

Company Registration No. 07841435 (England and Wales)

**SACRED HEART PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS
SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL)**

(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

SACRED HEART PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Directors

D M Kendall (Chair until 31 August 2017)
A Bath (Accounting Officer)
T Braun (Resigned 31 August 2017)
M T Choat (Resigned 31 December 2016)
Fr J Dunne (Resigned 31 August 2017)
B Fitzpatrick (Resigned 31 August 2017)
F Kirkby MBE (Resigned 31 August 2017)
Fr C O'Connor (Resigned 31 August 2017)
E B Payne (Resigned 31 August 2017)
H C Thompson
V Goatman
R McBride (Resigned 31 August 2017)
M Wilson (Resigned 31 August 2017)
C Ridley (previously known as C Dougan) (Resigned 31 August 2017)
I Sweeney (Resigned 31 August 2017)
J P Scullion (Appointed 1 September 2017)
D J Harrison (Appointed 1 September 2017)
Dr A C Jones (Chair from 1 September 2017) (Appointed 1 September 2017)
G Hardy (Appointed 1 September 2017)

Members

S Cunningham
J Hughes
D M Kendall

Key management personnel

- Head Teacher	A Bath
- Deputy Head Teacher	F Temple Jones
- Deputy Head Teacher	S Howell
- Deputy Head Teacher	D Douglass (appointed 1 September 2016)
- Assistant Head Teacher	M Cousins
- Assistant Head Teacher	M Donnelly

Senior management team

- Assistant Head Teacher	R Gundlach
- Assistant Head Teacher	I Bradley
- Assistant Head Teacher	L Clarke
- Assistant Head Teacher	M Ashton

Company registration number

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Registered office

Fenham Hall Drive
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 9YH

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent auditor	RSM UK Audit LLP 1 St James' Gate Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4AD
Bankers	Lloyds Bank 102 Grey Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6AG
Solicitors	Watson Burton LLP 1 St James' Gate Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1YQ

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purposes of both a trustees' report, and a directors' report under company law.

The academy operates an academy for pupils aged 11-18 serving a catchment area in Newcastle upon Tyne and within the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. It has a pupil capacity of 1,385 and had a roll of 1,410 in the school census on 18 May 2017.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

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

The directors act as the trustees for the charitable activities of the academy and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purpose of company law. The charitable company is known as Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously Sacred Heart Catholic School).

Details of the directors who served during the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 1.

During the period under review the directors held 6 meetings.

Members' liability

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

Directors' indemnities

The academy is a member of the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which covers governors' liability expenses.

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of directors

The term of office for any director shall be 4 years, save that this time limit shall not apply to the Head Teacher or any post held ex officio. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of director, any director may be re-appointed or re-elected.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of directors

The training and induction provided for new directors depends on their existing experience. Where necessary induction and training is provided on charity, educational, legal and financial matters. All new directors are given a tour of the academy and the chance to meet with staff and students. All directors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as directors. As there are normally only one or two new directors a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Organisational structure

During the year the academy continued to operate a unified management structure. The structure consists of 4 levels: the Directors, the Executive Group, the Senior Leadership Team and the Middle Management Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The Directors are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual development plan and budget, monitoring the academy by the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

The Executive Group consists of the Head Teacher and three Deputy Head Teachers who control the academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the directors and reporting back to them. As a group the Executive are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff for posts in the Senior Leadership Team, through appointment panels which sometimes contain a director. Some spending control is devolved to members of the Senior Leadership Team, with limits above which a member of the Executive Group must countersign.

The Senior Leadership Team includes the Executive Group and the six Assistant Head Teachers.

The Middle Management of the academy is centred around the Group of Heads of Department and Heads of Progress. These managers are responsible for the day to day operation of the academy, in particular organising the teaching staff, facilities and students.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

The school has a pay policy which has been adopted by the Governing Body. There are two committees which have delegated authority to carry out the policy. They are the Staffing Committee and the Pay Review Committee. The Pay Review Committee is responsible for the review of performance and pay for the Head Teacher advised on by an external adviser. The Head Teacher will withdraw for any discussion relating to their pay.

The Head Teacher may delegate responsibility for staff appraisal but remains responsible for recommendations regarding pay progression.

Teachers are employed in accordance with the provisions of the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document (STP& CD).

Support staff pay and conditions are in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services applied by the school. The Governing body has determined the pay range for support staff posts and uses the Newcastle City job evaluation instrument to inform decisions.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

Further details are stated in note 27 to the Financial Statements.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

The principal object and activity of the academy is the operation of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) to provide education for students of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 18 with an emphasis on delivery of the National Curriculum subjects, with specialisms in: STEM subjects and Performing Arts.

In accordance with the articles of association the academy has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the academy, the catchment area from which the students are drawn as per the admissions policy including 10% based upon performing arts aptitude, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum.

