Company Registration No. 00556463 Registered Charity No. 309086

# GOVERNORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019 FOR HEATHFIELD SCHOOL (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)



# HEATHFIELD SCHOOL (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER: 00556463 KEY EXECUTIVES AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

Key executives and Professional Advisors					
HEADMISTRESS:	Mrs M Gardiner Legge				
BURSAR:	Mrs R Frier				
SENIOR LEADERSHP TEAM:	Mrs R Whitton Mr J Hart Mr D Mitchell Ms A Morgan Miss W Reynolds Mrs E Boryer	Director of Pastoral and Boarding Director of Sixth Form Director of Studies Director of Marketing and Admissions Director of Co-curricular and Operations Director of Development			
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The Council presents its annual report for the year ended 31 August 2019 under the Companies Act 2006, together with the audited accounts for the year, and confirms that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the memorandum and articles of association and the Charities SORP 2015.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

The School was founded in 1899 and became a Charity in 1955 and is registered with the Charity Commission under Charity number 309086. The School is also a company limited by guarantee registered number 556463 (England and Wales). The Trustees of the charity are also Directors of the company and are referred to as Governors in this Report. The Governors are listed below and the executive officers, professional advisors and principal addresses of the Charity are listed on page 1.

# Principal activities of the year

The School provides education in Ascot for girls from the ages of 11 to 18, and also runs a summer school for local and overseas students.

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

# **Governing Document**

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

# Governors

The structure of the School consists of a governing body called a Council and under the Articles the members of the Council are elected at council meetings and each year one-third of council members will be retired by rotation. The number of serving council members shall not be fewer than ten or exceed twenty.

## **Organisational Management**

The School's Governors, who are also the Charity Trustees and the Company Directors, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the School, and meet at least three times a year. The work of implementing most of their policies is carried out by the members of the five following subcommittees: Finance, Buildings & Development, Educational, Pastoral and Compliance, Marketing, Admissions & Communications and Nominations which meet at regular intervals during the year.

The day-to-day running of the school is delegated to the Headmistress, supported by the senior management team, together with the Bursar. The Headmistress and the Bursar attend meetings of the above committees.

At the date of approval of the financial statements the School Governors are as follows:

Name	Position
Mr Tom Cross Brown	Chair of the Council, Chair N
Bishop Jonathan Baker	EPC
Mrs Sally-Anne Barrett	F
The Revd Canon Dr Philip Ursell,	
Mr Guy Egerton-Smith	Chair BD, F
Mr Robert Gregory	Ν
Mrs Rosemary Martin (resigned 22 August 2019)	Chair EPC
Mr Richard Pilkington (resigned 20 April 2020)	Chair F
Hon Mrs Frances Stanley	Chair MAC

Name	Position
Mrs Sally Tulk-Hart	MAC, EPC
Mr Rob Owen (resigned 17 April 2020)	MAC
Miss Charlotte Faber	Chair of EPC
Mrs Elizabeth Laybourn (appointed 26 March 2020)	EPC
Mr Steve Melcher (appointed 26 March 2020)	Chair of F

# Key:

Buildings & Development Sub-committee = BD Marketing, Admissions & Communications Sub-committee = MAC Nominations Sub-committee = N Education, Pastoral & Compliance Sub-committee = EPC Finance Sub-committee = F

# **Recruitment and Training of Governors**

Potential Governors are identified by members of the Governing Body which seeks to achieve a balance of experience and background in secondary and higher education, finance, business, law, facilities & property management, human resources management, marketing & PR and health & safety compliance. New candidates tour the School and meet the Headmistress and other existing Governors. They are proposed by the Chair of Governors. Once appointed, new Governors are inducted into the workings of the School including Board Policy and Procedures. Training needs are identified by the board of Governors and the appropriate courses are booked.

# Key management personnel remuneration

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Board, with the objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly for their individual contributions to the success of the School. The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually including reference to benchmarking information to ensure that the School remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere. Delivery of the School's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our expenditure.

The School is committed to ensuring equality of opportunity through the creation of an environment in which individuals are treated on the basis of their relevant merits and abilities. The School respects all its members and values the harmonious relationships between them. As a community we are committed to the active promotion of equality between all who live, study or work in the School. Provision is made for individuals with a particular disability and religious, dietary, language or cultural needs, as appropriate.

Consultation with employees at all levels ensures that the views of employees are taken into account when decisions are made that are likely to affect their interests. All staff are briefed at the beginning of each term with shorter briefing sessions held twice a week. The Senior Leadership Team meet once a week to discuss strategic plans; there are regular Heads of Department, Heads of House and Heads of Faculty meetings where teaching and learning strategies are discussed, as well as weekly meetings with Boarding staff.

# Chapel

Acknowledging that our students are more than minds that need nurturing or bodies that need training, as they grow, we recognise their need to come to terms with their spirituality.

The Chapel provides a place of peace and quiet reflection, where that spiritual development can begin. Our Chapel is the spiritual centre of the school and is often at the core of people's memories of the school

when they leave, and the place they come back to first when they return to visit. Dedicated in 1904, the Chapel was built in the Victorian Gothic style with collegiate seating. Chapel follows current Anglican

practice, yet it is a place for all the school community regardless of faith or belief.

The Chaplain is a central figure in school life who leads Chapel services during the week, on Sundays and on special occasions. The Chaplain is available to all members of the school community and the school's extended community for pastoral care.

