



MICHAEL HALL SCHOOL

**Trustees Report
and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 July 2024**

Registered Charity Number 307006

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustee

The sole trustee of the charity is a company limited by guarantee, Michael Hall School Limited, company number 539034. The directors of this company are the Council of Trustees of the charity for charity law purposes and are set out below:

W Forward	(Teacher, Chair to 01/09/23)	(resigned 1 September 2023)
J Angus	(Parent)	(appointed 27 May 2022)
J Durrant	(Independent)	(appointed 11 March 2024)
J Harrison	(Parent)	(appointed 1 September 2023)
M Hindler	(Independent)	(resigned 1 September 2023)
D Jones	(Teacher)	(appointed 1 September 2023)
L Lines	(Independent)	(resigned 1 September 2023)
E Maslen	(Parent)	(resigned 31 August 2023)
T Michaels	(Parent)	(appointed 23 November 2020)
R Moore	(Independent)	(appointed 1 September 2023)
T Souleiman	(Parent)	(appointed 9 December 2019)
E Tilezhinskii	(Parent)	(appointed 1 September 2023)
G Bog	(Grandparent)	(resigned 1 December 2023)
E De Carlo Davies	(Grandparent)	(resigned 1 December 2023)
K Whitby	(Retired)	(resigned 1 December 2023)
J Hulbert	(Self Employed)	(appointed 25 March 2025)

The Association members are the guarantors of the trustee company and hold the right to appoint or remove members of the Council of Trustees. No person may be appointed as a member unless they are an Association member.

Management

The trustees delegate the day to day management of the school to committees comprised of members of staff.

Key management personnel (throughout year to end of academic year 2022/23 unless stated otherwise)

S Stokes	Principal (to August 2024)
E Hawker	Acting Principal (to August 2022) Director of Studies (from September 2022)
J Courtenay	Assistant Principal and Lower School Assistant Principal
R Ford-Blanchard	Assistant Principal (from September 2022) and Early Years Childhood Lead
M Devaris	Upper School Assistant Principal
C Parker	Designated Safeguarding Lead
J Phillips	SENDCO (to December 2023)
C Martin	Inclusion Coordinator (from January 2024)
C Lennon	Business Manager (to September 2023)
R Michael	Head of People and Culture (from September 2023)
C Fullbrook	Head of Finance (from October 2023)
T Sowter	Head of Operations (from May 2024)

Principal office

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

The Board of Directors of Michael Hall School Limited, as the Trustee of Michael Hall School have pleasure in presenting the annual report for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011, together with the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024. The Directors have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

1.1 Context

Michael Hall School is a registered charity constituted as an unincorporated association under a Trust deed dated 21 January 1925 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Trust company dated 25 September 1954 as revised. The company was established to act as a trustee of the Michael Hall School Trust, a charitable trust that operates a school in Forest Row, East Sussex. The purpose of the Trust is to provide for, and conduct, the education of children in accordance with the principles and methods of Rudolf Steiner. The sole trustee of Michael Hall School for the purposes of charity law is Michael Hall School Limited.

Michael Hall School Limited is controlled by its Board of Directors whose members are appointed or removed by Association of Company Members. The Board of Directors are known as the "Council of Trustees". The Directors are referred to as "Trustees" and hold portfolio responsibilities that map onto the school's priorities and refer to the Ofsted Inspection Framework that came into effect in May 2019. As an independent school, the School also adheres to the Independent School Standards (ISS).

All Trustees are selected based on the contribution that they will make to the governance of the organisation and their relevant knowledge, skills and experiences. They are supported with copies of the Charity Commission's guidance to Trustees and introduced to the activities of the charity by the existing Board and School's senior staff. New Trustees are inducted through a process which incorporates training in various relevant areas including Health and Safety, Safer Recruitment, Safeguarding and Child Protection.

Trustees are provided with training as and when required and there is an annual training plan for Trustees which sits alongside the School Improvement Plan (SIP). A comprehensive schedule of monitoring visits enables Trustees to hold leaders to greater account for all strategic development and post-Ofsted priorities.

The setting of pay and remuneration is completed by the Trustees with reference to publicised pay scales and benchmarked against similar roles in comparable organisations.

1.2 Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the significant risks to which the charity is exposed.

1.3 Ofsted and ISS Inspections

In October 2024, Ofsted conducted a full Section 5 inspection including an assessment of the School's performance against the Independent Schools Standards (ISS) and found the School to be rated "Good" in all areas of:

- The quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- Leadership and management
- Early years provision
- Sixth-form provision

The ISS standards were met at this inspection. The five Key Performance indicators for this year were therefore achieved but will now require maintenance.

The Principal left due to ill health in August 2024 and an experienced Acting Principal deployed in her place (who was in post at the time of the October 2024 inspection) while a robust recruitment process was undertaken to employ a

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highly skilled replacement Principal. This replacement has now been recruited and is being inducted with a thorough induction schedule put in place by Waldorf UK and the Trustees.

The School continues to work with a comprehensive School Improvement Plan (SIP) which was shared with Ofsted during the October 2024 inspection and approved by Waldorf UK and Trustees. The plan is updated regularly and used to hold leaders rigorously to account for progress against the strategic priorities.

The School continues to work closely with Waldorf UK (formerly the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship), and relationships between Ofsted and Waldorf UK have seen significant improvements in the outcomes of other Steiner Waldorf organisations' recent Ofsted inspections. The School's relationship with Waldorf UK is strong, and the two organisations move together in partnership.

Waldorf UK continue to offer training to all staff, support to Senior Leaders and training to Ofsted in line with Steiner Waldorf education. This alignment is anticipated to continue having a positive effect on Ofsted inspections for all schools within the UK Movement.

1.4 School Leadership

The school has restructured its leadership team (SLT) into both Educational (ELT) and Business (BLT) leadership teams. The educational team comprises of the Heads of Schools, INCO and DSL. The business team are held by the Head of Finance, Head of People and Culture and the Head of Operations. The Principal heads both teams.

Unfortunately, the Principal stepped down late in the school year with the INCO choosing to leave the school in the last academic year. We plan to recruit a new Principal (as described above) and INCO over the coming 24/25 school year, whilst being held by an Acting Principal in the short term.

1.5 School Reputation

The Trustees are mindful that now the school has achieved a good Ofsted rating that the momentum of positive reputation continues. We must work hard to bring new families to the community and communicate all that a Waldorf education has to offer as well as to retain our existing families. The School enters its 100th year in 2025 and plans are in place to celebrate this milestone with both the staff, parent, pupil body of past and present. The school continues to have a positive presence on social media platforms as well as a new radio campaign. Access to the children's learning, festivals and all other aspects of school life are promoted widely and this offers us a strong basis for marketing and promoting the School in a variety of ways. We continue to monitor these sites for any negative comments or feedback from individual parents, and approach these parents directly to see if we can help to resolve their issue. whilst also ensuring that comments remain in adherence to our values and Parent Code of Conduct.

1.6 Promotion of the School

Our new school website presents the School in a fresh, modern light, while still firmly grounded in Steiner principles of education and Anthroposophy. This includes a fundraising page and a donate button, making it easier for interested parties to donate to the School. Online ticketing has been introduced which has increased ticket sales for the School's events. Our newsletter on the website also includes a paid advertising section for the community.

