

TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

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

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY, ITS MEMBERS/
TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
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The members of the company are: The Mercers' Company, Tarmac Holdings Limited, M. McGregor (resigned 30 September 2015), F.K.J. Jackson and T.R. Last.

Governors

FKJ Jackson, Chairman
LM Blythe
JF Bowater
HV Clark
MG Dudgeon OBE DL
RJ Harrison OBE
B Jones
TR Last
Dr CM Ounsted (resigned 25 November 2014)
SB Roberts
AC Smith
R Taylor
DC Walker-Arnott CBE

Senior Management Team

Sir K Satchwell
J Arnold
R Cullen
S Evans
J Flynn
R Furlong
C Harding-Jack
S Plant
E Powell
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Telford
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Administrative details (continued)

Independent auditor

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GOVERNORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Governors (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited (the "school" or "Charitable Company") for the year ended 31 August 2015. The Governors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the Charitable Company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charitable Company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2005.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

CONSTITUTION

The Charitable Company is limited by guarantee and was set up and is constituted by a Memorandum of Association. It is an exempt charity regulated by the Department for Education.

The principal object of the Charitable Company is the operation of Thomas Telford School to provide education for students of varying abilities between the ages of 11 and 18 with an emphasis on Science and Technology.

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 £1, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

GOVERNORS' INDEMNITIES

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Charitable Company has purchased insurance to protect Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on school business.

METHOD OF RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF GOVERNORS

The management of the Charitable Company is the responsibility of the Governors who are appointed or co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association.

The Governors who served during the year, and subsequently up to the date of this report except where indicated, were:

FKJ Jackson * Chairman
LM Blythe
JF Bowater
HV Clark
MG Dudgeon OBE DL
RJ Harrison OBE
B Jones
TR Last
Dr CM Ounsted (resigned 25 November 2014)
SB Roberts
AC Smith
R Taylor
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* Director of Thomas Telford School Online Limited

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The Governors of the Charitable Company comprise the Board of Governors of the school and are nominated by the two sponsors of the Charitable Company, which are Tarmac Holdings Limited and The Mercers' Company or are co-opted by the Governors themselves.

Governors retire by rotation in accordance with the company's Articles of Association, which provide that at each annual general meeting one third of the Governors must retire, being the longest in office since their last election, such Governors being eligible for re-election.

The day-to-day running of the Charitable Company is carried out by the Headmaster, Sir Kevin Satchwell, and the senior management team.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED FOR THE INDUCTION AND TRAINING OF GOVERNORS

The training and induction provided for new Governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary, induction will provide training on charity and educational, legal and financial matters. All new Governors will be given a tour of the school and have regular opportunities to meet with staff and students. All Governors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Governors. As changes in the composition of the board are infrequent, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

The management structure consists of two levels: the Governors and the Senior Managers. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

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

The senior management team consists of the Headmaster, the Deputy Heads, the Director of Finance and Administration and the Director of IT. These managers control the school at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the Governors and reporting back to them. As a group, the Senior Managers are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff.

KEY MATTERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-15

Amongst the key matters considered by the Governing Board during the academic year has been the consequences of further educational reform, in particular, the rules appertaining to first GCSE entry results and the external perception of the impact of these on the school's overall performance in Key Stage 4 to be reported in the government's performance tables. Governors have also considered the adjustments specifically required to address forthcoming changes to the GCSE grading system with a movement from letters to numbers and the potential complexities surrounding the management of a combination of both systems for the current Year 9 cohort. The existing curriculum is at risk of some impact surrounding the formalities of supporting and re-testing previously under-achieving students joining the school at Year 7 and in the Sixth Form, together with a change to the format of AS level examinations, which will become standalone from 2015-2016. The effects of all these matters will be assessed in due course but the Governors' long-held view that the school should remain committed to a curriculum model and initiatives that will maximise individual students' eventual attainments, irrespective of the impact on performance table data, is maintained.

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Detailed scrutiny of the use of Pupil Premium funding, has satisfied Governors that income allocated to support disadvantaged students to make progress at least at levels comparable to their peers, has been resourcefully applied to a range of intervention strategies. Governors have also reviewed the tracking system utilised by the school to monitor and assess the progress of each individual student and found this to be an effectual model for identifying any under-achieving individuals or groups where further targeted support was required.

The recruitment of suitably qualified and experienced teachers, particularly in core subjects, has continued to present challenges and Governors have supported the Headmaster's efforts to maintain a full complement of staff through the continuation of professional development opportunities, the effective use of a performance management system, and anticipatory succession planning. With employment costs forming the most significant element of the school's annual expenditure, economies have been necessary to prepare for a reduced funding allocation in 2015-2016 to ensure that a financial deficit is not realised at the year-end.

Governors have maintained a close oversight of the school's policies and procedural arrangements, particularly in the light of the most recent statutory guidance relating to safeguarding, radicalisation and the promotion of British values. An appraisal of the school's safeguarding training records was also completed during the year with a creditable outcome. Compliance with responsibilities set out in the Equality Act is reported on below, providing fuller details of how the Governing Board has reviewed and endorsed the school's endeavours to positively prepare students for life in modern Britain and to promote the fundamental principles of democracy and mutual respect.

During the course of the year, and in conjunction with the Government Department for Education, Governors have given consideration to ways in which its partnership with its associated academies can be best developed for common good. These considerations are ongoing.