## Related parties and other connected charities and organisations

The Heathfield School Foundation is a separate entity which provides a dedicated structure for the creation of a philanthropic culture amongst its current and former parents and pupils.

The Heathfield Fellowship is another separate entity which continues to raise money to enable daughters of old girls and other pupils to attend the school by way of bursarial support, and contributes towards other charities.

St. Mary's Wantage Bursary Fund is a separate charitable entity, created from the merger of Heathfield School and St Mary's School Wantage. The object of the charity is for the advancement of education by providing bursaries for pupils to attend Heathfield School.

# **OBJECTS, AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

## Charitable Objects

The objects for which the Association is established are to advance education and training by:

- The provision and conduct, in the UK or abroad, of a school or schools for girls under the name of Heathfield School to be conducted in accordance with the traditions of the Church of England including the Anglo-Catholic tradition; and
- Insofar as it is incidental or ancillary to the advancement of education, such other means for the benefit of the local community as shall be exclusively charitable.

These are set out in the School's governing document – the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Heathfield School dated 26th October 1955 as amended 28th November 2007.

The Governors confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the School's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

## **Public Benefit Activities**

The Governors have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The School is committed to ensuring that it is meeting its main aim and its charitable objective. The School's aims for the public benefit are:

- To recognise the need to respond to the challenge of change by giving all members of its community the opportunity to develop, by continual improvement of its facilities and by fostering links with the wider community.
- To optimise its resources and recognise its responsibilities for administering its charitable funds efficiently and for the benefit of the School and the wider community.

The Board of Governors is committed to widening access to the School and welcomes pupils from all backgrounds; economic status is no barrier to joining the School. Each pupil to whom support is offered must, in the opinion of the Headmistress, be likely to make sound academic progress following admission,

possess the potential to develop the quality of her work and benefit from participation in the wider, extracurricular activities on offer at the School. The availability of bursaries is publicised on the School's website and in the admissions literature sent to prospective parents. The Governors' policy is to award bursaries on a

means tested basis only. The bursaries are available to provide financial support for up to 100% of the annual fees. During 2019 a total of £365,790 (2018: £329,789) was awarded in bursaries to 20 (2018: 18) girls. Many more applications are received than the School can reasonably support.

The School works closely with a number of other partner charities that help identify pupils who could benefit substantively from the education and pastoral support that the School can provide. 4 pupils (2018: 3) receive significant contributions towards their fees from these external grant-making bodies which resulted in full remission of their tuition fees.

The School actively supports the local community, local charities and associations by making its facilities available at less than cost price or free to a variety of different clubs and organisations. The School has started to develop links with local maintained schools and the Headmistress is a Governor of a local maintained primary school. Some specific examples of the School's outreach programme are:

- Heathfield's main fundraising event, St Nicholas Stalls, raised over £15,000 for national charities.
- All girls collected dry goods for Harvest Festival which were donated to a food bank in Bracknell.
- Heathfield held a firework display for the girls, staff and their families.
- The school ran several Prep Schools' Swimming Galas and a Prep Schools' Lacrosse coaching session event.
- Reunion events were held for Heathfield Old Girls and St Mary's Wantage Old Girls at Heathfield.
- The local Brownie and Guides units have regular use of the School's minibuses, at no charge, allowing local girls to attend Brownie camps and jamborees.
- Local maintained schools were invited to attend a number of guest speaker events.
- Free places were also given to nineteen girls from local primary schools to attend the Heathfield Summer Camp, who otherwise could not afford to attend.

The swimming pool is host to many local communities and organisations. Schools including Holy Trinity, Kennel Lane, Meadowbrook Montessori and Natures Nursery use the facility at various times throughout the year. In addition to these schools, there are a number of clubs that use the pool on a regular basis. These include, Berkshire Triathlon Squad, Scuba Trust, Bracknell and Wokingham Swimming Club and Windsor Swimming Club. Frogs and Friends Swimming School regularly run lessons at the pool as part of their 'learn to swim' programme which is offered to children in and around the local area.

The swimming pool is also used for training as well as tuition. NPLQ (National Pool Lifeguard Qualification) and Swimming Teacher courses are held at the pool and are open to members of the local community.

# Aims and Intended Impact

Heathfield School aims to discover and develop every girl's unique talents to enable her to excel.

# Heathfield aims to foster:

- The confidence and self-belief to go beyond one's preconceived abilities academically, physically and spiritually;
- Authenticity, self-awareness and a desire to embrace each other's uniqueness and spirit;
- Compassion, empathy, understanding and lifelong friendship building respect for oneself and others;
- Good habits for life: work ethic, self-discipline, resilience, independence, integrity and courage based

on strong moral values and having a go;

• Commitment to the community: selflessness, compassion and service to others.

Helping girls stand up, stand out, live life to its fullest.

These values are engendered through four central pillars:

# Community

- A community where everyone drives and benefits from a culture of high expectations;
- A community where every girl is valued and known;
- A 'can do' community where all words and actions are kind, respectful and positive;
- A community which hires, retains and trains the best staff;
- A community which commits to physical and financial service to those less fortunate;
- Beautiful, well maintained surroundings encouraging wellbeing;
- Proactive and caring support for all;
- A close community where positive relationships with girls, The Fellowship (Old girls), parents past and present, staff, Governors and friends flourish.

# **Pastoral Care and Boarding**

• Each girl benefiting from excellent pastoral care that provides individual support and care.