The school is also raising its social media presence and a plan for a radio campaign to begin in Autumn 2025 to get the Michael Hall name to a wider audience and promote the school over as many channels as possible.

1.7 Finances

Other risks that Trustees carefully monitor relate to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances. The Trustees closely monitor reserve levels, ensure controls exist over critical financial systems, and examine the operational and business risks faced by the charity. A comprehensive strategic plan for the business has been agreed, which sets out a range of desirable reinvestment opportunities for growing the fabric of the school and improving its offering and commercial performance to ensure an upturn in the organisation's financial security.

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Following the general election on the 4th July 2024 the government announced plans to remove the VAT exemption from private school fees which in effect is a cost that has needed to be passed on to parents in full. The government also announced plans for schools who are charities to lose the benefit of the 80% business rate relief they have previously received from 1st April 2025.

The governments indications were the VAT exemption was to be brought into effect from September 2025, however, this has now been brought forward to January 2025 following the budget in October 2025 giving the school little time to plan and implement this change.

Debt from unpaid fees continues on the downward trajectory as payment plans come to an end and a stringent credit control policy remains in place with cash collection over 97% of fees outstanding and parents who have not paid fees being issued a warning to make a significant payment or notice issued to these parents.

The school offers an extensive fee assistance programme, based on a means-tested method, and during the course of the 2023-24 academic year, 35 families have benefitted from this. 42 families have been granted fee assistance for the 2024/25 school year. As one of the many initiatives to ensure the school's business model is redeveloped with sustainability in mind, the fee assistance programme has been thoroughly reviewed and redesigned and is now fixed at 30% maximum allowance. A further review is planned for the year 2025/26 to ensure the process remains current and sustainable.

An allocation of 5% of gross fee income remains in place has been set as a maximum fee assistance budget which distributed to families on a means tested basis on an objective basis and assessed with the support of a third-party company, under a new clear Fee Assistance Policy. The policy has also reduced the extent of individual fee assistance offered from 60% in 2021/22 to 45% in 2022/23 and was reduced further to the current level of 30% in 2023/24 to ensure the programme offers a wider range of assistance as possible but within the more sustainable parameters established.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity's principal objective is to provide for and conduct the education of children in accordance with Steiner Waldorf educational principles.

It pursues this objective by the administering of Michael Hall School at its premises in Forest Row, East Sussex. In doing so it provides education to and attends to the welfare of children in the school, whilst maintaining and improving the school's premises and grounds.

In determining how best to pursue this objective, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Early Childhood has now been split into 2 areas. Our 'Saplings' provision for 2-3 year olds opened in September 2023 and our existing Kindergarten will now have a provision for 4-6 year olds. This has enabled the School to offer an education to children from 2 years through to 18. There are also plans to open a Forest Kindergarten in September 2025.

Fees continue to represent over 90% of the charity's income. Fees continue to be the main driver of income, and our Marketing and Admissions Manager is addressing the needs of the school further by boosting pupil numbers and beginning to market the school to its full potential as well as boost our connections with the alumni body.

Taking its inspiration from Rudolph Steiner, the School's curriculum is delivered with age-appropriate awareness, which takes into account the cognitive and emotional stages of child development. The aim of the school is through a holistic education, providing the students with skills and a passion for lifelong learning that promotes confidence and

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encourages well rounded, creative and practical individuals. Alongside traditional GCSE and A level qualifications, the education is delivered through an extremely diverse Steiner Waldorf curriculum portfolio.

The objective is further secured through:

- An expectation of exceptional teaching and learning, within the Steiner Waldorf tradition, that celebrates diversity and promotes inclusivity;
- Regular opportunities for collaborative, high quality CPD to ensure consistent and best practice;
- The promotion of the highest standards of behaviour, achieved through clear expectations and positive relationships within the school community;
- The unique character of the School;
- Shared whole School values of dignity, respect, celebration and ambition for all;
- The School as a hub for its local community and families;
- Networking within the wider Steiner Waldorf community through forging strong links with Waldorf UK and other Schools within the Movement

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

3.1 Context

The annual programme of cultural events, festivals, trips and residential has enriched the curriculum for children of all ages. Immersive learning experiences are evident in abundance and colleagues' creative approaches to delivering the curriculum are a source of inspiration.

3.2.a GCSE Results July 2024

Exams Results GCSEs - 2024

SUBJECT	No. of students	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	% Pass (4-9)
FINE ART	22	5	8	5		2			2		91%
ENGLISH LANGUAGE	40	1	6	4	7	11	7	4			90%
MATHEMATICS	40		6	6	6	11	6	5			88%
SCIENCE	78	12	13	16	16	13	4	4			95%
FRENCH	2	1	1								100%
GERMAN	12	1	2	1	7	1					100%
SPANISH	7	1		1		1	2	2			71%
HISTORY	25		2	3	9	7		3		1	84%
GEOGRAPHY	19		2	3	5	7	1	1			95%
FURTHER MATHS	5	3		1			1				100%
TOTALS	250	24	40	40	50	53	21	19	2	1	91%

STATISTICS

Grades 7-9	42%
Grades 4-9	91%

Other Qualifications

SUBJECT	No. of students	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	0	0	% Pass (4-9)
FURTHER MATHS L2	4		2	2							100%

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3.2.b A-Level Results July 2024

Exams Results A - Levels - 2024

SUBJECT	No. of students	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	% A* - C
BIOLOGY	1					1			0%
CHEMISTRY	2	1		1					100%
GEOGRAPHY	5		1	1	1		1	1	60%
MATHEMATICS	4			2	1	1			75%
PHOTOGRAPHY	12	3	1	7	1				100%
PHYSICS	4			2	1	1			75%
PSYCHOLOGY	13		1	3	2	1	3	3	46%
ENGLISH LITERATURE	5		4		1				100%
HISTORY	2			2					100%
ART & DESIGN FINE ART	5	3		1			1		80%
TOTALS	53	7	7	19	7	4	5	4	75%

STATISTICS	
Pupils gaining A* - A	26%
Pupils gaining A* - B	62%
Pupils gaining A* - C	75%
Overall pass rate	92%

Other Qualifications

SUBJECT	No. of students	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	% A* - C
EXTENDED PROJECTS	1		1						100%

Exam results in both GCSEs and A-Levels saw steady results similar to those in 2023. This demonstrates our ability to combine both the Steiner curriculum and achieve academic results.

3.3 Internal Progress and Attainment

Our systems for tracking and monitoring pupil progress and attainment for all internal year cohorts have improved significantly this year, since the arrival of the new School Principal. A programme of termly pupil progress meetings enable staff to feel confident that they are meeting the needs of every child in their care, with support from appropriate colleagues, such as senior school leaders and the learning support team.

Senior Leaders currently analyse the assessment data, to ensure that academic performance targets are accurate and that students remain on track. This work will continue to be delegated to core Subject Leads over the course of the next academic year as part of their continuing professional development in role.

There is a greater sense of accountability and autonomy for the progress data that is being produced and this programme will continue to be developed across the School in greater depth next year.

3.4 Staff Numbers

Staff numbers have remained stable through the course of the year which shows robust recruitment. The resignations that have been made have not all been replaced in a like for like role. There has been consideration regarding redeployment of existing staff and amalgamating roles, therefore reducing cost. There are no plans for a significant increase in staff numbers at present.