The membership of the Governing Board encompasses wide experience in the fields of education, commerce and industry. These attributes have contributed to effective control, strong challenge and positive ambition of and for the school, its staff, its students and the communities which it serves.

EQUALITY ACT COMPLIANCE AND OBJECTIVES

As an educational establishment, the school is in a strong position to effectively perform its duties under the Equality Act both in relation to its staff and its students. Governors have adopted a well-considered Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development Policy which inculcates high standards in these areas as part of the general school ethos. Procedures are in place to deal with any incidences of harassment or victimisation, especially amongst the student body, and those affected are encouraged to make their problems known to achieve resolution. School resources are effectively directed to ensure equality of opportunity for staff and students alike so as to ensure that those who might otherwise be at a disadvantage, or considered to be at a disadvantage, compared with their peers are placed as nearly as possible on the same footing. Through its educational, sporting and cultural activities the school endeavours to create a strong sense of belonging and common aspiration within its own community and thereby fosters continuing good relations throughout the organisation. Thomas Telford School strives to ensure that its students leave with the strongest foundation of values upon which to build a successful life and to make a positive contribution to society.

In the process of setting its equality objectives during the last academic year, the school has focused on the objectives contained in its Values and Ethos Statement and has concentrated upon its undertaking that it will ensure that all students receive and enjoy their educational entitlement, irrespective of gender, ethnicity, race, religion or special need. The school achieved this by ensuring that all students have access to the balanced curriculum model and enjoy the extensive extra-curricular activities available. All students have a safe and caring environment with high levels of pastoral support and with an emphasis on traditional values and mutual respect. Students needing additional support to help them reach their full potential have benefited from a range of targeted intervention strategies. Regular monitoring of progress enabled the management team and Governors to ensure that the school is meeting its objectives.

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RELATED PARTIES AND OTHER CONNECTED CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS

The Company owns 100% of the issued ordinary shares of Thomas Telford School Online Limited.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Governors confirm that all material risks to which the Charitable Company is exposed are continually reviewed and systems have been established to manage and mitigate the risks identified. Further details can be found within the governance statement.

OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

The principal activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of Thomas Telford School to provide education for students of varying abilities between the ages of 11 and 18 with an emphasis on Science and Technology.

In setting the objectives and planning activities, the Governors have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's agreed guidance on public benefit.

The main objectives of the Charitable Company are summarised below:

- to raise the standard of educational achievement of all students;
- to ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care;
- to improve the effectiveness of the Charitable Company by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review;
- to provide value for money for the funds expended;
- to comply with all the statutory and national curriculum requirements; and
- to maintain close links with industry and commerce.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Charitable Company has adopted a "Scheme of Government" approved by the Department for Education ("DfE"). The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the school, the catchment area from which the students are drawn, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum with an emphasis on Science and Technology and their practical applications.

The school's main strategy is encompassed in its mission statement which is 'The general aim of Thomas Telford School is to maximise students' performance'. To this end the activities provided include:

- tuition and learning opportunities for all students to attain appropriate academic qualifications;
- training opportunities for all staff, and especially teaching staff;
- secondments and placing of students with industrial and commercial partners;
- a programme of sporting and after-school leisure activities for all students; and
- a careers advisory service to help students obtain employment or move on to higher education.

To ensure that standards are continually raised both in the short term and long term, the school operates a programme of observation of lessons, is visited by inspectors and undertakes a comparison of results from entry to Key Stage 3, from thence to GCSE examinations; and from GCSE to A level, to assess the added value.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

GCSE results in 2015 were adversely affected by the removal of vocational course equivalence and best entry ranking, making simple comparison with earlier year performances impracticable. The achievements were nevertheless pleasing and in line with expectations. Excellent progress at A Level was recorded and 86% of the students applying for university gained places at their first choice of establishment.

All students have face-to-face careers interviews and action plans to ensure smooth transitions at the end of Year 11. Of the Year 11 students, 82% transferred into the Sixth Form and the remaining 18% either entered employment or registered for Post 16 education and Training elsewhere, primarily in order to study courses in subject areas not provided by the school.

The school's industry links programme continues to expand thanks to the continuing support of local employers. The Careers Team again organised two weeks' work placement for over two hundred 6.1 students, in addition to securing other business support for the curriculum for other school year groups. Year 10 students took part in a work related learning week in July which received excellent feedback from all concerned. The week included 12 students experiencing the UTC Aerospace Project delivered at school whilst other students participated in a week long HealthTec programme offering a hands-on medical career experience in conjunction with New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton.

In July, a careers week was held for Sixth Form students in order to prepare them for their University choices in 2016. During the week, there were personal statement workshops, student finance presentations, expert careers talks from alumni and key partners, as well as University visits. Specialist provision is delivered to Performing Arts Academy students and the school continues to see a high proportion of these students successful in their applications to stage school.

The well established Mathematics Club for seven local primary schools goes from strength to strength. Mathematics and English teaching at Madeley Academy has been supported by school staff and improved examination outcomes have been achieved. Various sporting programmes have been supported, assisting with a Sports Day at The Bridge School, helping to run the Shropshire Youth Sport Games and supporting a Golf Day for students with specific needs. The Bridge School has continued to enjoy use of the school's facilities, supported by the school's PE Staff.