# Teaching

- Teaching of the highest standard which motivates, inspires and challenges every girl;
- Every girl benefiting from career and higher education guidance enabling her to meet her ambitious personal goals.

# **Co-Curricular**

Each girl benefiting from a variety of cultural, physical, social, intellectual and creative activities and
opportunities developing resilience, self-confidence and belief ensuring readiness for a place within a
modern global society.

# Objectives for the year

- To maintain and develop the School's academic performance
- To maintain and provide a first class boarding experience
- To continue to grow and boost admission numbers
- To improve and increase awareness of the School and what it stands for at local, regional and national level

#### Strategies to achieve the year's objectives

The strategies to achieve the year's objectives have included:

## Admissions

Day girls, first admitted in 2015-16, are leading a full part in the life of the school alongside the School's boarders and have every opportunity to take part in all the activities on offer at Heathfield. They are full members of the School, other than going home to sleep.

The Headmistress continues to host prep head visits, and the School hosts prep school curriculum and noncurriculum events at Heathfield, aimed at increasing prep schools' awareness of what we offer and of our growing academic reputation.

#### Academic Strategy

During the year, we have continued to push forward with an over-arching strategy to improve our growing academic success at Heathfield, including more intensive individual monitoring of staff and pupils' performances in the classroom as well as monitoring girls' study time and their use of it more closely while providing complementary activities to enhance their learning, in the form of conferences and workshops at the school through to a greater variety of co- curricular activities.

Our Learning Support Department continues to provide expert help for girls who require additional support in one or several areas, ensuring that Heathfield's outstanding reputation for helping to fulfil the potential of each individual girl through our value added results is supported and enhanced at every level.

#### Monitoring current pupils

Our individual monitoring of pupils to highlight their academic strengths and weaknesses, and to give them extra guidance where appropriate, is paying dividends in enabling staff to identify early the areas where girls need extra help. Staff can input such vital details about a child's performance into our monitoring and tracking system within the school's intranet so that they share their observations with their colleagues and areas of concern quickly become spotted and therefore acted on.

Monitoring also means that our gifted and talented programme for the brightest pupils has become more defined within the school and has encouraged and nurtured academic development in the brightest girls.

#### Scholarship programme

Our scholarship programme has continued to grow in profile inside and outside the school. The scholarships attracts the brightest pupils to Heathfield, thus helping to improve our academic reputation. Regular monitoring to ensure each girl's potential is fulfilled also helps us to identify potential scholarship candidates from within the school who are able to compete for a scholarship at appropriate times.

The scholarship awards contain a small financial incentive to make them more attractive to potential parents who may be considering a number of schools.

## **Co-Curricular**

Similarly, our co-curricular programme was developed to encourage and reflect an emphasis on the academic. Making the programme increasingly Sixth Form-led has succeeded in its aim of giving the girls a greater sense of responsibility and helping them to develop leadership and team building qualities.

The initiatives held to highlight and praise the girls' academic achievements such as special assemblies and the High Flyer award are popular with the girls and proving successful by having a positive effect on the girls' achievements and their pride in them.

# STRATEGIC REPORT

The following sections of this report constitute the Strategic Report.

# **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PEFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR**

## Academic Achievements

Heathfield celebrated another year of exceptional A-level results with nearly 40% of its students' results securing A\*/A, 64.4% A\* to B and 82.2% A\* to C. The English department has marked its most successful year to date with all girls gaining A\* or A grades. Performance in Maths was also outstanding with 67% of students securing A\* or A and 50% an A\* in Further Maths. Other results of note included Biology in which 40% of students secured an A\* or A, Photography in which 44% attained an A\* or A, Art in which 40% secured an A and Religious Studies in which 100% of the girls secured an A.

Among some particularly impressive performances, one student gained three A\* grades, another two gained one A\* and two A grades, and two other students each received 3 A grades.

An impressive number of students are destined for leading Russell Group universities such as Exeter, Edinburgh and Warwick and other leading universities to study a broad range of subjects including Computer Science, Maths, Modern Languages, Biochemistry, Psychology, Politics, Art History and Photography.

At GCSE, across the board, 45% of grades received by Heathfield students were in the top 9-7/A\*-A category. Core subjects continued to impress, with a 100% pass in Maths and English Language and 32% of girls securing a 9-7/A\*-A in Maths, 78% gaining a 9-6/A\*AB in English Language and 72% 9-7/A\*-A in English Literature. In addition, 4 girls who took their Maths GCSE a year early attained straight 9s/A\*s and will now move on to Further Maths GCSE.

## Sport

It has been a successful year on the sporting field for Heathfield.

**Lacrosse:** The 1<sup>st</sup> team competed in the South West Regional Schools' tournament and were runners up in Division 1. They also competed in the National Schools' Lacrosse tournament in Division 1, and were runners up in the National Small Schools Lacrosse tournament.

Three pupils were selected for the Lacrosse National Regional Academy.

**Netball:** The School finished 2nd in the U12 Ascot Schools tournament, and were also runners up in the U15 Ascot Schools Netball Tournament.

**Swimming:** The team of five FI pupils won the U12 Ascot Schools' Swimming Gala. The same girls finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the U12 Independent Schools Relay – competing in an age group above their own age.

A number of girls have also swam at County and National level competing in the Berkshire County Championships, Buckinghamshire County Championships and Irish National Swimming Gala.

**Trampolining:** Six girls, from FI through to LVI, represented the School for the first time ever at the Southern Regional Championships.

Ski Racing: The School Ski team competed in the British School Girls' Ski Racing competition in Flaine.