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3.5 Pupil Numbers

Pupil numbers continued to grow during the 23/24 school year. Projections for the following academic were initially looking to continue that growing trend, however, the late VAT announcement in the middle of summer did mean a slight drop in numbers predicted. Whilst the full extent of the impact of this change in legislation on our parent body cannot be known at this time, as news of VAT settles we currently expect a further softening of our numbers with a drop of around 10% in pupil numbers potentially indicated. The Trustees and SLT continue to consider the impact of this on the schools' finances and what mitigating action might be appropriate to best align to those changes.

Open days have been streamlined to represent each area of the school and has been a huge success. This is evident in the record number of attendees, contributing to a substantial conversion rate within the past year. Interestingly despite VAT the interest in the school is still there and hunger from other Waldorf and International schools remains.

The school has initiated weekly tours, providing prospective families with regular opportunities to visit the School and gain insight on what Michael Hall has to offer.

The School's positive reputation is increasing, with a majority of new enquiries coming from word of mouth and via online searches. Efforts to enhance visibility through platforms such as Waldorf UK, various social media channels, and national press advertisements are contributing to this. A radio campaign has also been launched to broaden the scope of the Michael Hall name.

The website has been updated to include a fundraising page, an easy-to-use application form and online ticketing, which makes the customer experience better and the website easier to use.

Regular exit interviews with outgoing families continue to be carried out, with valuable information gathered and shared with the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and trustees. This aims to enhance efficiency, address any issues, and continually refine school processes.

3.6 Estate and Buildings

The Estates Manager and Interim School Business Manager continue to look into the rejuvenation of the school's buildings, and the longer-term strategic direction of the facilities and parkland grounds. A comprehensive plan of improvements and funding is being formulated in association with the Rural Payments Agency, Historic England, Natural England and the Forestry Commission, with an emphasis on two main aspects:

- Developing Educational opportunities in an increasing number of locations throughout the buildings and grounds;
- Protecting the listed buildings and parkland from inappropriate development, ensuring the longevity of the listed buildings and returning areas of the landscaped parkland to their original glory.

Relationships have been renewed with Table Hurst Farm, who are our tenant farmers, and throughout the local business and village community, which has helped to support many School events and continues to improve our standing within Forest Row. Community work-day projects hosted on-site have also increased awareness of the School to a wider market.

A comprehensive strategic business plan is in place to maximise the potential from the entire School site, which includes the following targeted elements:

- Property sales of the four ancillary residential dwellings are in the process of being sold. Whilst part of the expectation is to clear some historical debt from the sale of the assets a substantial amount of the realised sale income will directly be invested into the business, where a comprehensive development strategy will ensure maximum benefit from the sale.

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- Wedding licence renewed for 4 years from May 2023, the renewal includes for the first-time external wedding ceremony locations, allowing anyone to be married on our mansion terraces or under the colonnade. We already have a confirmed 2024 wedding and are increasing wedding let potentials for 2025.
- A robust 5-year plan is underway to increase letting potential across the site. Targets will include increasing the wedding let provision, Theatre use, wider ground management; as well as best utilising spaces during busy and quieter school production periods for external lets.
- Theatre development plan in place to improve facilities for school productions and increase potential lets. Plans include short term refurbishments and long-term building development; as well as comprehensive policies and processes to support increase of income.
- Lettings of all our facilities continue to increase pushed forward by the estate and lettings team. We have retained all our historical bookings of the gym and studio spaces, even with an increase in lettings fees. We have been able to increase our offering of lettings availability over the summer holidays and have incorporated external summer camps, performance companies and an international yoga retreat into our summer schedule.
- Planning process is underway for a number of relevant projects for the School's development, with two priority identified as specifically important: the refurbishment of the upper floors of the Clock House building and the building of a new stand-alone Craft block to re-home Woodwork, Handwork, Metalwork and Joinery into a modern, state of the art, purpose-built space.
- A comprehensive Site Development Plan has been implemented for building works over the next 15 years, including rebuilding, renewing and refurbishment work. These plans would not only increase and enhance the educational provision but also have major let potential.
- An asset management register is being completed to determine potential areas of income revenue in order to support the School and its development.
- Large Centenary plans are in place with a varied calendar of events for a wide target audience. Plans include public events, parent workshops, fundraisers that will ensure participation from students, staff, parents, alumni and further stakeholders, all to generate financial support towards the site development.
- Rebuilding plans for the School Kitchen to include a stronger relationship with the Market Garden onsite and local external food providers and incorporate into the education. Working closely with local businesses and schools to provide an anthroposophical provision.

To support these elements and our School community in general, fundraising opportunities are featured on our website and some of the projects to be considered are:

- Theatre auditorium rejuvenation and the creation of a new lobby and refreshment area, and toilet facilities, allowing us to host events comprehensively
- Library refurbishment
- Coffee/Refreshments catering trailer to increase income from events
- Creation of a woodland enterprise centre

A comprehensive Site Development Plan (SDP) for the next 1-3-5 years is now in place and is being used as a central planning document for all anticipated building projects, budget considerations and planning applications.

3.7 Public Benefit

The Trustees acknowledge the duty to have due regard to the Charity's Commission's published General and relevant sub sector guidance on public benefit. We have referred to this guide when reviewing our aims, strategy and in planning future activities. All activities undertaken by the School are for the public benefit.

3.8 Investments and performance

A lot of work has gone into looking into the investments the school owns via shares. Issues have remained around access to these funds given the historical nature and issues regarding permanent endowments limiting the school's ability to form an investment policy, however, as market conditions seem to be deteriorating we are aware that the

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value of these share has decreased over the past 12 months and we are looking at options to release the funds to invest back into the school.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year under review the school is reporting net movement on funds of £442,934 (2023: £150,578) inclusive of a gain on investments of £24,431 (2023 loss: £12,519) and a net credit on the movement of the pension deficit provision of £25,708 (2023 £75,283), giving an operating surplus of £392,795 (2023: £87,814).

As at 31 July 2024, the charity's total funds amounted to £6,969,058 (2023: £6,526,124) of which £1,019,563 (2023: £993,079) is held within endowment funds with a further £32,308 (2023: £32,308) restricted leaving unrestricted funds of £5,917,187 (2023: £5,500,737). Within unrestricted funds are designated amounts totalling £6,476,352 (2023: £6,240,005) with funds represented by fixed assets amounting to £7,187,356 and a pension deficit position of £826,000 and other designated funds of £114,995 giving an overall deficit reserves position of £559,164 (2023 reserves deficit: £739,268).

The Trustees consider that the charity should hold positive reserves equivalent to two months operating costs (estimated at £500,000) in order to ensure the ongoing delivery of its charitable objects during an unforeseen downturn in income. The Trustees recognise the school returned to operate a positive cashflow from operating activities of £258,176 (2023: £102,066) during the financial year. The significant increase in fees over the last couple of years should put the place in a stronger financial position. There is currently an additional need to accumulate reserves in order to provide for the future development of the charity's facilities and the Trustees estimate that a sum in excess of £1,400,000 will be freed from assets to form part of a detailed and carefully planned business rejuvenation strategy and to provide the funding support that the schools current operating performance requires during this turnaround. In making this statement the Trustees are particularly minded of the government policy changes implemented since the date of these Annual Accounts. In particular, the flexibility this additional source of capital may provide, without being unnecessarily dissipated, to implement any necessary changes to the organisation to respond to the financial challenges these pose and ensure the School continues to operate on a sustainable basis.