Strong budgetary controls are exercised as part of a culture of disciplined financial management, achieving optimum value for money. The annual programme of repairs together with the refurbishment of several areas during the summer holidays have resulted in the fabric of the building being maintained to a high standard.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the governing board has a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Company 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.

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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The Charitable Company provides education for a total of 1307 students, comprising 904 students under 16 years of age and 403 Sixth Form students.

Examination results for 2015 were very pleasing and in line with expectations. At A level, candidates achieved an average UCAS points score of 391 points per candidate (2014 average 394). The results for students taking GCSE examinations showed that 96% of students secured 5 or more passes A* to C, including English and Mathematics at that level.

The most recent inspection of the school by Ofsted took place in January 2009. The school was assessed as "outstanding" in every category of inspection.

The Charitable Company is also fostering outreach projects with other local schools as part of its programme of dissemination of good practice in the sphere of education. In addition, the Charitable Company has sponsored the establishment of three Academies in the West Midlands and Shropshire regions and has recently become an additional sponsor of an existing academy at Bulwell, Notts.

For the foreseeable future, the school intends to continue to improve its examination results and maintain its high standards whilst continuing to support education through its sponsorship and outreach work.

The school has a vigorous maintenance programme to ensure the buildings and facilities are kept in excellent condition.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Governors have a comprehensive risk management process to identify and monitor the risks faced by the school. The principal risks identified include governance, statutory compliance, finance, insurance, attainment, attendance, behaviour, health and safety, organisation, operations, safeguarding, reputation, HR and ICT. A risk rating mechanism is in place with greater emphasis directed towards identified higher risk areas.

RESERVES POLICY

The Governors continually monitor the reserves of the Charitable Company. This process encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams and the need to match commitments with income and the nature of reserves. The Governors have determined that the level of reserves, which are not invested in fixed assets at the year end, of £10,656,891 (2014: £10,191,945), is adequate for its immediate needs. The ultimate needs of the Charitable Company are considered to be 9 to 12 months of reserves in order to cover operating expenditure to complete an academic year. Operating expenditure for this purpose is defined as total resources expended excluding depreciation. The investment funds retained by the school are also intended to ensure its ability to maintain and develop the fabric of the school buildings and to continue to provide students with state of the art facilities in the longer term.

PRINCIPAL FUNDING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

Most of the Charitable Company's income is obtained from the Department for Education ("DfE") in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2015 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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The school also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2005), 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 lives of the assets concerned.

During the year ended 31 August 2015, total expenditure of £9,706,886 (2014: £9,660,089) was fully covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. Before taking in to account the movement on the pension provision, the excess of income over expenditure for the year was £740,377 (2014: £776,452).

At 31 August 2015 the net book value of fixed assets was £10,387,481 (2014: £10,483,058) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 18 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the school.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Excess funds are invested in a manner commensurate with the perceived need. Short term investments are made in interest bearing cash accounts. Funds set aside to meet longer term needs are invested in a portfolio managed by Brewin Dolphin Limited.

The investments have generally performed in line with the Governors' expectations.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The school will continue to strive to improve the levels of performance of its students at all levels and will continue its efforts to ensure that students secure employment or places in higher education when they leave.

Looking forward to 2015/16 and beyond, the school will continue to ensure consistently high standards in education for the students. In furtherance of the school's strategy and in order to aid the delivery of the charitable objectives, the school will continue to:

- review the operational and governance structures to ensure that it operates in the most efficient and cost effective way; and
- invest in facilities and equipment to improve the fabric of the building and to provide an environment conducive to learning.

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FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

The Charitable Company acts as an agent in distributing bursary funds and grants from the EFA. Payments received and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. In some instances the trust can use a proportion of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

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

- so far as that Governor is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that Governor has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Governor in order to be aware of any information needed by the Charitable Company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the Charitable Company's auditor is aware of that information.

AUDITOR

The appointment of the current auditors, Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP, will be continued in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

This report, incorporating the Strategic report, was approved by order of the governing board, as the company directors, on 25 November 2015 and signed on the board's behalf by:

FKJ Jackson
Chairman of Governors

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Governors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Telford City Technology College Trust Limited 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 governing board has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headmaster, Sir Kevin Satchwell,, 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 Telford City Technology College Trust Limited and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the governing board any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' report and in the Governors' responsibilities statement. The governing board has formally met 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the governing board was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
FKJ Jackson, Chairman	3	3
LM Blythe	3	3
JF Bowater	3	3
HV Clark	3	3
MG Dudgeon OBE DL	3	3
RJ Harrison OBE	3	3
B Jones	3	3
TR Last	1	3
Dr CM Ounsted	1	1
SB Roberts	3	3
AC Smith	3	3
R Taylor	0	3
DC Walker-Arnott CBE	0	3

GOVERNANCE REVIEW

At the March 2014 governing board meeting the results of the profiling exercise undertaken to capture details of the expertise which existed amongst Governors and to identify any areas of weakness was circulated. It was concluded that, currently, there was a significant breadth of knowledge and a sufficiently proficient skillset across the majority of the categories. Governors have an ongoing brief to identify and satisfy any specific areas for improvement in the normal course of their role.

A governance audit review took place at the July 2015 governing board meeting where the previously undertaken self-assessment exercise was discussed. Governors were satisfied that the overall level of governance exhibited by the Board was adequately strong, enabling Governors to execute their responsibilities effectively, and with no aspects presenting any cause for concern. Governors agreed that regular audits will take place to continue to ensure that this position does not change.