The main objectives of the academy during the year are summarised below:

- Faith
- Character
- Intellect
- Community
- Social concern

Objectives, strategies and activities

The academy's main objectives are encompassed in its mission statement which is to inspire each student to "Live Life to the full", by making the most of her gifts. We nurture every student as a unique and precious child of God. To this end the objectives and strategies used to achieve them include:

- Faith development.
- Raising of achievement and developing resilience and leadership.
- Provide high quality teaching and learning.
- Provide a programme of enrichment activities.
- Staff leadership development and Joint Professional Development.
- Guidance and support for career choices.
- Teaching School – providing school to school support and School Direct placements and training for trainee teachers.

The activities undertaken to achieve these objectives are all intended to provide the highest quality of education in the public sector for students between the ages of 11 and 18.

Public benefit

The academy's aims and achievements are set out within this report. The activities set out in this report have been undertaken to further the academy's charitable purposes for the public benefit. The directors have complied with the duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and the directors have paid due regard to this guidance in deciding what activities the academy should undertake.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and performance

Academic performance

Attendance for 2016-17 was 95.4% the national average is 95%. Unauthorised absence is low at 1.2%.

Attainment at Key Stage 4 in 2016-2017 remained high, 1:3 of the grades awarded at GCSE was A or A* compared with 1:4 nationally for girls and 1:5 for all students.

At all levels performance is consistently high with results above the national averages. The five year trend is one of high performance.

45% of students attained strong English and Maths passes. All students with us achieved at least one qualification. Attainment in English is outstanding at 91.8% 9-4 Attainment in Mathematics is good at 67%.

Attainment in Science is outstanding at 72% A*-C (Core and Additional exams). Attainment in Religious Studies is outstanding at 42% A*-A, 88% A*-C. Attainment 8, A8 was 52.2, the highest ever achieved.

Consistently outstanding Value Added scores over the past three years and under the new measure P8=0.32. In 2016 attainment for specific groups showed no significant deviation from the whole school picture.

Sixth Form attainment and progress

Students made very good progress from a very high starting position. Attainment for 2016-17 is excellent 27.6% A*-A grades; 62.7% A*-B grades; 86.6% A*-C grades; 99.4% pass rate in recent years for A level. The average grade in B-.

BTEC figures are excellent: 81.3% Distinction* - Distinction, 91.8% Distinction - Merit, 100% D* - Pass.

Review of activities

The academy has supported 148 school visits of which 6 were foreign visits.

The academy is now a SCITT training school with a total of 31 students in 2016-17. As a teaching school we also continue to provide school to school support to other schools.

Financial review

The academy is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties in common with other academies. The academy has in place procedures to identify and mitigate financial risks. These are discussed further in the principal risks and uncertainties section of this report, and in the Governance Statement.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Most of the academy's income is obtained from the Department for Education (DfE) via the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE/ESFA during the year ended 31 August 2017 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE/ESFA. Such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

During the year ended 31 August 2017, total expenditure of £9,219k exceeded the recurrent grant funding from the DfE/ESFA together with other incoming resources. The excess expenditure over income for the year (before transfers and actuarial gains, and excluding restricted fixed asset funds) was £173k.

All of the expenditure shown in the Statement of Financial Activities is in furtherance of the academy's objectives.

At 31 August 2017 the net book value of fixed assets was £14,954k and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the Financial Statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the academy.

The provisions of FRS 102 Section 28 Pension liability have been applied in full, resulting in a deficit of £692k recognised on the balance sheet.

The academy held fund balances at 31 August 2017 of £16,663k comprising £14,494k of restricted funds and £2,169k of unrestricted funds.

The academy holds restricted and unrestricted funds (the attached financial statements detail these funds). Unrestricted funds are held:

- to provide funds which can be designated to specific areas such as STEM activities, Gifted & Talented, Pastoral; and
- to cover ongoing costs in relation to the running of the academy.

Reserves policy

The level of reserves is reviewed by the directors regularly throughout the year. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The directors have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be £1.5M. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover capital commitment plans for 2017-18, one month's salary, PAYE, NI and pension commitment costs of £566K and supplier commitments. The directors also want to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance as the school is spread over multiple buildings with separate boilers. The academy's current level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds) are in surplus by £2,169k.

At the start of the financial year the school held £463k in a restricted Premises Fund which can be used for major refurbishment work across the school. These funds are being used to rebuild and refurbish the school hall and staff room in the main school. This is a major building project which was started in July 2017 and is due for completion in December 2017. Four new offices were also created during 2016-17 for the examination officer, assistant head teacher, school chaplain and school counsellor.

Any large spend commitments over £25k go through a full tender procedure as required in our Financial Regulations and must be approved by any two of the following; Finance & Business Manager, Head Teacher and a member of the Finance & Site Committee.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Investment policy and powers

The academy has invested with Lloyds Bank £251k in a 32 day notice account which attracts interest of 0.45%, £400k in a 6 month account which matures on 27 December 2017 and attracts interest of 0.36%, and £51k in a 6 month account which matures on 27th December 2017 and attracts interest of 0.55%. Interest rates are reviewed across a number of banks to ensure we are getting the best return on the balances we hold. This policy maximises investment return whilst minimising risks to the principal sum.

Key performance indicators

The finance committee review any budget variances, these are reviewed monthly in the finance department.

Academic performance results against national averages are included on page 6.