The school's principal funding source continues to be income generated by school fees. Expenditure continues to be on teaching and support costs for the provision of education to those pupils. Michael Hall School had investments in COIF unitised funds throughout the year.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS and GOING CONCERN

The Trustees of Michael Hall School have formally assessed the Charity as a going concern. Through information submitted by the School's Principal and Operational Heads, including Finance, HR, Admissions and Estates, Trustees have critically appraised the school's financial position and are satisfied that the school will remain financially operational for the coming 12 months.

Pupil numbers remain the largest driver of the school's finances, with numbers enjoying a period of stability in recent years. Whilst previously trending well towards our target (>450 pupils), the announcement of VAT in July 2024 has had an impact; however the school still expects a figure in excess of 410 in September 2024. The work done over the last financial year has resulted in a good Ofsted., Significant work has been undertaken to ensure spending is brought in line with the current pupil numbers. There have been numerous strategies undertaken to ensure that the 3-year budget is balanced against income from fees (even with worst case pupil numbers). These include:

- Credit control continues to be a strong point with over 97% of fees collected. Continued to be around this level for the rest of the 2023/24 school year. A robust zero tolerance is also being taken with older non-paying parents to address legacy issues in this respect with letters being issued for non-payment and termination of the educational contract should payments not be met and appropriate recovery action taken. A review of the current credit control policy will be refined to ensure it is current and relevant.
- School fees have been uplifted by the full 20% VAT during the Spring Term 2025, the current plan is to increase US fees by around 5% but freeze fees across the rest of the school in 2025/26. This follows an increase of 5-8% for the academic year 2023/24 and whilst these increases reflect the ending of the low inflationary economic environment, they also begin to recognise the comparably low fees charged by the

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school relative to other local fee-paying schools and the exceptional value that the school offers. Parents continue to be supportive of the need for such increases, and there has been minimal detrimental impact to pupil numbers as a result. There are also plans to invest into the offering in Upper School to show true value for money.

- Staff discount was reduced in September 2023 for new staff and has been reduced from 80% to 60%.
- A contingency plan is in place, should the pupil numbers not rise as expected, to reduce the size of the school and balance the income and costs to a sustainable long-term level. However, at present pupil numbers are stable and there is no need to restructure any part of the school. New exit interviews for key areas are planned to understand why we lose pupils at key points in the educational journey, such as GCSEs and A-Levels, to ensure we understand the reasons for any significant drop off at these points.
- The College of Teachers is considering the future of the Upper School curriculum to include possible accreditation for the Waldorf elements of our provision.
- A detailed development plan is now in place and will ensure the funds are carefully directed to development, whilst the operating budget will be drafted to balance without consideration of these additional funds.
- A programme to engage the alumni in financial support has been launched and will include endowment giving and regular donation options.
- Income from additional sources will be driven through lettings of the site and events such as Weddings and Theatre opportunities.

New catering provisions were explored during the current year without success and that resulted in a decision to implement an in-house model during the school year 2024/25 which has better met the needs of the school.

Historical debt has continued to decrease without the sale of the assets, which means more money available to re-invest back into the school. A comprehensive review to build a balanced budget for 2025-26 and beyond which incorporates the schools liabilities in full. The increased revenue from pupils and lettings currently forecast will allow us to re-invest these funds back into the school recognising the investment and maintenance obligations that the wonderful historic estate of Michael Hall requires. They will be accompanied by robust cost control measures as the Business Leadership Team maintains a tight control over the budget.

Current forecasts for September 2025 onwards are based on prudent financial benchmarking, while regular, detailed analysis of the fees and a balanced budget for 2025/26 demonstrate a more manageable cash-flow projection. Having reviewed the current financial data, Trustees are confident that predictions for financial improvements are sound, and are committed to developing a rigorous and comprehensive business plan to focus on marketing and retention to reach the target of 450 pupils on roll in the future. It is recognised that in order to underpin a healthy and resilient business model, the focus must be on pupil numbers and marketing, as well as clearing historic debt, to free up well earned cash and not a reliance on assets. Current plans anticipate a final, significant asset sale (over £1.4m) that can be carefully channelled into marketing, pupil retention and capitalising on the potential of the estate to broaden our sources of income.

The Resources Committee, followed by the Full Trustee Board, meet termly to scrutinise data submitted by school leaders which include the following data sets:

- Cash flow forecasts
- Pupil number predictions
- Principal and School Business Manger Reports
- HR report and staffing salary KPIs – Continual review of affordable staffing levels
- Budget updates
- Strategic plans
- Health and Safety audits
- Outcomes of Financial Working Group

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE

- Post Ofsted Action Plan (current strategic priority)
- School Improvement Plan
- Site Development Plan

Given the critical analysis of all the data provided, combined with the current strategic plans for the growth of the business, Trustees are confident that the school will remain operational and financially viable for the next 12 months

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustee and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

The charity's auditors, Blue Spire Limited, have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors to the charity. A resolution proposing Blue Spire Limited be reappointed will be put forward at the AGM of the charity.

07 May 2025

Approved by the Council on and signed on its behalf.

Natalie Michaels

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Trustee

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustee of Michael Hall School

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Michael Hall School (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2024, 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 Charities Act 2011.

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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the report of the trustee, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustee is responsible for the other information contained within the financial statements. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the trustee

As explained more fully in the trustee's responsibilities statement, the trustee is 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 trustee determines 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 trustee is responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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

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

Based on our understanding of the Charity and the sector in which it operates, we identified the principal laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements to be the Charities Act, Employment Act, Independent Schools Standards. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

In addition, the Charity is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. There is a limitation to areas most likely to have such an effect. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence if any.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the FRC's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance/auditor-s-responsibilities-for-the-audit-of-the-fi/description-of-the-auditor%E2%80%99s-responsibilities-for>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustee, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustee 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 charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Blue Spire limited

Blue Spire Limited, Statutory Auditor

Date 07 May 2025

Cawley Priory
South Pallant
Chichester
West Sussex
PO19 1SY

Blue Spire Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2024 Total Funds	2023 Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies	1	8,415	-	-	8,415	21,714
Other trading activities	2	148,341	-	-	148,341	151,504
Investments	3	10,407	-	-	10,407	10,045
Charitable activities	4	4,645,066	-	-	4,645,066	3,904,763
Total		<u>4,812,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,812,229</u>	<u>4,088,026</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds	5	33,190	-	-	33,190	34,882
Charitable activities	6	4,386,244	-	-	4,386,244	3,965,330
Total		<u>4,419,434</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,419,434</u>	<u>4,000,212</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(2,053)	-	26,484	24,431	(12,519)
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>390,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,484</u>	<u>417,226</u>	<u>75,295</u>
Transfers between funds	18	-	-	-	-	-
		<u>390,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,484</u>	<u>417,226</u>	<u>75,295</u>
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	16	25,708	-	-	25,708	75,283
Net movement in funds		<u>416,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,484</u>	<u>442,934</u>	<u>150,578</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward	18	5,500,737	32,308	993,079	6,526,124	6,375,546
Total funds carried forward	18	<u>5,917,187</u>	<u>32,308</u>	<u>1,019,563</u>	<u>6,969,058</u>	<u>6,526,124</u>