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REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

As accounting officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the school 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 school's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the governing board where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The accounting officer for the school has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Maintained educational results - The Governors believe that the most effective demonstration of value for money is in the educational achievements of the school's students. Notwithstanding significant increases in grade boundaries in English and Mathematics, coupled with the removal of vocational course equivalence and best-entry scoring, examination results for 2015 were pleasing and generally progressive. At A level, candidates achieved an average UCAS points score of 391 points per candidate. The results for students taking GCSE examinations showed that more than 96% of the students secured 5 or more passes A* to C, including English and Mathematics at that level.
- Governance and oversight of school finances - The school benefits from the provision of a suitably qualified and independent Responsible Officer ("RO"). The RO reviews key financial policies, systems and procedures, including the use of tenders and presents reports on compliance to the governing board termly.
- The governing board reviews and challenges the budget each year and is mindful of the need to balance expenditure against income to ensure that the school remains a 'going concern', when assessed by reference to strict accounting standards. The governing board reviews the Annual Accounts and the External Auditors' Management Report in detail each year.

The governing board also receives termly budget monitoring reports and investigates deviations from the plan.

- Ensuring that the school demonstrates good value for money and efficient or effective use of resources. The school takes a prudent approach to expenditure generally. As nearly 70% of the school's income is expended on staffing, the staffing structure and composition is reviewed regularly by the governing board to ensure that it is fit for purpose and can adapt and respond to support the successful attainment of the objectives agreed in the school's Development Plan.

The senior management team monitor and review as necessary expenditure within each budget category and make adjustments based on the effectiveness of strategies introduced in previous years, changes in the curriculum offer and any new strategies identified in the school's Development Plan.

The school regularly benchmarks its financial performance against other schools and academy trusts to demonstrate comparatively that the school provides good value for money.

Tender exercises are periodically undertaken to ensure that high value contracts in particular are assessed against the marketplace on a regular basis to ensure that long term contracts remain competitive.

The school collaborates with a number of other schools and academy trusts to achieve best value, notably by way of bulk purchasing economies, again as demonstrated with the gas and electricity contracts in 2014. Departmental budget holders are continuously looking for the most competitive deals

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using various procurement tools such as internet shopping, advice from other academies and economies of scale. They ensure that suppliers compete on grounds of cost, quality, suitability, product and after-sales support.

The Governors and senior management team apply principles of best value when making decisions about:

- the allocation of resources to best promote the aims and values of the school;
- the targeting of resources to best improve standards and the quality of education provision;
- the use of resources to best support the various educational needs of all pupils; and
- long-term planning for future maintenance and capital spend requirements.

The school has developed procedures for assessing need, and obtaining goods and services which provide “best value” in terms of suitability, efficiency, time, and cost. Measures in place include:

- competitive tendering procedures;
 - procedures for accepting “best value” quotes, which may not necessarily be the cheapest (e.g. suitability for purpose and quality and durability of product); and
 - internal project management of major new buildings and equipment installations.
- Reviewing controls and managing risks - The school’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.

Monthly budget monitoring reports are produced and reviewed by the Director of Finance and the Headteacher, and any necessary remedial actions taken to address any significant variances that may have an impact on the financial performance for the year or in the longer term. The school ensures that all surplus cash balances are invested in interest bearing accounts to maximise interest-earning potential.

A separate investment fund for longer term needs is managed by specialist advisors at Brewin Dolphin Limited. Targets are set for capital growth and income generation and performance is regularly reviewed by the Governors, including through meetings with the managers.

Insurance levels are reviewed annually and used cost-effectively to manage risks.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Charitable Company 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 Telford City Technology College Trust Limited for the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

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CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The governing board has reviewed the key risks to which the Charitable Company is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The governing board is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Charitable Company's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the governing board.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

The Charitable Company'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 governing board;
- regular reviews by the governing board 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 governing board has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided not to appoint an internal auditor. However, the Governors have appointed an independent external Chartered Accountant, as Responsible Officer ("RO")

The RO's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Charitable Company's financial systems.

On a termly basis, the RO reports to the governing board on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the governing board's financial responsibilities.

These arrangements can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

The Governors can report that the RO's function has been fully exercised during the year under review. No material control deficiencies were found and therefore no remedial action has been required.

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GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

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

- the work of the external auditor;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process; and
- the work of the executive managers within the Charitable Company 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 governing board and a plan to ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the governing board on 25 November 2015 and signed on its behalf, by:

FKJ Jackson
Chairman of Governors

Sir Kevin Satchwell
Accounting Officer

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As Accounting Officer of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited I have considered my responsibility to notify the Charitable Company governing board and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Charitable Company and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook (2014).

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

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

Sir Kevin Satchwell
Accounting Officer

Date: 25 November 2015

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GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

The Governors (who act as governors of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' report, including the Strategic Report, and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

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

Approved by order of the governing board on 25 November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

FKJ Jackson
Chairman of Governors

TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited for the year ended 31 August 2015 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

This report is made solely to the 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 Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charitable Company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF GOVERNORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement, the Governors (who are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

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

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED

OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

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

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

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

Helen Drew (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Statutory Auditor

Black Country House
Rounds Green Road
Oldbury
West Midlands
B69 2DG
Date:

TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED
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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 1 September 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Telford City Technology College Trust Limited during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Telford City Technology College Trust Limited's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated April 1997, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2014, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

APPROACH

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the EFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

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

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

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

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes a review of the design and implementation of the Charitable Company's internal controls and review processes on regularity, supported by detailed tests on samples of costs incurred by the Charitable Company and specific transactions identified from our review.