Financial indicators include:

GAG funding	£6,931,000 (2016: £7,061,000)
Net current assets	£2,401,000 (2016: £3,042,000)

Staff costs as a percentage of income were 75% (2016: 74%).

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Directors 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 Accounting Policies.

Plans for future periods

On 1st September 2017 the academy became a Multi Academy Trust known as Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools. St Michael's RC Primary School in Clumber Street, Newcastle upon Tyne joined the partnership on 1st September 2017 and there are plans underway for Sacred Heart Primary School in Fenham to join the MAT in April 2018.

The academy will continue to strive to maintain excellent performance and highest standards in attendance and behaviour, and continue to work in partnership with other organisations to achieve the highest quality provision.

The school has a three year development plan 2017-20. A priority for 2017-18 is increasing attainment in Maths and History. Future plans for 2017-20 include supporting the new 9-1 GCSE, reviewing the Yr 9 curriculum and improving the A8 and P8 scores and introducing MAT wide data evaluation systems. There is a plan to evaluate the KS3 Life Without Levels curriculum across all departments and continued focus on staff training for the new GCSE and A level specifications. The T & L strategy for the whole school is to further develop the coaching model trialled in science and to continue to develop GRIT in Yr 7 and focus on 6th Form study skills via VESPA model. Literacy is the key T & L focus for departments.

CPD will be aimed at allowing staff to research and embed T&L strategies in collaboration with Professor Rob Coe from Durham University. In 6th form the focus is on the progress of all the students and work ethic, independence and achievement. There are plans to install a reading area in the common room for the students. The pastoral targets are to embed the behaviour policy, review the attendance policy, and to train staff in the use of safeguarding software.

The school is further embedding Espacio into class prayers and plans to appoint and train a new Goals co-ordinator.

There are plans to introduce competition days for the feeder primary schools and continue the subject specialist days throughout the year. In IT support is now being provided for our MAT primary St Michael's and Sacred Heart Primary school. Further support is being provided for staff using Office 365. A new data policy is being prepared for the new data protection legislation coming into force in 2018. The main focus in finance for 2017-18 is to develop the reporting structures for the new MAT.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties are centred on changes in the level of funding from the DfE/ESFA. In addition the academy is a member of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), which results in the recognition of a significant deficit on the academy balance sheet.

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the academy is exposed, in particular those relating specifically to teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the academy, and its finances. The directors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the school faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and school visits) and in relation to the control of finance. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The academy has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the Governance Statement.

The academy has fully implemented the requirements of the Safer Recruitment procedures and all staff have received training in this area in addition to training on Child Protection.

The academy is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties in common with other academies. The academy has in place procedures to identify and mitigate financial risks.

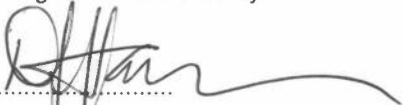
AUDITOR

RSM UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditor

The directors have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the directors have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

The Director's Report report is approved by order of the board of directors and the Strategic Report (included therein) is approved by the board of directors in their capacity as the directors at a meeting on 14 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:


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D J Harrison
Vice Chair

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Scope of responsibility

As Directors we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Directors has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Head Teacher, 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 Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools 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 Directors' Report and in the statement of Directors' responsibilities. The Directors has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Directors was as follows:

Directors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
D M Kendall (Chair until 31 August 2017)	6	6
A Bath (Accounting Officer)	6	6
T Braun (Resigned 31 August 2017)	5	6
M T Choat (Resigned 31 December 2016)	1	2
Fr J Dunne (Resigned 31 August 2017)	6	6
B Fitzpatrick (Resigned 31 August 2017)	6	6
F Kirkby MBE (Resigned 31 August 2017)	5	5
Fr C O'Connor (Resigned 31 August 2017)	0	6
E B Payne (Resigned 31 August 2017)	5	6
H C Thompson	5	6
V Goatman	5	6
R McBride (Resigned 31 August 2017)	5	6
M Wilson (Resigned 31 August 2017)	6	6
C Ridley (previously known as C Dougan) (Resigned 31 August 2017)	6	6
I Sweeney (Resigned 31 August 2017)	6	6
J P Scullion (Appointed 1 September 2017)	0	0
D J Harrison (Appointed 1 September 2017)	0	0
Dr A C Jones (Chair from 1 September 2017) (Appointed 1 September 2017)	0	0
G Hardy (Appointed 1 September 2017)	0	0

The Finance and Site Committee is a sub-committee of the main board of governors. Its purpose is to assist the decision making of the governing body, by enabling more detailed consideration to be given to the best means of fulfilling the governing body's resources, including proper planning, monitoring and probity, and to make appropriate comments and recommendations on such matters to the governing body on a regular basis.

Directors	Meetings attended	Out of possible
A Bath (Accounting Officer)	6	6
T Braun (Resigned 31 August 2017)	5	6
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H C Thompson	6	6
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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

Review of value for money

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

Example One

The academy has purchased a management system called Every which allows all contractual and site information to be collated in a cloud based information package. This assists both finance and site staff with compliance and contract renewal dates. As we progress through 2017-18 the school is hoping to roll it out to include site repair queries.