None of the charity's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	11	7,839,356		7,844,487	
Investments	12	<u>495,258</u>		<u>470,827</u>	
Total fixed assets			8,334,614		8,315,314
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	456,974		478,689	
Cash at hand and in bank		<u>446,707</u>		<u>279,811</u>	
Total current assets		903,681		758,500	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>1,138,810</u>		<u>1,061,547</u>	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			(235,129)		(303,047)
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>8,099,485</u>		<u>8,012,267</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(304,427)		(418,143)
Net assets/(liabilities) excluding pension asset/(liability)			<u>7,795,058</u>		<u>7,594,124</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme obligation	16		(826,000)		(1,068,000)
Total net assets			<u><u>6,969,058</u></u>		<u><u>6,526,124</u></u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Endowment funds	18		1,019,563		993,079
Restricted funds	18		32,308		32,308
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds	18	6,476,351		6,240,005	
General funds	18	<u>(559,164)</u>		<u>(739,268)</u>	
Total unrestricted funds			5,917,187		5,500,737
Total charity funds			<u><u>6,969,058</u></u>		<u><u>6,526,124</u></u>

The notes on pages 22 to 35 form part of the financial statements.

07 May 2025

The financial statements on pages 16 to 35 we approved and authorised for issue by the trustee on and signed on its behalf by:

Natalie Michaels

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Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Net cash flow from operating activities (see below)			258,176		102,066
Cash flow from investing activities					
Interest and dividends received		10,407		10,045	
Proceeds from sale of property		-		-	
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	11	-		-	
Net cash flow from investing activities			10,407		10,045
Cash flow from financing activities					
Receipts from issue of new loans		-		-	
Repayments of long term loans		(101,687)		(100,125)	
Net cash flow from investing activities			(101,687)		(100,125)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			166,896		11,986
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August 2023			279,811		267,825
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July 2024			<u>446,707</u>		<u>279,811</u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:					
Cash at bank and in hand	22		446,707		279,811
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July 2024			<u>446,707</u>		<u>279,811</u>
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities					
		2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
Net income for the year			442,934		150,578
Adjusted for:					
Interest and dividends		(10,407)		(10,045)	
Interest paid		-		-	
(Gains)/losses on investments		(24,431)		12,519	
(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-		-	
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets		5,131		5,934	
Decrease/(increase) in debtors		21,715		(186,485)	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors less than one year		65,234		413,565	
Increase/(decrease) in provisions for liabilities		(242,000)		(284,000)	
			(184,758)		(48,512)
			<u>258,176</u>		<u>102,066</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Scope and basis of the financial statements

Michael Hall School is an unincorporated charity governed by a trust deed. The address of the principal office is given in the reference and administrative details section and the nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are given in the trustees' report.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £ except where marked.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements and estimates. The key sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are that of the Mercury Provident Pension Scheme obligation. More information is provided in the pension scheme policy below and in note 24.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. At this point income is recognised. On occasion legacies will be notified to the charity however it is not possible to measure the amount expected to be distributed. On these occasions, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Income from grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent. Where it is not practicable to identify investment management costs incurred within a scheme with reasonable accuracy the investment income is reported net of these costs. It is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds includes staff and other costs of raising the charity's profile and investment management fees; and
- Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs of delivery the charity's objects together with support and governance costs.

Grants payable to third parties are within the charitable objectives. Where unconditional grants are offered, this is accrued as soon as the recipient is notified of the grant, as this gives rise to a reasonable expectation that the recipient will receive the grants. Where grants are conditional relating to performance then the grant is only accrued when any unfulfilled conditions are outside of the control of the charity.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Resources expended (continued)

Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

The analysis of these costs is included in notes 7 and 8.

Redundancy and termination payments

Termination payments are accounted for on an accruals basis, as above, and classified to the relevant category of expenditure.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the Charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined benefit plan. A liability for the charity's obligations under the plan is recognised net of plan assets. The net change in the net defined benefit liability is recognised as the cost of the defined benefit plan during the period. Pension plan assets are measured at fair value and the defined benefit obligation is measured on an actuarial basis.

In addition the charity makes contributions towards a defined contribution group personal pension plan which are charged to the SoFA as they fall due.

Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Tax

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in sections 521 to 536 Income Tax Act 2007 (ITA 2007), as such no income tax is payable on the charity's activities.

VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and cannot recover VAT incurred on costs. These are therefore stated inclusive of any VAT element.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

School site	No depreciation is charged, however the site is subject to an annual impairment review.
Machinery and office equipment	20% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	10% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Classroom equipment	7½% to 20% reducing balance

Fixed asset investments

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value with changes recognised in 'net gains / (losses) on investments' in the SoFA if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Debtors receivable and creditors payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

Doubtful debts provision

Fees outstanding at the balance sheet date are provided in full where no payments are currently being received. Where payments are being received, amounts expected to be recovered in the next 12 months are not provided.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash at bank and in hand inclusive of foreign currency accounts. Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised by applying to the foreign currency amount the spot exchange rate between the functional currency and the foreign currency at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency at the balance sheet date are translated using the closing rate.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent those assets which must be held permanently by the charity, principally held as fixed asset investments. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the investments form part of the fund. Investment management charges and legal advice relating to the fund are charged against the fund.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Donations	7,415	-	-	7,415
Grants received	-	-	-	-
Donations to bursaries	1,000	-	-	1,000
	<u>8,415</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,415</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Donations	3,569	-	-	3,569
Grants received	5,111	-	-	5,111
Donations to bursaries	13,034	-	-	13,034
	<u>21,714</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,714</u>

2. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Christmas fair	21,546	-	-	21,546
Estate and rental income	76,388	-	-	76,388
Ancillary income	50,407	-	-	50,407
	<u>148,341</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>148,341</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Christmas fair	19,508	-	-	19,508
Estate and rental income	72,085	-	-	72,085
Ancillary income	59,911	-	-	59,911
	<u>151,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>151,504</u>

3. Income from investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Investment income	9,896	-	-	9,896
Bank interest	511	-	-	511
	<u>10,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,407</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

3. Income from investments (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Investment income	9,738	-	-	9,738
Bank interest	307	-	-	307
	<u>10,045</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,045</u>

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Tuition fees	4,625,740	-	-	4,625,740
Reduced fee contracts	(212,307)	-	-	(212,307)
Chargeable disbursements	198,345	-	-	198,345
Lunches and catering income	33,288	-	-	33,288
	<u>4,645,066</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,645,066</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Tuition fees	3,973,460	-	-	3,973,460
Reduced fee contracts	(315,726)	-	-	(315,726)
Chargeable disbursements	149,569	-	-	149,569
Lunches and catering income	97,460	-	-	97,460
	<u>3,904,763</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,904,763</u>

5. Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Ancillary expenditure	5,433	-	-	5,433
Salary costs of raising funds	20,922	-	-	20,922
Christmas fair and other fundraising costs	6,835	-	-	6,835
	<u>33,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,190</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Ancillary expenditure	4,508	-	-	4,508
Salary costs of raising funds	23,103	-	-	23,103
Christmas fair and other fundraising costs	7,271	-	-	7,271
	<u>34,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,882</u>