Athletics: Two pupils were selected to represent Bracknell at the Berkshire County Championships.

## Extra Curriculum Activities:

#### Equestrian Events at Heathfield

The past two years have seen a marked increase in the number of girls attend riding lessons through the School, with numbers averaging around 23 girls. Many are beginners experiencing riding for the first time, however the School also has new pupils who are able to encompass their equestrian training at home and benefit from the advanced coaching Heathfield offers.

The School continues to have around 22 girls attending polo coaching in one of the four polo coaching groups held twice a week. Polo is available to all age groups, but younger players must be confident riders.

Heathfield teams and individuals took part in all SUPA national championships throughout the year with great success at all levels. The School competes annually against Harrow and Eton both in the arena and on the grass. Once again Heathfield were the only all-girls team to compete in the Copenhagen Shield at Guards Polo Club. Matches against Millfield, Marlborough, Stowe and Wycombe Abbey were also held. The Heathfield teams have become synonymous as very capable national all girls polo teams and probably play more polo than many top boys schools.

Heathfield currently has two show jumping competitors who regularly compete for Heathfield at national schools' events. One Form I pupil was placed 4th in the 1.10cm NSEA championships and is probably the youngest rider to achieve this.

In 2020, the School is introducing riding in Windsor Great Park for some of its more competent riders.

#### Music

Eleven girls passed ABRSM instrumental and singing examinations during the year, with a range of instruments including piano, French horn, trombone and saxophone. Two UVI pupils received distinction in their Grade VII and Grade VIII singing exams.

A number of girls from FI through to UVI competed in the LVS Ascot Music Festival with the School receiving a number of medals and certificates in all categories. Three pupils won gold medals in the Piano category with another ten certificates and medals awarded to other girls for their performances. A LVI and Form III pupil each were awarded gold medals for their Vocal performance, with another seven girls receiving accolades. A Form II pupil was awarded a silver medal for Composing and two pupils receiving a gold medal (advanced) and silver medal (intermediate) for their Rock and Pop Vocals.

Two LVI pupils competed in the RIBI (Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland) Young Musician Competition with one being the heat runner up and the other the heat winner.

## LAMDA and Dance

Girls achieved a stunning 100% Distinction/Merit this year, with 45 Distinctions and 21 Merits in LAMDA examinations; 19 of these examinations were at the Higher Level – Grades 6-8 – for which the girls also receive UCAS points. Most notable were four pupils from the Sixth Form who were awarded Distinction for the LAMDA Grade 8/Gold Medal.

In Dance, 3 girls successfully completed RAD Ballet examinations with great results. Girls have also participated in Ballet, Street Dance, Dance GCSE, Tap Dance, Pointe-work, Pilates and Yoga classes during the year.

LAMDA and Dance girls have taken part in a number of Performing Arts events this year and very much looking forward to their Bi-annual Showcase in 2020.

## Staff

The Directors wish to express their gratitude to the Headmistress, the Bursar and all other members of the Staff for their continued dedication to the interests of the pupils of Heathfield School.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The Board considers that the School is now on a sound financial footing, given the increasing pupil numbers year on year since 2018, and views the future with optimism. At the year end, the school held cash balances of  $\pounds$ 1,504,672 (2018:  $\pounds$ 635,596) and investments of  $\pounds$ 331,204 (2018:  $\pounds$ 1,953,961).

At 31 August 2019 the School had net assets of £11,580,765 (2018: £12,155,672), of which freehold property accounts for £10,840,407 (2018: £10,986,461). This is a vital area of focus for the School as the high quality facilities and living quarters are significant contributing factors in attracting new pupils.

During the year a net cash inflow of £869,076 (2018: outflow £129,057) occurred. Cash from operating activities was a net outflow of £428,543 (2018: £6,720) in the year.

The accounts for the year show a deficit of income over expenditure of £574,907 (2018: deficit £508,944) in accordance with expectation and budget due to expenditure on refurbishment of boarding areas, professional fees and one-off staff redundancy costs. As a registered Charity all surpluses are applied for the benefit of the School.

# **Reserves Policy**

During the year £300,103 (2018: £402,200) was spent on capital improvements. The Governors are of the opinion that the total reserves, all of which are unrestricted funds, on the Income and Expenditure account of £11,580,765 (2018: £12,155,672) are sufficient to meet the school's obligations for the foreseeable future (see note 15 for note on reserves).

The School continues to expend significant amounts on maintenance to keep the buildings in good order and provide an appropriate attractive learning environment for pupils and staff.

The Governors recognise the need to review the reserve levels of the school annually at the year-end as part of its medium-term budget planning. The Governors' policy is to generate reserves to provide funds to continue to enhance the educational facilities and services of the School and to fund future projects, whilst maintaining a contingency in the region of £1,000,000. The Governors intend to review the Reserves Policy annually to ensure that this aim can be achieved.

## **Investment Policy**

The Governors' policy is to invest in secure forms of investment that provide a reasonable level of income.

# **Future Plans**

The School is continuing to raise academic standards and to attract academically able pupils to the School. We believe that improving academic standards will lead to more parents considering Heathfield as their first choice school.

The STEM building was completed for the start of the 2015-16 academic year and a further five building projects have been granted planning permission, including the development of a Sixth Form Study and Wellbeing Centre.