Example Two

In October 2016 the academy opened a café in the 6th form block serving staff, students and school visitors. In the following January 2017 the catering function in the main school was brought in house and the staff TUPE'd across from Newcastle City Council. This has been a very popular decision with staff and students, and we have seen a massive improvement in the range and quality of the food being served.

Example Three

In December 2016 the maintenance contract for the school lifts came up for renewal and we were able to secure a 46% reduction in the annual maintenance cost by switching to another supplier. The experience over the past few years suggests that retendering will usually lead to a lower price being offered often by the existing supplier.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Board of Directors has reviewed the key risks to which the academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Directors is of the view that there is a formal on-going process for identifying, evaluating and managing the academy's significant risks that has been in place for the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

The risk and control framework

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

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

The board of governors has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor.

However the governors have appointed RSM, as a reviewer, to perform additional checks.

The reviewer's role includes performing a range of checks on the academy trust's financial systems. The appointees report to the Board of Directors on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Directors' financial responsibilities.

The reviewer has delivered their schedule of work as planned and no material control issues have arisen as a result of their work.

Review of effectiveness

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

- the work of the reviewer;
- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process; and
- the work of the executive managers within the academy trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

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

Approved by order of the Board of Directors on 14/12/2017... and signed on its behalf by:



A Bath
Accounting Officer



D J Harrison
Vice Chair

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STATEMENT OF REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy board of directors and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the academy's board of directors are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the board of directors and ESFA.

A Bath

Accounting officer



14 December 2017

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors (who also act as trustees for Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School)) are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report (including the strategic report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued 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 directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

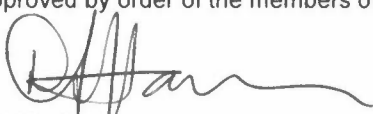
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the 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 business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the board of directors on 14/12/2017 and signed on its behalf by:


D J Harrison
Vice Chair

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SACRED HEART PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL)

Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) (the "academy trust") for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the 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, United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and the Academies: Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 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 charitable company 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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. 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 matter 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 Directors' Report and the incorporated Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report and the incorporated Strategic Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company, 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 directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 14, the directors, who also act as trustees for the charitable activities of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School), 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 directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

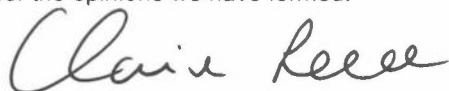
In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company 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.

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

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



Claire Leece (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and capital grants	4	-	3	29	32	30
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for educational operations	5	-	7,869	-	7,869	7,546
- Funding for teaching schools	5	-	46	-	46	50
Other trading activities	6	385	36	-	421	445
Investments	7	7	-	-	7	16
Total		<u>392</u>	<u>7,954</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>8,087</u>
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities:						
- Educational operations	9	270	8,203	700	9,173	8,634
- Teaching schools	8	-	46	-	46	50
Total	8	<u>270</u>	<u>8,249</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>9,219</u>	<u>8,684</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		122	(295)	(671)	(844)	(597)
Transfers between funds		(92)	(535)	627	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	25	-	770	-	770	(848)
Net movement in funds		30	(60)	(44)	(74)	(1,445)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		2,139	(400)	14,998	16,737	18,182
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,169</u>	<u>(460)</u>	<u>14,954</u>	<u>16,663</u>	<u>16,737</u>

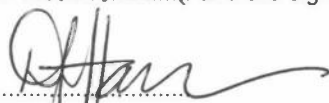
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017

	Notes	2017 £000	2016 £000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	14	16	-
Tangible assets	13	14,938	15,001
		14,954	15,001
Current assets			
Stocks	15	3	-
Debtors	16	170	141
Cash at bank and in hand		3,086	3,900
		3,259	4,041
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(858)	(999)
Net current assets		2,401	3,042
Net assets excluding pension liability		17,355	18,043
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	25	(692)	(1,306)
Net assets		16,663	16,737
Funds of the academy:			
Restricted funds	19		
- Restricted fixed asset funds		14,954	14,998
- Restricted income funds		232	906
- Pension reserve		(692)	(1,306)
Total restricted funds		14,494	14,598
Unrestricted income funds	19	2,169	2,139
Total funds		16,663	16,737

The financial statements on pages 17 to 41 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 14/12/2017 and are signed on their behalf by:


 D J Harrison
 Vice Chair

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Notes	2017 £000	£000	2016 £000	£000
Cash flows from operating activities					
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	24		(196)		596
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		7		16	
Capital grants from DfE and ESFA		29		29	
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(16)		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(638)		(243)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(618)		(198)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period			(814)		398
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year			3,900		3,502
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year			3,086		3,900

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies

General information

Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) is a charitable company. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the directors' report.

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 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 financial statements 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 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. The academy is a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and has therefore applied the relevant public benefit requirements of FRS 102.

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is also the functional currency of the academy.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1,000, except where otherwise indicated.

Going concern

The directors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, ie whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the academy to continue as a going concern. The directors 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 has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy's ability to continue as a going concern. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

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 period for which it is receivable, and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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

Donations

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

Other income

Other income, including the hire of facilities, catering, income for school trips, school to school support, tuition, examinations and to pay for a staff secondment, is recognised in the period it is receivable and to the extent the academy has provided the goods or services.