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6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
<u>Education</u>				
Teachers salaries	2,334,814	-	-	2,334,814
Staff training and development	46,300	-	-	46,300
Supplies and equipment	131,961	-	-	131,961
Chargeable disbursements cost	187,881	-	-	187,881
Depreciation	1,844	-	-	1,844
Historical VAT recoverable	(42,855)	-	-	(42,855)
Minibus depreciation	73	-	-	73
	<u>2,660,018</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,660,018</u>
<u>Welfare</u>				
Catering supplies and equipment	74,396	-	-	74,396
Medical salaries	27,818	-	-	27,818
Medical	998	-	-	998
	<u>103,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,212</u>
<u>Premises</u>				
Health and safety	34,693	-	-	34,693
Estate salaries	226,356	-	-	226,356
Property maintenance	164,871	-	-	164,871
Site improvements	36,648	-	-	36,648
Light and heat	123,834	-	-	123,834
Insurance	59,134	-	-	59,134
Cleaning	99,001	-	-	99,001
Rates & water	54,894	-	-	54,894
	<u>799,431</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>799,431</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Administration salaries	457,757	-	-	457,757
Telephone and postage	12,177	-	-	12,177
Printing and stationery	749	-	-	749
Communications and PR	8,464	-	-	8,464
Insurance	-	-	-	-
Office equipment and IT	148,540	-	-	148,540
Legal and professional fees	47,772	-	-	47,772
Subscriptions	25,791	-	-	25,791
General admin expenses	9,030	-	-	9,030
Depreciation	3,214	-	-	3,214
Finance costs	43,473	-	-	43,473
Bad debts and provision for bad debts	46,236	-	-	46,236
Governance costs (see note 7)	20,380	-	-	20,380
	<u>823,583</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>823,583</u>
	<u>4,386,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,386,244</u>

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6. Charitable activities (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
<u>Education</u>				
Teachers salaries	2,013,869	-	-	2,013,869
Staff training and development	39,287	-	-	39,287
Supplies and equipment	113,257	-	-	113,257
Chargeable disbursements cost	146,454	-	-	146,454
Depreciation	2,067	-	-	2,067
Historical VAT recoverable	-	-	-	-
Minibus depreciation	98	-	-	98
	<u>2,315,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,315,032</u>
<u>Welfare</u>				
Catering supplies and equipment	193,473	-	-	193,473
Medical salaries	22,468	-	-	22,468
Medical	28	-	-	28
	<u>215,969</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>215,969</u>
<u>Premises</u>				
Health and safety	43,985	-	-	43,985
Estate salaries	242,067	-	-	242,067
Property maintenance	88,624	-	-	88,624
Site improvements	11,434	-	-	11,434
Light and heat	129,478	-	-	129,478
Insurance	50,451	-	-	50,451
Cleaning	50,171	-	-	50,171
Rates & water	51,798	-	-	51,798
	<u>668,008</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>668,008</u>
<u>Support costs</u>				
Administration salaries	414,170	-	-	414,170
Telephone and postage	7,239	-	-	7,239
Printing and stationery	1,604	-	-	1,604
Communications and PR	2,036	-	-	2,036
Insurance	4,667	-	-	4,667
Office equipment and IT	175,790	-	-	175,790
Legal and professional fees	50,685	-	-	50,685
Subscriptions	26,153	-	-	26,153
General admin expenses	12,216	-	-	12,216
Depreciation	3,769	-	-	3,769
Finance costs	48,092	-	-	48,092
Bad debts and provision for bad debts	-	-	-	-
Governance costs (see note 7)	19,900	-	-	19,900
	<u>766,321</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>766,321</u>
	<u>3,965,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,965,330</u>

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7. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Salaries	10,000	-	-	10,000
Auditors' fees - current year	10,380	-	-	10,380
	<u>20,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,380</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Salaries	10,000	-	-	10,000
Auditors' fees - current year	9,900	-	-	9,900
	<u>19,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,900</u>

8. Fees payable to independent auditors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Auditors' remuneration - audit	10,380	-	-	10,380

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Auditors' remuneration - audit	9,900	-	-	9,900

9. Staff costs and information

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Gross wages	2,744,806	2,401,878
Employer's national insurance costs	247,771	216,368
Pension costs	73,931	67,757
Termination payments*	15,010	22,420
	<u>3,081,518</u>	<u>2,708,423</u>

*The termination payments above represent full settlement with no amounts payable or due at either period end

	2024	2023
Staff numbers:		
Average head count	<u>107</u>	<u>102</u>

During the year under review two employees (2023: two employees) received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000; one employee (2023: two employees) in the range of £60,000 to £70,000 (2023: £60,000 to £70,000) and one employee (2023: no employee) in the of range £70,000 to £80,000 (2023: £70,000 to £80,000).

The pension costs charge above has been charged to the Statement of Financial Activities.

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10. Related party transactions

No trustee received remuneration, or other employment benefits for being a trustee in this or the comparative year.

Remuneration was paid to the following trustees in relation to their employment as teachers and support staff:

	2024			2023		
	Salary	National	Pension	Salary	National	Pension
	£	insurance	£	£	insurance	£
		£			£	
D Jones	30,914	3,115	927	-	-	-
	<u>30,914</u>	<u>3,115</u>	<u>927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year under review remuneration for spouses and children of trustees amounted to £1,301 (2023: £15,563). In addition national insurance contributions totalling £75 (2023: £912) and pension contributions totalling £39 (2023: £467) were made on behalf of spouses and children of trustees.

Trustees (and spouses) who are teachers or other staff members receive remuneration in that capacity and not for acting as a trustee. This remuneration is authorised under section 4 of the Memorandum of Association of Michael Hall School Limited.

Total employee benefits, inclusive of employer national insurance contributions and employer pension contributions, received by the school's twelve (2023: eight) key management personnel amounted to £530,115 (2023: £412,904) during the year under review.

During the year one (2023: one) of the school's key management personnel received staff discounts in relation to their children's school fees of £11,700 (2023: £10,630). These discounts were received on the same terms in relation to discounts given to teachers without key management personnel status. At the balance sheet date £114 (2023: £267) was outstanding from these individuals.

No trustee (2023: no trustee) had expenses reimbursed or paid on their behalf for training or reimbursed for medical costs.

Expenses reimbursed to and paid on behalf of seven members (2023: five member) of key management personnel totalled £2,542 (2023: £1,916) for training and other costs in relation to their role in the year under review.

Tuition fees are charged on normal commercial terms, except for teacher trustees who, as with all teachers, receive a 80% (2023: 80%) discount after other discounts on a pro-rata basis. No trustees who are teachers at the school had children in education in the year under review of the comparative year.

The following individuals who were trustees for all or part of the year were educating their children at the school:

J Angus
N Michaels
T Souleiman
E Tilezhinski

	2024	2023
	£	£
Tuition fees charged to 4 (2023: 3) Parent Trustees net of discounts amounted to	<u>95,373</u>	<u>58,827</u>

The discounts, inclusive of sibling and reduced fees, which were provided on the same basis as those to other parents amounted to £17,077 (2023: £3,075). At the balance sheet date £6,309 (2023: £4,433) was outstanding from trustees educating their children at the school.