The School conducted a review of its strategic plans following the Government's announcement regarding the increase in employer's contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme in September 2019 and will be withdrawing from the scheme in September 2020.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The most significant risk to the charity, and indeed most independent schools, is a significant drop in pupil numbers, which would affect income. The Governors work to ensure the School has the first class resources required to attract and retain pupils.

The highest costs to Heathfield are staff and pastoral costs which are paid in arrears. Conversely, school fees are received termly in advance resulting in a surplus of working capital. Any cash flow risk which will arise from the commission of any building projects will be reduced by extensive forward planning by the Governors, coupled with significant cash balances held by Heathfield which can be utilised as required.

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to Heathfield if a fee payer fails to meet their obligations. Heathfield minimises this risk by taking deposits from each student and monitoring amounts not received on a regular basis.

Health and Safety is always a significant area for risk management. The risks range from fire to personal risks (most notably when away from the School on trips and expeditions). The risks associated with all activities are minimised by thorough planning and risk assessment.

After the financial year end, from 20 March 2020, like all schools in the country the School has been and will continue to be impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The School has mitigated the financial impact as optimally as it reasonably can by taking advantage of the Government's Job Retention Scheme and reducing other costs where possible. The Governors have considered the likely financial impact on the School including the uncertainty over the pupil numbers and its commercial letting activities and summer school and camp. There will be a negative financial impact in the short-term, with a reduction in fee and commercial income, but the Governors consider the School remains financially viable in the long term, and consequently have concluded that the Going Concern basis remains applicable. The risk of the Coronavirus pandemic has been added as a specific risk to the Risk Management Table.

Through the risk management processes established for the School, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed. The charity's exposure to risk is reviewed consistently throughout the year.

The key controls used by the Charity include:

- Formal agenda for all Committee and Board activity
- Comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting
- Established organisational structure and lines of reporting
- Clear authorisation and approval levels
- Vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable
- Formal written policies

## STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSBILITIES

The Governors (who are also the directors of the Heathfield School Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a Governors' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The Governors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the Governors are aware at the time the report is approved:

- · there is no relevant information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the Governors have each taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware
  of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

## BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Mr Tom Cross Brown Chairman of the Governors/Directors

11 JUNE 2020 Date

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HEATHFIELD SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

We have audited the financial statements of Heathfield School ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2019 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 2019 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.

# Basis for opinion

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

# Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

# Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the trustees' annual report and strategic report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the trustees' annual report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HEATHFIELD SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' annual report or strategic report.

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

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

# Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (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, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

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

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HEATHFIELD SCHOOL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

• Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

# Use of this report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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 any party other than the charitable company and charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Shivani Kothari (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP Statutory Auditors Devonshire House 60 Goswell Road London EC1M 7AD

Date: 2 July 2020

# HEATHFIELD SCHOOL (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER: 00556463 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Restricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £	2018 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM:					
Charitable activities School fees	1a	6,905,530	-	6,905,530	6,613,075
Donations and legacies	1b	93,852	-	93,852	43,742
Other trading activities Rental income Other income	1c 1c	107,302 31,553	-	107,302 31,553	92,463 30,286
Investments	1d	55,993	-	55,993	37,301
Total income	-	7,194,230	-	7,194,230	6,816,867
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds		2,926	-	2,926	8,165
Charitable activities	2	7,688,109	-	7,688,109	7,267,292
Total expenditure	-	7,691,035	-	7,691,035	7,275,457
Net losses on investments	9	(78,102)	-	(78,102)	(50,354)
NET EXPENDITURE	-	(574,907)	-	(574,907)	(508,944)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b> Fund balances brought forward at 1 September	15	12,155,672	<u>-</u>	12,155,672	12,664,616
Fund balances carried forward at 31 August	15	11,580,765		11,580,765	12,155,672

All amounts derive from continuing activities.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

## HEATHFIELD SCHOOL (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER: 00556463 BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	8		11,671,473		11,896,011
CURRENT ASSETS Investments Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9 10 11	331,204 16,560 516,897 1,504,672 2,369,333		1,953,960 18,974 497,826 635,596 3,106,356	
<b>CREDITORS -</b> Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,922,741)		(2,154,699)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			446,592		951,657
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			12,118,065		12,847,668
Creditors Amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(494,132)		(628,277)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	14		(43,168)		(63,719)
Net assets			11,580,765		12,155,672
FUNDS	15				
Restricted funds					-
Unrestricted funds Income and expenditure accou	nt		11,580,765		12,155,672
School Funds			11,580,765		12,155,672

Approved by the Board of Governors of Heathfield School on 11 SUNE 2020 and signed on its behalf by

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Mr Tom Cross Brown - Trustee Mr Stephen Melcher - Trustee

# HEATHFIELD SCHOOL (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) REGISTERED NUMBER: 00556463 STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

	2019 £	2018 £
Cash flow from operating activities		
Net cash (used by)/provided in operating activities	(428,543)	(6,720)
Cash flows from investing activities Investment income and interest received Interest paid Proceeds from disposal of investments Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Net cash inflow/(outflow) from investing activities	55,993 (2,926) 1,544,655 - (300,103) 1,297,619	37,306 (8,165) 250,000 722 (402,200) (122,337)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	869,076	(129,057)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	635,596	764,653
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	1,504,672	635,596

Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities

	2019 £	2018 £
Net expenditure including endowments	(574,907)	(508,944)
Adjustments for:		
Net losses on investments	78,102	50,354
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	694	3,007
Investment income	(55,993)	(37,306)
Interest paid	2,926	8,165
Depreciation charges	523,946	535,876
Decrease in stock	2,414	6,782
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(19,071)	1,128,732
Decrease in creditors	(366,103)	(1,184,658)
Decrease in provisions	(20,551)	(8,728)
Net cash (used by)/provided by operating activities	(428,543)	(6,720)

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Heathfield School Limited is a charitable company. The address of its principal place of business is given on page 1 and the nature of its operations are set out in the Governors' Report.