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INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED AND THE EDUCATION FUNDING AGENCY (continued)

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP

Statutory Auditor

Black Country House
Rounds Green Road
Oldbury
West Midlands
B69 2DG

Date:

TELFORD CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE TRUST LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including an income and expenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated</i> <i>Total</i> <i>funds</i> <i>2014</i> <i>£</i>
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Voluntary income	3	-	10,200	-	10,200	10,000
Investment income	4	269,404	-	-	269,404	277,830
Incoming resources from charitable activities	5	1,714,511	8,424,353	28,795	10,167,659	10,148,711
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		1,983,915	8,434,553	28,795	10,447,263	10,436,541
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Costs of generating funds:						
Investment management expenses	6	(12,712)	-	-	(12,712)	40,963
Charitable activities		979,980	8,083,261	592,377	9,655,618	9,553,380
Governance costs	12	-	63,980	-	63,980	65,746
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	7	967,268	8,147,241	592,377	9,706,886	9,660,089
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS		1,016,647	287,312	(563,582)	740,377	776,452

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Including an income and expenditure account and statement of total recognised gains and losses)
(continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	As restated Total funds 2014 £
Transfers between Funds	23	-	(468,005)	468,005	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES BEFORE REVALUATIONS		1,016,647	(180,693)	(95,577)	740,377	776,452
Gains and (losses) on revaluations of investment assets	19	(371,008)	-	-	(371,008)	267,899
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		645,639	(180,693)	(95,577)	369,369	1,044,351
<i>Total funds at 1 September 2014</i>		<i>8,543,913</i>	<i>1,648,032</i>	<i>10,483,058</i>	<i>20,675,003</i>	<i>19,630,652</i>
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2015		9,189,552	1,467,339	10,387,481	21,044,372	20,675,003

All activities relate to continuing operations.

A statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as all gains and losses are included in the Statement of Financial Activities

The notes on pages 26 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	2015		2014	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	18		10,387,481		10,483,058
Investments	19		9,473,948		9,571,392
			<u>19,861,429</u>		<u>20,054,450</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	20	149,252		184,815	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,253,775		1,882,182	
			<u>2,403,027</u>		<u>2,066,997</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	21	(1,220,084)		(1,446,444)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,182,943</u>		<u>620,553</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>21,044,372</u>		<u>20,675,003</u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	23	1,467,339		1,648,032	
Restricted fixed asset funds	23	10,387,481		10,483,058	
Total restricted funds			<u>11,854,820</u>		<u>12,131,090</u>
Unrestricted funds	23		9,189,552		8,543,913
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>21,044,372</u>		<u>20,675,003</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Governors, and authorised for issue, on 25 November 2015 and are signed on their behalf, by:

FKJ Jackson
Chairman of Governors

The notes on pages 26 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	25	955,850	1,358,710
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	26	269,404	277,830
Capital expenditure and financial investment	26	(637,091)	(2,356,092)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH IN THE YEAR		588,163	(719,552)

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year	588,163	(719,552)
MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS IN THE YEAR	588,163	(719,552)
Net funds at 1 September 2014	2,054,388	2,773,940
NET FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST 2015	2,642,551	2,054,388

The notes on pages 26 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in March 2005, the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the EFA, applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Company status

The Charitable Company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the Charitable Company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the Charitable Company.

1.3 Fund accounting

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

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

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received and include grants from the DfE / EFA.

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

1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charitable Company has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

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

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

Sponsorship income provided to the Charitable Company which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where there is certainty of receipt and it is measurable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

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

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

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

1.5 Resources expended

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

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

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

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

1.6 Going concern

The Charitable Company has cash resources and has no requirement for external funding. The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Charitable Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. They continue to believe the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. The related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and are carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on such assets is charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities so as to reduce the fund over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the Charitable Company's depreciation policy.

A review of 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.

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

Long leasehold site	-	125 years
Buildings	-	50 years
All weather pitch	-	10 years
Motor vehicles	-	4 years
Fixtures and fittings	-	7 years
Computer equipment	-	4 years

1.8 Investments

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

1.9 Operating leases

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

1.10 Taxation

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.11 Pensions

Retirement benefits to employees of the Charitable Company are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS"), the Thomas Telford School Group Pension Plan and the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST").

The Thomas Telford School Group Pension Plan is a defined contribution scheme and the pension costs for the scheme represent the contributions payable by the Charitable Company in the year.

1.12 Recognition of liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when either a constructive or legal obligation exists.

1.13 Agency arrangements

The school acts as an agent in distributing bursary funds and grants from the EFA and other government bodies. Payments received and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the school does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. In some instances the school can use a proportion of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the statement of financial activities. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 22.

2. GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the Charitable Company was subject to limits at 31 August 2015 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 Charitable Company has not exceeded these limits during the year ended 31 August 2015.

3. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
The Mercers' Company	-	10,200	10,200	10,000

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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
Investment income	266,283	-	266,283	274,832
Bank interest receivable	3,121	-	3,121	2,998
	<u>269,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269,404</u>	<u>277,830</u>

5. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated Total funds 2014 £</i>
Provision of education	119,333	8,453,148	8,572,481	8,629,514
Catering income	407,966	-	407,966	392,281
Teacher training programme	1,015,035	-	1,015,035	1,077,574
Other incoming resources	172,177	-	172,177	49,342
	<u>1,714,511</u>	<u>8,453,148</u>	<u>10,167,659</u>	<u>10,148,711</u>

FUNDING FOR CHARITABLE COMPANY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
Grant revenue				
Capital grants	-	28,795	28,795	50,897
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	8,256,130	8,256,130	8,307,333
Other EFA grants	-	145,742	145,742	95,524
Local authority grants	-	22,481	22,481	33,358
Other	119,333	-	119,333	142,402
	<u>119,333</u>	<u>8,453,148</u>	<u>8,572,481</u>	<u>8,629,514</u>

6. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total funds 2014 £</i>
Investment management costs	(12,712)	-	(12,712)	40,963
	<u>(12,712)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,712)</u>	<u>40,963</u>

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7. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs	Depreciation	Other costs	Total	<i>Total</i>
	2015 £	2015 £	2015 £	2015 £	2014 £
Investment management costs	-	-	(12,712)	(12,712)	40,963
	-	-	(12,712)	(12,712)	40,963
Provision of education	4,591,469	443,109	1,860,685	6,895,263	6,836,494
Other activities	167,854	3,003	692,793	863,650	919,680
Support costs	1,287,756	145,266	463,683	1,896,705	1,797,206
Charitable activities	6,047,079	591,378	3,017,161	9,655,618	9,553,380
Governance	50,630	-	13,350	63,980	65,746
	6,097,709	591,378	3,017,799	9,706,886	9,660,089

The comparative figures for notes 7 to 11 have been restated to retain comparability between Direct and Support costs when compared to the current year analysis.

Included within resources expended are the following transactions. Individual transactions exceeding £5,000 are identified separately:

	Total £	Individual items above £5,000 Amount £	Reason
Gifts made by the Charitable Company	125,000	125,000	Sponsorship paid to Bulwell Academy

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8. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

SUMMARY BY FUND TYPE

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>As restated Total funds 2014 £</i>
Provision of education	119,333	8,672,635	8,791,968	8,633,700
Other activities	860,647	3,003	863,650	919,680
	<u>979,980</u>	<u>8,675,638</u>	<u>9,655,618</u>	<u>9,553,380</u>

9. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2015 £	Support costs 2015 £	Total 2015 £	<i>As restated Total 2014 £</i>
Provision of education	6,895,263	1,896,705	8,791,968	8,633,700
Other activities	863,650	-	863,650	919,680
Total	<u>7,758,913</u>	<u>1,896,705</u>	<u>9,655,618</u>	<u>9,553,380</u>

10. DIRECT COSTS

	Provision of education £	Other activities £	Total 2015 £	<i>As restated Total 2014 £</i>
Educational supplies and services	1,463,990	443,749	1,907,739	2,074,751
Catering costs	-	249,044	249,044	235,986
Occupancy	396,695	-	396,695	383,323
Wages and salaries	4,591,469	167,854	4,759,323	4,650,104
Depreciation	443,109	3,003	446,112	412,010
	<u>6,895,263</u>	<u>863,650</u>	<u>7,758,913</u>	<u>7,756,174</u>

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11. SUPPORT COSTS

	Provision of education £	Total 2015 £	<i>As restated</i> Total 2014 £
Occupancy Costs	130,050	130,050	139,556
Supplies and services	208,633	208,633	238,931
Donations to sponsored academies	125,000	125,000	-
Wages and salaries	1,287,756	1,287,756	1,268,719
Depreciation	145,266	145,266	150,000
	<u>1,896,705</u>	<u>1,896,705</u>	<u>1,797,206</u>

12. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	<i>Total</i> <i>funds</i> 2014 £
Auditor's remuneration	-	13,350	13,350	12,450
Staff costs	-	50,630	50,630	53,296
	<u>-</u>	<u>63,980</u>	<u>63,980</u>	<u>65,746</u>

13. NET INCOMING RESOURCES

This is stated after charging:

	2015 £	2014 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the charity	591,378	562,010
Operating leases - Plant & machinery	10,413	13,695
	<u>601,791</u>	<u>575,705</u>

14. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

	2015 £	2014 £
Fees payable to the Charitable Company's auditor for the audit of the annual accounts.	12,550	10,375
Fees payable to the Charitable Company's auditor in respect of: All other non-audit services not included above	800	6,425
	<u>13,350</u>	<u>16,800</u>

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15. STAFF

a. Staff costs

Staff costs were as follows:

	2015 £	2014 £
Wages and salaries	5,145,133	5,038,057
Social security costs	417,719	415,062
Other pension costs	534,857	519,000
	<u>6,097,709</u>	<u>5,972,119</u>

b. Staff severance payments

Included in staff costs is a non-statutory/non-contractual severance payment totalling £20,000 (2014: NIL)

c. Staff numbers

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

	2015 No.	2014 No.
Administration and support	58	64
Teachers	104	99
	<u>162</u>	<u>163</u>

d. Higher paid staff

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

	2015 No.	2014 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	7	4
In the band £130,001 - £140,000	1	1
In the band £160,001 - £170,000	1	1
In the band £260,001 - £270,000	1	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

Eight (2014: Five) of the higher paid employees participated in the Teacher's Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2015, pension contributions for these staff amounted to £81,078 (2014: £63,095). Two (2014: Two) of the higher paid employees participated in the Thomas Telford School Group Pension Plan and pension contributions for these staff amounted to £30,129 (2014: £29,831).