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	School site £	Machinery & office equipment £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Classroom equipment £	Total £
Cost						
Brought forward	7,798,567	393,046	284,722	21,904	308,366	8,806,605
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>7,798,567</u>	<u>393,046</u>	<u>284,722</u>	<u>21,904</u>	<u>308,366</u>	<u>8,806,605</u>
Depreciation						
Accumulated brought forward	-	385,887	266,909	21,608	287,714	962,118
Charge	-	1,433	1,781	73	1,844	5,131
On disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>387,320</u>	<u>268,690</u>	<u>21,681</u>	<u>289,558</u>	<u>967,249</u>
Net book value carried forward	<u>7,798,567</u>	<u>5,726</u>	<u>16,032</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>18,808</u>	<u>7,839,356</u>
Net book value brought forward	<u>7,798,567</u>	<u>7,159</u>	<u>17,813</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>20,652</u>	<u>7,844,487</u>

On transition to FRS 102 SORP (2015) a valuation, provided by Strutt and Parker, of the school site has been included as deemed cost as at 1 August 2014. The site is considered for impairment at each balance sheet date.

12. Investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Listed investments		
Market value brought forward	470,827	483,346
Additions at cost	-	-
Disposals at carrying value	-	-
Gains/(losses) on revaluation	24,431	(12,519)
Market value carried forward	<u>495,258</u>	<u>470,827</u>
<i>The investments above are analysed as follows:</i>		
Listed investments	127,695	132,626
Unit trusts and similar investments	<u>367,563</u>	<u>338,201</u>
	<u>495,258</u>	<u>470,827</u>

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees outstanding	572,650	623,837
Fee provision	(250,000)	(250,000)
Prepayments	91,469	104,852
VAT recoverable	42,855	-
	<u>456,974</u>	<u>478,689</u>

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14. Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loans	105,298	93,269
Trade creditors	75,393	158,965
Deferred income (see below)	591,116	419,906
Other creditors and accruals	367,003	389,407
	<u>1,138,810</u>	<u>1,061,547</u>

Deferred income

	£	£
Deferred income brought forward	419,906	500
Released in year	(419,906)	(500)
Deferred in year	591,116	419,906
Deferred income carried forward	<u>591,116</u>	<u>419,906</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loans	304,427	418,143
	<u>304,427</u>	<u>418,143</u>

One bank loan, with a year end balance of £273,725 (2023: £307,413), is secured over several of the school's freehold properties and is repayable over a period of 25 years from August 2005. The remaining balance of loans is unsecured.

16. Defined benefit obligation

	2024	2023
	£	£
Brought forward	1,068,000	1,352,000
Payments made	(216,292)	(208,717)
Charge to statement of financial activities	(25,708)	(75,283)
Carried forward	<u>826,000</u>	<u>1,068,000</u>

The above provision arises from the pension scheme's deficit funding arrangement. More information regarding the pensions scheme can be found in note 24.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	-	7,187,356	-	652,000	7,839,356	7,844,487
Investments	12,700	114,995	-	367,563	495,258	470,827
Current assets	871,373	-	32,308	-	903,681	758,500
Creditors: <1 year	(1,138,810)	-	-	-	(1,138,810)	(1,061,547)
Creditors: >1 year	(304,427)	-	-	-	(304,427)	(418,143)
Pension scheme deficit	-	(826,000)	-	-	(826,000)	(1,068,000)
Net assets at 31 July	<u>(559,164)</u>	<u>6,476,351</u>	<u>32,308</u>	<u>1,019,563</u>	<u>6,969,058</u>	<u>6,526,124</u>

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18. Analysis of movement in funds

	Brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	All gains/ (losses) £	Transfers £	Carried forward £
Permanent endowment funds						
Permanent Endowment Fund	652,000	-	-	-	-	652,000
Endowment Recoupment Fund	341,079	-	-	26,484	-	367,563
Total endowment funds	<u>993,079</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,484</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,019,563</u>
Restricted funds						
ESCC	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
Clockhouse Fund	3,789	-	-	-	-	3,789
Outdoor terrace repair	22,801	-	-	-	-	22,801
Natural England Fund	2,718	-	-	-	-	2,718
Total restricted funds	<u>32,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,308</u>
Designated and general funds						
WO Field bequest	115,518	-	-	(523)	-	114,995
Pension deficit (see note 24)	(1,068,000)	-	-	25,708	216,292	(826,000)
Fixed asset reserve (see note 17)	7,192,487	-	(5,131)	-	-	7,187,356
Total designated funds	6,240,005	-	(5,131)	25,185	216,292	6,476,351
General reserves	(739,268)	4,812,229	(4,414,303)	(1,530)	(216,292)	(559,164)
Total unrestricted funds	<u>5,500,737</u>	<u>4,812,229</u>	<u>(4,419,434)</u>	<u>23,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,917,187</u>
Total funds	<u>6,526,124</u>	<u>4,812,229</u>	<u>(4,419,434)</u>	<u>50,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,969,058</u>

Restricted funds

ESCC Grant received from East Sussex County Council for healthy eating programme

Clockhouse Fund Grants received to support the costs of repair to the Clockhouse

Outdoor terrace repair Funds received to support the costs of repair to the outdoor terrace

Natural England Fund Grant received to conduct an environmental study on the school site

Designated funds

WO Field bequest Funds received to support complementary health care costs for employees of the school.

19. Transfer between funds

From	To	Unrestricted Funds	
		General £	Designated £
<i>Transfer 1</i>			
General fund	Pension deficit	(216,292)	216,292
		<u>(216,292)</u>	<u>216,292</u>

Transfer of funds from unrestricted general funds representing payments made during the year.

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20. Financial instruments

The carrying amounts of the charity's financial instruments are as follows:

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
<i>Financial assets</i>		
Measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure):		
Fixed asset investments (note 12)	495,258	470,827
	<u>495,258</u>	<u>470,827</u>
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost:		
Trade debtors (note 13)	572,650	623,837
	<u>572,650</u>	<u>623,837</u>
<i>Financial liabilities</i>		
Measured at amortised cost:		
Trade creditors (note 14)	75,393	158,965
Bank loan (notes 14 and 15)	409,725	511,412
	<u>485,118</u>	<u>670,377</u>

The income, expense, net gains and net losses attributable to the charity's financial instruments are summarised as follows:

	2024	2023
	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds
	£	£
<i>Income and expense</i>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)		
Investment income	7,274	7,122
	<u>7,274</u>	<u>7,122</u>
<i>Net gains and losses (including changes in fair value)</i>		
Financial assets measured at fair value through net income/(expenditure)		
Unrealised gains/(losses) on investments	24,431	(12,519)
	<u>24,431</u>	<u>(12,519)</u>

21. Operating leases

At the balance sheet date the school had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases payable as follows:

	2024			2023		
	Office		Total	Office		Total
	equipment	Vehicles	£	equipment	Vehicles	£
	£	£		£	£	
Less than one year	105,030	5,438	110,468	53,019	14,175	67,194
More than one year less than five years	63,273	-	63,273	52,767	4,660	57,427
More than five years	173,442	-	173,442	5,812	-	5,812
	<u>341,745</u>	<u>5,438</u>	<u>347,183</u>	<u>111,598</u>	<u>18,835</u>	<u>130,433</u>

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22. Analysis of changes in net debt

