, and
- b) the extent to which expenditure incurred in providing those assets was met by payments from the Secretary of State under the funding agreement.

There is a potential liability for Hull Collaborative Academy Trust relating to claims made by and on behalf of termtime only employees who allege that they have not been paid the correct amount of holiday pay following the Supreme Court decision on the Brazel vs. Harpur Trust case. There is limited legal precedence on calculating settlement figures therefore the Academy Trust are unable to reliably quantify the financial impact.

26. Members' liabilities

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

27. Pension and similar obligations

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

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

Contributions amounting to £597,896 (2022 - £553,660) were payable to the schemes at 31 August and are included within creditors.

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27. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 26 October 2023.

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy). From 1 April 2024 this is to increase to 28.6%
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £262,000 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222,200 million giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 1.7% above the rate of CPI. Assumed real rate of return is 1.7% in excess of prices and 1.75% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 3.0%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.70%.

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

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £3,438,839 (2022: £3,298,061).

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

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

Local government pension scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2023 was £2,379,000 (2022: £2,083,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £1,829,000 (2022: £1,599,000) and employees' contributions totalled £550,000 (2022: £484,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 19.4% for employers and 12.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of an Academy Trust 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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27. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2023	2022
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	3.00	3.95
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	3.00	3.05
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	5.20	4.25

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

	2023	2022
	%	%
Retiring today		
Males retiring today	21.10	20.80
Females retiring today	24.00	23.50
Retiring in 20 years		
Males retiring in 20 years	21.90	22.00
Females retiring in 20 years	25.50	25.30

Sensitivity analysis

	At 31 August	At 31 August
	2023	2022
Discount rate -0.1%	716,000	777,000
Salary rate +0.1%	57,000	80,000
Pension rate +0.1%	673,000	705,000
Mortality assumption – 1 year increase	1,192,000	1,227,000

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Equities	20,577,000	19,002,000
Other bonds	4,858,000	3,547,000
Property	2,572,000	2,534,000
Cash and other liquid assets	572,000	253,000
Total market value of assets	28,579,000	25,336,000

The actual return on scheme assets was a gain of £1,321,000 (2022: (£384,000) (Loss)).

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27. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Current service cost	2,361,000	4,879,000
Interest cost	239,000	482,000
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Total amount recognised in the SOFA	2,600,00	5,361,000
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Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
At the start of the period	30,683,000	51,346,000
Current service cost	2,350,000	4,879,000
Interest cost	1,355,000	892,000
Employee contributions	550,000	484,000
Actuarial (loss)	(4,688,000)	(26,933,000)
Effect of business combinations	-	595,000
Benefits paid	(457,000)	(580,000)
Past service cost	11,000	-
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At 31 August	29,804,000	30,683,000
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Changes in the fair value of academy's share of scheme assets:

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
At the start of the period	25,336,000	23,938,000
Interest income	1,116,000	410,000
Actuarial gain/(loss)	205,000	(794,000)
Employer contributions	1,829,000	1,599,000
Employee contributions	550,000	484,000
Effect of business combinations	-	279,000
Benefits paid	(457,000)	(580,000)
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At 31 August	28,579,000	25,336,000
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28. Related party transactions

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

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28. Related party transactions (continued)

Expenditure related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

Hull Collaborative Teaching School

(A company in which E Macdonald is a Director)

During the year the Trust purchased services amounting to £Nil (2022: £749) from Hull Collaborative Teaching School Limited.

In entering into the transaction, the Academy Trust has complied with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Hull Collaborative Teaching School was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

Hull Centre for Restorative Practice

(A company in which E Macdonald is a Director)

During the year the Trust purchased services amounting to £Nil (2022: £Nil) from Hull Centre for Restorative Practice Limited. In entering into the transaction, the Academy Trust has complied with the requirements of the Academy Trust Handbook 2023.

At the balance sheet date the amount due to Hull Centre for Restorative Practice was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

Income related party transactions

During the year the academy made the following related party transactions:

Hull Collaborative Teaching School

(A company in which E Macdonald is a Director)

During the year the Trust recharged services amounting to £Nil (2022 : £Nil) to Hull Collaborative Teaching School Limited.

At the balance sheet date the amount due from Hull Collaborative Teaching School was £Nil (2022: £Nil).

K Horne

K Horne, daughter of T Horne, company secretary and Strategic School Business Manager, is employed by the Academy Trust as a teacher. K Horne's appointment was made in open competition and T Horne was not involved in the decision making process regarding appointment. K Horne is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship.

R Lutkin

R Lutkin, daughter of K Beal, Deputy CEO, is employed by the Academy Trust as a teacher. R Lutkin's appointment was made in open competition and K Beal was not involved in the decision making process regarding appointment. R Lutkin is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship.

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28. Related party transactions (continued)

C Williams

C Williams, daughter of E Macdonald, CEO, is employed by the Academy Trust as a teacher. C Williams appointment was made in open competition and E MacDonald was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. C Williams is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment because of her relationship.

L Lattimore

L Lattimore, sister of C Huscroft, the Chair of Trustees, is employed by the Academy Trust as a personal assistant L Lattimore's appointment was made in open competition and C Huscroft was not involved in the decision-making process regarding appointment. L Lattimore is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and receives no special treatment because of her relationship.