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15. STAFF (continued)

Two of the above employees included in the bandings also work for two other academies for which the school receives reimbursement.

One other employee undertakes a wider role in relation to a group of Academies and an executive role in relation to major projects and teacher training for which the school also receives reimbursement.

16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - GOVERNORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

During the year, no Governors received any remuneration (2014 - £NIL).

During the year, Governors received reimbursement of expenses totalling £1,218 (2014 - £704).

17. GOVERNORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Charitable Company has purchased insurance to protect Governors and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on school business. The cost for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £1,540 (2014 - £1,593).

The cost of this insurance is included in the total insurance cost.

18. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	L/Term Leasehold Property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 September 2014	15,464,445	1,342,057	2,062,567	173,090	19,042,159
Additions	158,691	187,444	150,665	-	496,800
Disposals	-	(43,356)	(190,107)	-	(233,463)
At 31 August 2015	<u>15,623,136</u>	<u>1,486,145</u>	<u>2,023,125</u>	<u>173,090</u>	<u>19,305,496</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 September 2014	5,450,082	1,126,372	1,873,147	109,500	8,559,101
Charge for the year	374,306	55,476	128,103	33,493	591,378
On disposals	-	(43,356)	(189,108)	-	(232,464)
At 31 August 2015	<u>5,824,388</u>	<u>1,138,492</u>	<u>1,812,142</u>	<u>142,993</u>	<u>8,918,015</u>
Net book value					
At 31 August 2015	<u><u>9,798,748</u></u>	<u><u>347,653</u></u>	<u><u>210,983</u></u>	<u><u>30,097</u></u>	<u><u>10,387,481</u></u>
At 31 August 2014	<u><u>10,014,363</u></u>	<u><u>215,685</u></u>	<u><u>189,420</u></u>	<u><u>63,590</u></u>	<u><u>10,483,058</u></u>

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19. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investment portfolio £	Cash awaiting reinvestment £	Shares in group undertakings £	Total £
Market value				
At 1 September 2014	9,399,184	172,206	2	9,571,392
Additions	8,721,813	(8,721,813)	-	-
Disposals	(8,664,819)	8,664,819	-	-
Investment income received	-	262,612	-	262,612
Unrealised loss on investments	(1,003,201)	-	-	(1,003,201)
Investment managers' fees	-	10,952	-	10,952
Realised gain on disposal	632,193	-	-	632,193
	<u>9,085,170</u>	<u>388,776</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9,473,948</u>
At 31 August 2015	<u>9,085,170</u>	<u>388,776</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9,473,948</u>

Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the company:

Name	Holding
Thomas Telford School Online Limited	100%

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 August 2015 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the subsidiary undertaking were as follows:

Name	Aggregate of share capital and reserves £	Profit/(loss) £
Thomas Telford School Online Limited	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

Investments at market value comprise:

	2015 £	2014 £
Listed investments on the London Stock Exchange and other managed funds	2,049,431	2,605,652
Fixed interest investments	7,035,739	6,793,532
Cash awaiting reinvestment	388,776	172,206
Subsidiary undertaking	2	2
Total market value	<u>9,473,948</u>	<u>9,571,392</u>

Title to all the fixed asset investments is held in the UK.

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20. DEBTORS

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	15,670	8,339
VAT recoverable	95,283	143,544
Prepayments and accrued income	38,299	32,932
	149,252	184,815

**21. CREDITORS:
Amounts falling due within one year**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade creditors	42,880	263,480
Other taxation and social security	118,691	116,472
Capital creditors	-	112,092
Other creditors	129,609	64,035
Accruals and deferred income	928,904	890,365
	1,220,084	1,446,444

Deferred income

		£
Deferred income at 1 September 2014		99,210
Resources deferred during the year		76,035
Amounts released from previous years		(99,210)
		76,035

Deferred income relates to monies received for trips and other activities relating to the next academic year, and which were received in advance of entitlement.

22. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The school distributes bursary funds to students as an agent for the EFA. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2015 the trust received £29,493 and disbursed £27,195 from the fund. An amount of £6,241 is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds.

The school distributes PGCE training bursaries to students as an agent for the NCTL. In the accounting period ending 31 August 2015 the trust received £121,400 and disbursed £121,400 from the fund. An amount of £Nil is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that is repayable to the NCTL.