	2022 £	Cash flows £	2023 £	Cash flows £	2024 £
Long term borrowings	1,244,826	(733,414)	511,412	(101,687)	409,725
Short term borrowings	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>1,244,826</u>	<u>(733,414)</u>	<u>511,412</u>	<u>(101,687)</u>	<u>409,725</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	(212,384)	(67,427)	(279,811)	(166,896)	(446,707)
Total net debt	<u><u>1,032,442</u></u>	<u><u>(800,841)</u></u>	<u><u>231,601</u></u>	<u><u>(268,583)</u></u>	<u><u>(36,982)</u></u>

23. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities and Analysis of movement in funds

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	1	21,714	-	-	21,714
Other trading activities	2	151,504	-	-	151,504
Investments	3	10,045	-	-	10,045
Charitable activities	4	3,904,763	-	-	3,904,763
Total		<u>4,088,026</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,088,026</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	5	34,882	-	-	34,882
Charitable activities	6	3,965,330	-	-	3,965,330
Total		<u>4,000,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,000,212</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	12	(9,616)	-	(2,903)	(12,519)
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>78,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,903)</u>	<u>75,295</u>
Transfers between funds	18	-	-	-	-
		<u>78,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,903)</u>	<u>75,295</u>
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	16	75,283	-	-	75,283
Net movement in funds		<u>153,481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,903)</u>	<u>150,578</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward	18	5,347,256	32,308	995,982	6,375,546
Total funds carried forward	18	<u><u>5,500,737</u></u>	<u><u>32,308</u></u>	<u><u>993,079</u></u>	<u><u>6,526,124</u></u>

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23. Comparative Statement of Financial Activities and Analysis of movement in funds (continued)

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Unrealised gains/(losses)	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Permanent endowment funds						
Permanent Endowment Fund	652,000	-	-	-	-	652,000
Endowment Recoupment Fund	343,982	-	-	(2,903)	-	341,079
Total endowment funds	<u>995,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,903)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>993,079</u>
Restricted funds						
ESCC	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
Clockhouse Fund	3,789	-	-	-	-	3,789
Outdoor terrace repair	22,801	-	-	-	-	22,801
Natural England Fund	2,718	-	-	-	-	2,718
Total restricted funds	<u>32,308</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,308</u>
Designated and general funds						
WO Field bequest	123,096	-	-	(7,578)	-	115,518
Pension deficit (see note 18)	(1,352,000)	-	-	75,283	208,717	(1,068,000)
Fixed asset reserve (see note 12)	7,198,421	-	(5,934)	-	-	7,192,487
Total designated funds	5,969,517	-	(5,934)	67,705	208,717	6,240,005
General reserves	(622,261)	4,088,026	(3,994,278)	(2,038)	(208,717)	(739,268)
Total unrestricted funds	<u>5,347,256</u>	<u>4,088,026</u>	<u>(4,000,212)</u>	<u>65,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,500,737</u>
Total funds	<u>6,375,546</u>	<u>4,088,026</u>	<u>(4,000,212)</u>	<u>62,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,526,124</u>

24. Pensions

The Charity participates in the Main Section of the Mercury Provident Pension Scheme (the Scheme), a UK registered trust based pension scheme that provides defined benefits.

Pension benefits are linked to the members' final pensionable salaries and service at their retirement (or date of leaving if earlier). The Trustee of the Scheme is responsible for running the Scheme in accordance with the Scheme's Trust Deed and Rules. The Trustee is required to act in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the Scheme.

There are two categories of Scheme members:

- Deferred members: members who have left pensionable service with deferred benefits which have yet to come into payment.
- Pensioner members: members in receipt of pension.

The value of the defined benefit obligation for the 31 July 2024 is derived by approximately adjusting the results of the triennial valuation as at 29 December 2021.

In adjusting the value of the defined benefit obligation allowance has been made over the relevant periods for:

- benefits paid out to members;
- price inflation; and
- member movements; and
- impact of known inflation.

All other experience is assumed to be in line with the assumptions at the start of the period. The value of the defined benefit obligation is adjusted for changes in the assumptions.

The results of the most recent formal actuarial valuation as at 29 December 2021 has been updated to the Charity year end by a qualified independent actuary. The assumptions used were as follows:

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24. Pensions (continued)

	Year end 31 July 2024		Year end 31 July 2023	
<i>Significant actuarial assumptions</i>				
Discount rate	5.00% pa		5.10% pa	
RPI inflation	3.20% pa		3.20% pa	
CPI inflation	2.90% pa		2.80% pa	
<i>Mortality assumptions</i>				
Mortality	100% S3PMA_All/ 100% S3PFA_All CMI_2023_M/F [1.25%] (yob)		100% S3PMA_All/ 100% S3PFA_All CMI_2022_M/F [1.25%] (yob)	
<i>Other actuarial assumptions</i>				
Pension increases:				
Pre 88 GMP	Nil		Nil	
Post 88 GMP	2.40% pa		2.40% pa	
Pre 97 excess	Nil		Nil	
97-05 pension	2.90% pa		2.80% pa	
Post 2005 pension	2.10% pa		2.10% pa	
Revaluation of deferred pensions in excess of GMP:	2.90% pa		2.80% pa	
<i>Life expectancies (in years)</i>				
	Male	Female	Male	Female
For an individual aged 65 in 2024	21.4	23.9	21.5	23.9
At age 65 for an individual aged 45 in 2024	22.6	25.3	22.7	25.3

The fair value of the Charity's share of the assets of the Scheme was:

	Year end 31 July 2024		Year end 31 July 2023	
	£'000s		£'000s	
<i>Asset class</i>				
Equities	1,201		1,581	
Diversified Credit Funds (DCFs)	418		308	
Liability Driven Investments (LDIs)	432		439	
Diversified Growth Funds (DGFs)	746		217	
Buy and Maintain Funds	73		-	
Cash	22		154	
Total	2,892		2,699	

The return on the assets was:

	Year end 31 July 2024		Year end 31 July 2023	
	£'000s		£'000s	
<i>Return</i>				
Interest income	134		103	
Return on assets less interest income	216		(390)	
Total return on assets	350		103	

Reconciliation to the balance sheet:

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24. Pensions (continued)

	Year end 31 July 2024 £'000s	Year end 31 July 2023 £'000s
Market value of assets	2,892	2,699
Present value of defined benefit obligation	2,718	3,767
Funded status	(826)	(1,068)
Irrecoverable surplus	-	-
Pension asset/(liability) recognised in the Statement of Financial Position before allowance for deferred tax	(826)	(1,068)

Reconciliation of Scheme's assets and defined benefit obligation

	Assets £'000s	Defined benefit obligation £'000s	Net position £'000s
At 1 August 2023	2,699	(3,767)	(1,068)
Benefits paid:			
Pensions	(215)	215	-
Transfers	-	-	-
Other	(36)	36	-
Employer contributions	216	-	216
Member contributions	-	-	-
Current service cost	-	-	-
Administration expenses	(122)	-	(122)
Past service cost	-	-	-
Settlements	-	-	-
Business combinations/bulk transfers	-	-	-
Interest income/cost	134	(186)	(52)
Remeasurement gains/(losses):			
Actuarial gains/(losses): Change of basis	-	(34)	(34)
Actuarial gains/(losses): Experience	-	18	18
Return on assets excluding interest income	216	-	216
At 31 July 2024	2,892	(3,718)	(826)