Investment income

Interest receivable is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis, and is stated inclusive of related tax credits.

Expenditure

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

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

Charitable activities

These are costs incurred on the academy's educational operations to further its charitable aims for the benefit of the beneficiaries, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the academy apportioned to charitable activities.

Governance costs

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

Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

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. 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:

- Software - straight line over 3 years

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

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

The playing field land is held on a 125 year lease from Newcastle City Council and the land on which the main school buildings are situated is held on a licence from the trustees of the RC Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle. As the risks and rewards have been transferred to the academy, the assets have been recognised within tangible fixed assets. The initial acquisition was recognised at existing use valuation by DTZ, on behalf of the Education and Skills Funding Agency. The directors consider that the cost of obtaining an additional valuation would outweigh benefit.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Long term leasehold property	Straight line over 23.33 years
Computer equipment	Straight line over 3 years
Fixtures and fittings	Straight line over 10 years
Motor vehicles	Straight line over 5 years

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.

Liabilities

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

Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Financial instruments

The academy has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in full in respect of financial instruments.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the academy becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the financial instrument's contractual obligations, rather than the financial instrument's legal form.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets measured at fair value through the profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. A financial asset of financial liability that is payable or receivable in one year is measured at the undiscounted amount expected to be received or paid net of impairment, unless it is a financing transaction. If an agreement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset only when there is a current legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the intention to either settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Stock

Catering stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

Taxation

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

Pensions benefits

Retirement benefits to employees of the academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'), which are multi-employer defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a projected unit method. The TPS is a multi-employer scheme but there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit 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 reporting date. The amounts charged to net income 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 at the discretion of the directors.

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

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

Agency arrangements

The academy acts as an agent in the administering of 16-19 bursary funds from the ESFA and SCITT bursary payments from the Student Loan Company. Payments received from the ESFA and Student Loan Company, and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the academy does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs for the 16-19 bursary funds and this is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 29.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 25, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

3 General Annual Grant (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was subject to limits at 31 August 2017 on the amount of GAG that could be carried forward from one year to the next. An amount equal to 12% of GAG could be carried forward, of which up to 2% could be used for general recurrent purposes, with any balance being available for premises/capital purposes.

The academy has not exceeded these limits during the year ended 31 August 2017.

4 Donations and capital grants

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2017 £000	Total 2016 £000
Capital grants	-	29	29	29
Other donations	-	3	3	1
	<u>-</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>30</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £32,000 (2016: £30,000) of which £3,000 was restricted (2016: £1,000) and £29,000 was restricted fixed assets (2016: £29,000).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

5 Funding for the academy's educational operations

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2017 £000	Total 2016 £000
DfE / ESFA grants				
General annual grant (GAG)	-	6,931	6,931	7,061
Other DfE / ESFA grants	-	905	905	408
	-	7,836	7,836	7,469
Other government grants				
Local authority grants	-	12	12	50
Other government grants	-	21	21	27
	-	33	33	77
Teaching Schools income	-	46	46	50
	-	7,915	7,915	7,596

The income from funding for educational operations was £7,869,000 (2016: £7,546,000) of which £7,869,000 was restricted (2016: £7,546,000).

The income from teaching schools was £46,000 (2016: £50,000) of which £46,000 was restricted (2016: £50,000).

Other DfE/ESFA grants are made up of pupil premium, teaching schools income, regional academy growth fund and year 7 catch up grants. Other government grants are made up of SEN, LAC funding and SC Initial Teacher Training.

6 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2017 £000	Total 2016 £000
Hire of facilities	7	-	7	4
Catering income	221	-	221	141
School fund income	151	-	151	170
Other income	6	36	42	130
	385	36	421	445

The income from other trading activities was £421,000 (2016: £445,000) of which £385,000 was unrestricted (2016: £405,000) and £36,000 was restricted (2016: £40,000).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

7 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2017 £000	Total 2016 £000
Interest from short term deposits	7	-	7	16

The income from funding for investment income was £7,000 (2016: £16,000) of which £7,000 was unrestricted (2016: £16,000).

8 Expenditure

	Staff costs £000	Non Pay Expenditure Premises £000	Other £000	Total 2017 £000	Total 2016 £000
Academy's educational operations					
- Direct costs	5,477	-	673	6,150	6,161
- Allocated support costs	784	1,451	788	3,023	2,473
Teaching schools					
- Direct costs	46	-	-	46	50
Total support costs	6,307	1,451	1,461	9,219	8,684

Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Operating lease rentals	9	17
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	700	651
Net interest on defined benefit pension liability	24	14
Fees payable to RSM UK Audit LLP and its associates in respect of both audit and non-audit services are as follows:		
- Audit	11	11
- Other services	9	7

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

9 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £000	Restricted funds £000	Total 2017 £000	Total 2016 £000
Direct costs - educational operations	210	5,940	6,150	6,161
Direct costs - teaching schools	-	46	46	50
Support costs - educational operations	60	2,963	3,023	2,473
	<u>270</u>	<u>8,949</u>	<u>9,219</u>	<u>8,684</u>

The expenditure on educational operations was £9,173,000 (2016: £8,634,000) of which £270,000 was unrestricted (2016: £350,000), £8,203,000 was restricted (2016: £7,633,000) and £700,000 was restricted fixed assets (2016: £651,000).