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

#### (a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments being measured at fair value through income and expenditure within the Statement of Financial Activities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charitable Company is a public benefit entity for the purposes of FRS 102 and therefore the Charity also prepared its financial statements in accordance with the 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 (The FRS 102 Charities SORP), the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

#### (b) Going concern

The Governors have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the School to continue as a going concern. The Governors have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the Governors have considered the School's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on fee income, particularly in the light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which occurred before these financial statements were approved and is explained in more detail in the Principal Risks section of the Governors' Report in these financial statements. After making enquiries the Governors have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the School has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the

As such the School can expect to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due in the period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts. However, there can be no certainty in relation to these matters.

On this basis the Governors have concluded that the School is a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the School not being able to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

## (c)Income

All income is recognised when the School has entitlement to the funds, the receipt is probable and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### Fees receivable

These represent fees charged to pupils with incidental fees and disbursements disclosed separately and are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Fees received in advance of education to be provided in future years are held as liabilities until either taken to income in the term when used or else refunded.

#### Donations

All monetary donations are included in full in the statement of financial activities when received, provided that there are no donor-imposed restrictions as to the timing of the related expenditure, in which case recognition is deferred until the pre-condition has been met. Donations receivable for the general purpose of the Charity are credited to Unrestricted Funds. Donations for purposes restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken to Restricted Funds where these wishes are legally binding on Heathfield School's Governors.

The value of donated services and gifts in kind provided to the School are recognised at their open market value in the period in which they are receivable as incoming resources, where the benefit to the School 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 School's policies.

#### Grants receivable

Revenue grants are credited as incoming resources when they are receivable provided conditions for receipt have been complied with, unless they relate to a specified future period, in which case they are deferred.

Grants for the purchase of fixed assets are credited to restricted incoming resources when receivable and transferred to unrestricted funds up to the level of expenditure incurred. Depreciation on the fixed assets purchased with such grants is then charged against unrestricted funds.

#### (d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is classified under the following activity headings:

· Costs of raising funds comprise the finance costs incurred by the School.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of the academic and pastoral care provided to the pupils.

Governance costs, which comprise the regulatory costs of running the charity, have been allocated wholly to the charitable activities of the School.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

#### (e) Grant making policy

Bursaries from restricted funds are included as expenditure in the period for which the award is given. Bursaries and scholarships from unrestricted funds towards school fees at school are treated as a reduction in those fees.

#### (f) Tangible fixed assets

The School prepares a budget for capital expenditure at the start of each academic year which is approved by the Finance Committee.

Depreciation is provided on cost less residual value at the following rates in order to write off assets over their estimated useful lives

Freehold buildings - St Mary's Theatre and STEM building	2%
Freehold buildings - Access road	10%
Freehold buildings - Other	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings - Swimming pool	31⁄3%
Equipment	10% - 20%
Motor vehicles	20%

The Charity holds no inalienable or historic assets.

The policy for depreciating freehold buildings is to provide a charge of 2% on cost less residual value. However, no depreciation has been charged on the main school buildings as an annual impairement review is undertaken. This considers the maintenance programme to keep buildings in good repair, and an annual insurance review to identify any significant issues.

Assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and carried in the balance sheet at historical cost. Assets under the course of construction are not depreciated until they are complete and brought into use.

#### (g) 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.

## (h) Stock

Stock is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

# (i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

#### (j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

#### (k) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the School has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### (I) Financial Instruments

The School has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the School's balance sheet when the School becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

With the exceptions of prepayments and deferred income all other debtor and creditor balances are considered to be basic financial instruments under FRS 102. See notes 11, 12 and 13 for the debtor and creditor notes.

#### (m) Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

#### (n) Pension costs

Retirement benefits to employees of the School are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the TPT Retirement Solutions Independent Schools' Pension Scheme ('ISPS') for non-teaching staff. The former is a defined benefit scheme and the latter is a defined contribution scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the School in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 17, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Contributions to the ISPS are expensed in the Statement of Financial Activities. See note 17 for details.

#### (o) Benefits in kind and gifts

Gifts donated to the school and any services provided by the Governors have been included in the financial statements.

#### (p) Operating leases

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

#### (q) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are created when donations are made either for a particular area or purpose, the use of which is restricted. Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when incurred.

# (r) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The following judgements and estimates are considered by the trustees to have most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Useful Economic Lives - The annual depreciation charge for property, plant and equipment is sensitive to change in the estimated useful economic lives and residual value of assets. These are reassessed annually and amended were necessary to reflect current circumstances.

## **1 ANALYSIS OF INCOME**

(a) Charitable activities	2019 £	2018 £
Fees receivable Less: bursaries, scholarships and discounts	6,310,327 (536,689) 5,773,638	6,065,759 (500,941) 5,564,818
Summer school Extras and disbursements	650,885 481,007 6,905,530	550,037 498,220 6,613,075

All bursaries, scholarships and discounts were made to individuals in accordance with the School's grant-making policy.

(b) Donations and legacies	2019	2019	2019	2018
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations received	93,852		93,852	43,742

All donations and legacies income in 2018 related to unrestricted funds.