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23. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Brought Forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds	8,543,913	1,983,915	(967,268)	-	(371,008)	9,189,552
Restricted funds						
General Annual Grant	-	8,256,130	(7,968,818)	-	-	287,312
Other government grants	1,648,032	145,742	(145,742)	(468,005)	-	1,180,027
Local authority grants	-	22,481	(22,481)	-	-	-
Other	-	10,200	(10,200)	-	-	-
	<u>1,648,032</u>	<u>8,434,553</u>	<u>(8,147,241)</u>	<u>(468,005)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,467,339</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds						
EFA Capital grants	7,456,597	28,795	(271,443)	-	-	7,213,949
Capital expenditure from GAG	1,464,737	-	(82,609)	468,005	-	1,850,133
Private sector	1,561,724	-	(238,325)	-	-	1,323,399
	<u>10,483,058</u>	<u>28,795</u>	<u>(592,377)</u>	<u>468,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,387,481</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>12,131,090</u>	<u>8,463,348</u>	<u>(8,739,618)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,854,820</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>20,675,003</u></u>	<u><u>10,447,263</u></u>	<u><u>(9,706,886)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>(371,008)</u></u>	<u><u>21,044,372</u></u>

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

The restricted fixed asset funds are provided by the Government and the private sector for specific capital projects. Such funds continue to be treated as restricted due to ongoing restrictions imposed by the DfE and sponsors over the use or disposal of the related assets.

Transfers represent expenditure on fixed assets from other government grants.

Unrestricted funds are available to be spent at the discretion of the Governors.

The restricted income fund relates to Government funding for the provision of education by the Charitable Company. Funding is repayable if the Charitable Company does not meet all of the funding requirements.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Charitable Company was subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2015. Note 2 discloses whether the limit was exceeded.

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24. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2015 £	Restricted funds 2015 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2015 £	Total funds 2015 £	Total funds 2014 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	10,387,481	10,387,481	10,483,058
Fixed asset investments	9,189,552	284,396	-	9,473,948	9,571,392
Current assets	-	2,403,027	-	2,403,027	2,066,997
Creditors due within one year	-	(1,220,084)	-	(1,220,084)	(1,446,444)
	<u>9,189,552</u>	<u>1,467,339</u>	<u>10,387,481</u>	<u>21,044,372</u>	<u>20,675,003</u>

25. NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2015 £	2014 £
Net incoming resources before revaluations	740,377	776,452
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	(269,404)	(277,830)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	592,377	562,010
Capital grants from EFA	(28,795)	(50,897)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	35,563	(38,970)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(114,268)	387,945
Net cash inflow from operations	<u>955,850</u>	<u>1,358,710</u>

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	3,121	2,998
Income from investments	266,283	274,832
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	<u>269,404</u>	<u>277,830</u>

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(608,892)	(692,346)
Purchase of investments	(8,721,813)	(2,862,683)
Sale of investments	8,664,819	1,148,040
Capital grants from EFA	28,795	50,897
	(637,091)	(2,356,092)
Net cash outflow capital expenditure	(637,091)	(2,356,092)

27. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	1 September 2014 £	Cash flow £	Other non-cash changes £	31 August 2015 £
Cash at bank and in hand:	1,882,182	371,593	-	2,253,775
Cash awaiting investment	172,206	216,570	-	388,776
	2,054,388	588,163	-	2,642,551
Net funds	2,054,388	588,163	-	2,642,551

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Charitable Company's employees belong to one of three principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for its teaching staff; and the Thomas Telford School Group Pension Plan with Scottish Equitable, or the National Employment Savings Trust ("NEST") for its non-teaching staff. The two last referred to are defined contribution schemes.

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

Contributions amounting to £65,574 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2015 (2014 - Nil) and are included within creditors.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

Not less than every five years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%)
- total scheme liabilities (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%

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28. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.48% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2016, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £778,864 (2014: £751,591)

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

Under the definitions set out in Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 17) Retirement Benefits, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The school has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The school has set out above the information available on the scheme.

29. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

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

	2015 £	2014 £
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	9,318	-
Between 2 and 5 years	6,978	13,695
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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30. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

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

MG Dudgeon OBE DL, Dr CM Ounsted and DC Walker-Arnott CBE are members of The Mercers' Company which provided sponsorship of £10,200 (2014: £10,000) to the Charitable Company in the year. There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

During the year the Charitable Company recharged staff costs totalling £54,091 to Sandwell Academy Trust Limited. There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

During the year the Charitable Company paid £36,800 to Sandwell Academy Trust Limited in respect of teacher training services. There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

Sandwell Academy Trust Limited is sponsored by the Charitable Company.

During the year the Charitable Company recharged staff costs totalling £151,081 to Madeley Academy Trust Limited. It also paid other invoiced costs totalling £1,822 to Madeley Academy Trust Limited. There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

Madeley Academy Trust Limited is sponsored by the Charitable Company.

During the year the Charitable Company recharged staff costs totalling £20,717 to Bulwell Academy Trust Limited. A balance of £6,180 was outstanding at the balance sheet date and is included in trade debtors.

During the year the Charitable Company made a donation of £125,000 to Bulwell Academy Trust Limited. There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

Bulwell Academy Trust Limited is sponsored by the Charitable Company.

During the year the Charitable Company recharged Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks, clerking services and H.R. services to Walsall City Academy Trust totalling £14,993. A balance of £6,532 was outstanding at the balance sheet date and is included in trade debtors.

During the year the Charitable Company paid £20,800 to Walsall City Academy Trust in respect of teacher training services. There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

Walsall City Academy Trust is sponsored by the Charitable Company.

In entering into the above transactions the school complied with the requirements of the EFA's Academies Financial Handbook.

The Charitable Company has ensured that none of the related parties participated in any decision making when deciding on whether to enter into the above transactions.