The expenditure on teaching schools was £46,000 (2016: £50,000) of which £46,000 was restricted (2016: £50,000).

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Analysis of support costs		
Support staff costs	784	496
Depreciation and amortisation	700	651
Technology costs	145	155
Premises costs	751	693
Other support costs	543	376
Governance costs	100	102
	<u>3,023</u>	<u>2,473</u>

10 Staff

Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Wages and salaries	4,822	4,741
Social security costs	468	412
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	943	824
Apprenticeship levy	3	-
Total staff costs	<u>6,236</u>	<u>5,977</u>
Supply staff costs	50	44
Staff restructuring costs	21	-
	<u>6,307</u>	<u>6,021</u>

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10 Staff (Continued)

Non statutory/non-contractual staff severance payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments totalling £21,000 (2016: £nil). Individually, the payments were £21,000.

Staff numbers

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

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Teachers	106	100
Administration and support	66	80
Management	16	14
	<u>188</u>	<u>194</u>

The number of persons employed, expressed as a full time equivalent, was as follows:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Teachers	96	97
Administration and support	32	25
Management	13	11
	<u>141</u>	<u>133</u>

Higher paid staff

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

	2017 Number	2016 Number
£60,001-£70,000	3	3
£70,001-£80,000	1	-
£90,001-£100,000	1	1
	<u></u>	<u></u>

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

	2017 Number	2016 Number
£60,001-£70,000	4	2
£70,001-£80,000	2	2
£80,001-£90,000	1	-
£110,001 - £120,000	1	1
	<u></u>	<u></u>

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10 Staff (Continued)

Key management personnel

The key management personnel of the academy comprise the directors and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer national insurance and pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the academy was £448,900 (2016: £453,183).

11 Directors' remuneration and expenses

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

The value of directors' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

A Bath (Headteacher):

Remuneration £99,081 (2016: £95,766)

Employer's pension contributions paid £16,329 (2016: £15,782)

Directors remuneration:

T Braun:

Remuneration £40,000 - £45,000 (2016: £40,000 - £45,000)

Employer's pension contributions paid £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000)

C Ridley (previously known as C Dougan):

Remuneration £25,000 - £30,000 (2016: £20,000 - £25,000)

Employer's pension contributions paid £nil - £5,000 (2016: £nil - £5,000)

During the year ended 31 August 2017, no expenses for travel and subsistence were reimbursed to trustees (2016: £nil).

Related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 27.

12 Directors and officers insurance

The academy has opted into the Department of Education's Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects governors 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 governors and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Long term leasehold property £000	Computer equipment £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Motor vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost					
At 1 September 2016	16,780	469	289	18	17,556
Additions	290	37	310	-	637
At 31 August 2017	17,070	506	599	18	18,193
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2016	2,198	269	70	18	2,555
Charge for the year	527	123	50	-	700
At 31 August 2017	2,725	392	120	18	3,255
Net book value					
At 31 August 2017	14,345	114	479	-	14,938
At 31 August 2016	14,582	200	219	-	15,001

With regard to the long term leasehold property included above, this should be read in conjunction with the statement below and the accounting policy.

With respect to the buildings from which the academy operates, these are legally owned by the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools is able to use the buildings under the terms of a supplemental lease agreement. The substance of the arrangement is such that Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools is able to obtain future economic benefits from unrestricted use of the asset. As such, the buildings are recognised as a fixed asset recorded at their fair value at the time of conversion. This is treated as the deemed cost.

14 Intangible fixed assets

	Computer software £000
Cost	
At 1 September 2016	-
Additions	16
At 31 August 2017	16
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2017	16
At 31 August 2016	-

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15	Stocks	2017	2016
		£000	£000
	Catering stock	3	-
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
16	Debtors	2017	2016
		£000	£000
	Trade debtors	14	46
	VAT recoverable	39	13
	Prepayments and accrued income	117	82
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		170	141
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
17	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2017	2016
		£000	£000
	Trade creditors	304	215
	Other taxation and social security	120	121
	Other creditors	177	391
	Accruals and deferred income (see note 18)	257	272
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		858	999
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
18	Deferred income	2017	2016
		£000	£000
	Deferred income is included within:		
	Creditors due within one year	41	15
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Deferred income at 1 September 2016	15	45
	Released from previous years	(15)	(45)
	Amounts deferred in the year	41	15
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	Deferred income at 31 August 2017	41	15
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

At the balance sheet date the academy was holding funds received in advance for school trips, SCITT income and 3D printer income.