(c) Other trading activities	2019 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Restricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £	2018 Total Funds £
Rental income	107,302		107,302	92,463
Other trading income	31,553		31,553	30,286

All income from other trading activities in 2018 related to unrestricted funds.

(d) Investment income	2019	2019	2019	2018
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	£	£	£	£
Interest receivable	55,993		55,993	37,301

All investment income in 2018 related to unrestricted funds.

2(a)	Analysis of expenditure				
	2019	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation	Total
	Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
	Teaching	2,806,267	694,810	-	3,501,077
	Premises	1,023,114	1,294,272	523,946	2,841,332
	Support costs (note 2b)	817,290	528,410	-	1,345,700
	Finance costs (note 2c)	-	2,926	- 522.046	2,926 7,691,035
		4,646,671		523,946	
	2018	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation	Total
	Charitable activities	£	£	£	£
	Teaching	2,659,694	835,595	-	3,495,289
	Premises	899,232	1,051,860	535,876	2,486,968
	Support costs (note 2b)	791,683	493,352	-	1,285,035
	Finance costs (note 2c)	-	8,165	- E2E 076	8,165
		4,350,609	2,388,972	535,876	7,275,457
2(b)	Support costs			2019	2018
				£	£
	Salaries and National Insurance			817,290	791,683
	Printing, postage and stationery			25,059	24,368
	Marketing and development			112,158	134,123
	Computer costs			85,719	92,774
	Bad debts & stock write off Legal & Professional fees			67,817	(43,283)
	Non-teachers' CPD			69,738 8,400	121,518
	General expenses			140,522	8,134 138,497
	Governance Costs (note 3)			18,996	17,220
	Governance Cosis (note 5)				
				1,345,699	1,285,034
2(c)	Finance costs				
	Interest and charges			2,926	8,165
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3	Governance Costs			2019	2018
				£	£
	Audit fees			18,996	17,220
4	Operating Surplus			Funds	Funds
Ŧ	epotating outpide			2019	2018
	The operating surplus is stated after charge	ging:		£	£
	Depreciation and other amounts written of			523,946	535,876
	Operating lease charges	-		25,941	15,940
	Auditor's remuneration - audit fee			17,976	17,220
	Auditor's remuneration - other services			1,020	

# 5 Employees

The average monthly number of employees (including staff who are also trustees) during the year was:

	2019 No.	2018 No.
Teaching staff	49	47
Administration and support	73	69
	122	116
Employment costs	Total	Total
	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,814,020	3,544,181
Social security costs	375,128	347,169
Employer's pension contributions	443,744	412,080
Temporary staff costs	2,858	36,176
Other	10,922	11,003
	4,646,672	4,350,610

Included in the above are termination payments of £42,091 for three individuals (2018: £11,003).

Employees earning £60,000 per annum or more received remuneration in the following bands:

	2019 No.	2018 No.
£60,000 - £69,999	3	2
£80,000 - £89,999	-	1
£100,000 - £109,999	1	-

# 6 Key Management Personnel

The charity considers that the key management personnel comprise of the governors and the senior leadership team- who are the Headmistress, Director of Pastoral, Director of Co-curricular, Director of Boarding, Director of IT, Director of Studies, Director of Sixth Form, Bursar & Clerk to the Governors, Director of Development and the Director of Marketing & Admissions . The total employee benefits including pension costs of the key management personnel of the school were £709,244 (2018: £600,407).

## 7 Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax on its activities.

# 8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold properties £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2018	12,500,901	3,181,325	15,682,226
Additions	17,229	282,874	300,103
Disposals		(13,545)	(13,545)
At 31 August 2019	12,518,130	3,450,654	15,968,784
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2018	1,514,440	2,271,775	3,786,215
Charge for the year	163,283	360,663	523,946
Eliminated on disposals	-	(12,850)	(12,850)
At 31 August 2019	1,677,723	2,619,588	4,297,311
Net Book Value			
At 31 August 2019	10,840,407	831,066	11,671,473
At 31 August 2018	10,986,461	909,550	11,896,011

The insured value of the Main School, Sports Hall, Swimming Pool, St Mary's Theatre and other buildings is £33,770,820.

All tangible fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes. The school does not own or have the use of any inalienable or historic assets. No impairment of the freehold property was evident, which has been confirmed by the insurance valuation.

9	Investments	2019 £	2018 £
	At 1 September	1,953,961	2,254,315
	Disposals	(1,544,655)	(250,000)
	Net losses	(78,102)	(50,354)
	At 31 August	331,204	1,953,961
	Historical cost	386,742	1,884,555

Of the investments held £331,204 (2018: £408,782) relate to Edinburgh Investment Trust Plc and £nil (2018: £1,545,179) relates to M&G Charibond, which are listed on the London Stock Exchange.