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19 Funds

	Balance at 1 September 2016 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, losses and transfers £000	Balance at 31 August 2017 £000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant	212	6,931	(7,068)	(75)	-
Other DfE / ESFA grants	156	905	(924)	-	137
Other government grants	75	72	(52)	-	95
Teaching schools	-	46	(46)	-	-
Premises school fund	463	-	(3)	(460)	-
Pension reserve	(1,306)	-	(156)	770	(692)
	<u>(400)</u>	<u>7,954</u>	<u>(8,249)</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>(460)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transferred on conversion	12,427	-	(427)	-	12,000
DfE / ESFA capital grants	772	29	(92)	-	709
Capital expenditure from GAG	1,702	-	(176)	167	1,693
Capital expenditure from premises school fund	97	-	(5)	460	552
	<u>14,998</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>627</u>	<u>14,954</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>14,598</u>	<u>7,983</u>	<u>(8,949)</u>	<u>862</u>	<u>14,494</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>2,139</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>(270)</u>	<u>(92)</u>	<u>2,169</u>
Total funds	<u>16,737</u>	<u>8,375</u>	<u>(9,219)</u>	<u>770</u>	<u>16,663</u>

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19 Funds (Continued)

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

General Annual Grant

General Annual Grant must be used for the normal running of the academy including salaries and related costs, overheads, repairs and maintenance and insurance. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the academy was subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2017. Note 3 discloses whether the limit was exceeded.

Other DfE/ESFA grants

This represents primarily pupil premium, teaching schools income, Regional academy growth fund and Year 7 catch up grants.

Pupil premium is additional funding to be spent as the academy sees fit to support deprived children.

Teaching School funds are to help student teachers complete Initial Teacher Training within the school.

Unspent bursary funds to spend in future periods.

Other government grants

This includes SEN funding, rates relief, SCITT income and regional academy growth fund. SEN funding is income to support students with Special Education Needs.

Other restricted funds

Other restricted funds includes the Premises School Fund, which is private monies collected over the past twenty years to help the school fund capital projects. This has been fully utilised in the year hence the transfer to the restricted fixed asset fund.

Pension reserve

The pension reserve is the liability due to the deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme. Further details are shown in note 25.

Restricted fixed asset funds

This represents capital grants and transfers from other funds to purchase fixed assets. Depreciation is charged against each fund over the useful life of the associated assets.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds can be used for any purpose, at the discretion of the trustees, within the objects of the academy trust.

Transfers between funds represent fixed assets purchased out of the premises school fund and fixed assets financed from GAG.

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19 Funds (Continued)

Funds prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2015 £000	Income £000	Expenditure £000	Gains, losses and transfers £000	Balance at 31 August 2016 £000
Restricted general funds					
General Annual Grant	284	7,061	(7,133)	-	212
Other DfE / ESFA grants	120	408	(372)	-	156
Other government grants	73	77	(75)	-	75
Teaching schools	-	50	(50)	-	-
Premises school fund	560	41	(41)	(97)	463
Pension reserve	(446)	-	(12)	(848)	(1,306)
	<u>591</u>	<u>7,637</u>	<u>(7,683)</u>	<u>(945)</u>	<u>(400)</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Transferred on conversion	12,854	-	(427)	-	12,427
DfE / ESFA capital grants	830	29	(87)	-	772
Capital expenditure from GAG	1,839	-	(137)	-	1,702
Capital expenditure from premises school fund	-	-	-	97	97
	<u>15,523</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>(651)</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>14,998</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>16,114</u>	<u>7,666</u>	<u>(8,334)</u>	<u>(848)</u>	<u>14,598</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	<u>2,068</u>	<u>421</u>	<u>(350)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,139</u>
Total funds	<u>18,182</u>	<u>8,087</u>	<u>(8,684)</u>	<u>(848)</u>	<u>16,737</u>

20 Financial instruments

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	<u>14</u>	<u>40</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	<u>(698)</u>	<u>(863)</u>

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21 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total Funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fund balances at 31 August 2017 are represented by:				
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	16	16
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	14,938	14,938
Current assets	2,399	860	-	3,259
Creditors falling due within one year	(230)	(628)	-	(858)
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	-	(692)	-	(692)
Total net assets	2,169	(460)	14,954	16,663
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted General Funds	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	Total Funds
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fund balances at 31 August 2016 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	15,001	15,001
Current assets	3,135	906	-	4,041
Creditors falling due within one year	(996)	-	(3)	(999)
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	-	(1,306)	-	(1,306)
Total net assets	2,139	(400)	14,998	16,737

22 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2017 the total of the academy trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Amounts due within one year	19	10
Amounts due between one and five years	46	23
	65	33

23 Capital commitments

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Expenditure contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	892	9

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24 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	(844)	(597)
Adjusted for:		
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA and other capital income	(29)	(29)
Interest receivable	(7)	(16)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	132	(2)
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	24	14
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	700	651
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in stocks	(3)	-
(Increase) in debtors	(29)	(43)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(140)	618
Net cash used in operating activities	(196)	596

25 Pension and similar obligations

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

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

Contributions amounting to £99,816 (2016: £101,165) were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions 2014.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis - these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer.

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25 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

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

The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%))
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.48% (including a 0.08% administration fee), which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on March 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to the TPS in the period amounted to £626,000 (2016: £641,000).