10	Stock	2019 £	2018 £
	Household and consumable materials	16,560	18,974
11	Debtors	2019 £	2018 £
	Tuition fees receivable Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	291,575 22,744 202,578	312,828 8,709 176,289
		516,897	497,826
12	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2019 £	2018 £
	Trade creditors Tuition fees in advance (see below) Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	188,018 1,169,810 87,763 408,489 68,661	78,765 1,223,965 100,173 615,789 136,007
		1,922,741	2,154,699
		2019 £	2018 £
	Total tuition fees in advance brought forwards Released in year Received in year	1,429,825 (1,429,825) 1,267,825	2,415,231 (2,415,231) 1,429,825
	Total tuition fees in advance carried forwards	1,267,825	1,429,825
	Repayable in one year or less, or on demand Repayable in one year or more (see note 13)	1,169,810 98,015	1,223,965 205,860
		1,267,825	1,429,825

13	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	2019 £	2018 £
	Fees paid in advance Fee deposits	98,015 396,117	205,860 422,417
		494,132	628,277
	<b>Fee deposits</b> Repayable in one year or less, or on demand	347,107	354,972
	Repayable between one and two years Repayable between two and five years Repayable in five years or more	160,750 172,373 62,994	136,085 233,832 52,500
	Total	396,117	422,417
	Fees paid in advance Repayable in one year or less, or on demand	1,169,810	1,223,965
	Repayable between one and two years Repayable between two and five years	98,015	173,856 32,004
	Total	98,015	205,860
14	Provision for liabilities	2019 £	2018 £
	Balance at 1 September Released in year (see note 17)	63,719 (20,551)	72,447 (8,728)
		43,168	63,719

15 Funds	Balance at 31 August 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
Unrestricted Funds General	12,155,672	7,194,230	(7,691,035)	(78,102)	11,580,765
	Balance at 31 August 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains & Transfers £	Balance at 31 August 2018 £
Unrestricted Funds General	12,664,616	6,816,867	(7,275,457)	(50,354)	12,155,672

# 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Tangible fixed assets	11,671,473	-	11,671,473
Current assets	2,369,333	-	2,369,333
Current liabilities	(1,922,741)	-	(1,922,741)
Creditors falling due after 1 year	(494,132)	-	(494,132)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(43,168)		(43,168)
	11,580,765		11,580,765

All net assets in 2018 were represented by unrestricted funds.

# 17 Pension obligations

The School employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teachers' Pension Scheme England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and TPT Retirement Solutions Independent Schools' Pension Scheme (ISPS) for non-teaching staff. The former is a defined benefit scheme and the latter is a defined contribution scheme. In addition, a small number of employees belong to TPT Retirement Solutions Growth Plan (TPTGP) defined benefit scheme however this is closed to new members.

# **Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £330,558 (2018 - £331,518) and at the year-end £43,948 (2018 - £42,565) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

On 27 June 2019 the Supreme Court denied the government permission to appeal the Court of Appeal's judgment that transitional provisions introduced to the reformed pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The government is respecting the Court's decision and has said it will engage fully with the Employment Tribunal as well as employer and member representatives to agree how the discriminations will be remedied.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards.

In view of the above rulings and decisions the assumptions used in the 31 March 2016 Actuarial Valuation may become inappropriate. In this scenario, a valuation prepared in accordance with revised benefits and suitably revised assumptions would yield different results than those contained in the Actuarial Valuation.

Until a remedy to the discrimination conclusion has been determined by the Employment Tribunal it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

#### 17 Pension obligations continued

#### **TPT Retirement Solutions**

The scheme is subject to the funding legislation outlines in the Pensions Act 2004 which came into force on 30 December 2005. This, together with documents issued by the Pensions Regulator and Technical Actuarial Standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, set out the framework for funding defined benefit occupational pension scheme in the UK.

The scheme is classified as a 'last-man standing arrangement'. Therefore the company is potentially liable

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2017. This valuation showed assets of £794.9m, liabilities of £926.4m and a deficit of £131.5m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme of £11,243,000 per annum. This is payable monthly from 1 April 2019 to 31 January 2025 and increases by 3% each on 1st April.

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities.

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using the discount rate detailed in these disclosures. The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

Reconciliation of opening and closing provision:	2019 £	2018 £
Provision at start of period	63,719	72,447
Recognised in year		-
Unwinding of discount factor (interest expense)	1,002	815
Deficit contribution paid	(8,172)	(8,459)
Remeasurements - impact of change in assumptions	811	(1,084)
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedule	(14,192)	-
	43,168	63,719
Income and expenditure impact:		
Interest expense	1,002	815
Recognised in year	-	-
Remeasurements - impact of change in assumptions	811	(1,084)
Remeasurements – amendments to the contribution schedule	(14,192)	-

All movements on the pension provision are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as staff costs.

The assumed discount rate applied is 0.97% per annum (2018 - 1.68%). This rate is the equivalent single discount rate which, when used to discount the future recovery plan contributions due, would give the same results as using a full AA corporate bond yield curve to discount the same recovery plan contributions.

# 18 Indemnity insurance

During the year the company purchased insurance for the directors of the school against liabilities arising from negligence in relation to the company as permitted under section 233 of the Companies Act 2006 with the approval of the Charities Commission. £25,487 was paid for public liability insurance (2018 - £28,777). Included in this was professional indemnity insurance relating to the trustees.

## **19** Company limited by guarantee

As the company is limited by guarantee, in the event of winding up the members will be required to pay £1.

## 20 Related party transactions

None of the trustees received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses for their role as trustee during the current or previous year.

The Chairman is also a trustee of St Mary's School Wantage Bursary Fund. The charity raises funds to support bursaries provided by the School. During the year an amount of £31,116 (2018 - £19,065) was donated to the School and at the year end £nil (2018 - £nil) was owed to the School.

## 21 Controlling interest

The company is controlled by its Board of Governors.

## 22 Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2019 the school had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases falling due as set out below:

Due within:	2019 £	2018 £
Less than one year Between one and five years	22,603 62,244	10,246 32,667
	84,847	42,913