The TPS is a multi-employer pension plan and there is insufficient information to account for the scheme as a defined benefit plan so it is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contributions are as noted below. The agreed contribution rates for future years are 16.7% for employers and 5.5% to 12.5% for employees.

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

Total contributions made	2017 £000	2016 £000
Employer's contributions	185	185
Employees' contributions	55	48
Total contributions	240	233

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25 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Principal actuarial assumptions

The following information is based upon a full actuarial valuation of the fund at 31 March 2013 updated to 31 August 2017 by a qualified independent actuary.

	2017 %	2016 %
Rate of increases in salaries	3.6	3.5
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.1	2.0
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	2.5	2.0
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.1	2.0

The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2017 Years	2016 Years
Retiring today		
- Males	22.8	23.2
- Females	26.3	24.8
Retiring in 20 years		
- Males	25.0	25.3
- Females	28.6	27.1

The academy's share of the assets in the scheme

	2017 Fair value £000	2016 Fair value £000
Equities	1,863	1,547
Gilts	110	89
Other bonds	324	268
Cash	110	70
Property	254	233
Other assets	157	126
Total fair value of assets	2,818	2,333

The actual return on scheme assets was £300,000 (2016: £348,000).

Amount recognised in the statement of financial activities

	2017 £000	2016 £000
Current service cost	317	183
Net interest cost	24	14
Total operating charge	341	197

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25 Pension and similar obligations (Continued)

Changes in the present value of defined benefit obligations	2017 £000
At 1 September 2016	3,639
Current service cost	317
Interest cost	73
Employee contributions	55
Actuarial gain	(519)
Benefits paid	(55)
At 31 August 2017	3,510
Changes in the fair value of the academy's share of scheme assets	2017 £000
At 1 September 2016	2,333
Interest income	49
Return on plan assets (excluding net interest on the net defined pension liability)	251
Employer contributions	185
Employee contributions	55
Benefits paid	(55)
At 31 August 2017	2,818

26 Members' liability

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

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27 Related party transactions

The following related party transactions took place in the period of account. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle - a charitable company in which Rt Revd S Cunningham (a member of the academy) is also a member:

- During the year the academy contributed £12,260 (2016: £14,000), and recognised income of £nil (2016: £79,906) from the Diocese. Amounts outstanding at the year end and included in trade debtors is £nil (2016: £36,880).

In entering into the transactions the academy has complied with the requirements of the ESFA's Academies Financial Handbook.

Key management personnel compensation disclosure is included in note 10.

There are no other related party transactions to disclose.

28 Post balance sheet events

Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools became a Multi Academy Trust on 1 September 2017, with St Michael's RC Primary School joining the Trust on that date.

29 Agency arrangements

The academy administers the disbursement of the new discretionary support for learners, 16-19 bursary funds, on behalf of the ESFA. In the year it received £35,345 and disbursed £34,122 (which constituted direct disbursements to students and a payment to Newcastle City Council as part of a pooling arrangement). Included in accruals and deferred income is £9,905 (2016: £8,682) at the year-end to be disbursed in 2017/18.

In addition the academy administers the disbursement of bursary funds, on behalf of the School Loans Company. In the year it received £414,000 and disbursed £414,000 to students. There is no balance outstanding at the year end.

INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO SACRED HEART PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL) AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY

Conclusion

We have carried out an engagement in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 20 June 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency ("ESFA") as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Basis for conclusion

The framework that has been applied is set out in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 Part 9: Regularity Reporting. We are independent of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) in accordance with the ethical requirements that are applicable to this engagement and we have fulfilled our ethical requirements in accordance with these requirements. We believe the assurance evidence we have obtained is sufficient to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Responsibilities of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School)'s accounting officer and directors

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School)'s funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 1 August 2011 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2016, 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. The accounting officer is also responsible for preparing the Statement of Regularity, Propriety and Compliance. The directors (who also act as trustees of the charitable company) are responsible for the proper conduct and financial operation of Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) and appointment of the accounting officer.

Reporting Accountant's responsibilities for reporting on regularity

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 2016 to 2017.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity. A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and the procedures vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for a reasonable assurance engagement; consequently a limited assurance engagement 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.

We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the period 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes identified by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON
REGULARITY TO SACRED HEART PARTNERSHIP OF SCHOOLS (PREVIOUSLY
KNOWN AS SACRED HEART CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL) AND THE EDUCATION AND
SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

Our work included identification and assessment of the design and operational effectiveness of the controls, policies and procedures that have been implemented to ensure compliance with the framework of authorities including the specific requirements of the funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education, the Academies Financial Handbook 2016 published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and high level financial control areas where we identified a material risk of impropriety. We undertook detailed testing, on a sample basis, based on the identified areas where a material irregularity is likely to arise, or potential impropriety where such areas are in respect of controls, policies and procedures that apply to classes of transactions. Our work was undertaken with due regard to the 'Evidence to support conclusion on regularity' guidance in Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017.

This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements and evidence was also derived from the conduct of that audit to the extent it supports the regularity conclusion.

This report is made solely to Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 20 June 2017. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Sacred Heart Partnership of Schools (previously known as Sacred Heart Catholic High School) and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

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