

Light Hall School
(A company limited by guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 August 2015

Company Registration No.07687583
Registered Name: Light Hall School

Light Hall School

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	Andrew Hobday Christine Thomas Elizabeth Baker
Governors (Trustees)	Annette Kimblin Christine Thomas (Chair) Ann Hunter Stefan March Jane Spicer Joanna Tomkinson Elizabeth Baker Andrew Hobday Razina Ashraf (resigned 26 th June 2015) Michella Lea John Greenan (resigned 11 th September 2015) Marina Davis (resigned 9 th October 2015) Yasmin Ashraf Richart Hart Jacqueline Allen (appointed 12 th October 2015) Andrew Johnson (appointed 19 th October 2015) Paula Pearson (appointed 11 th September 2015)
School Leadership Team	
Headteacher	AB Kimblin
Deputy Headteacher	R Barr
Assistant Headteacher	R Hall
Assistant Headteacher	R McCrainor
Assistant Headteacher	S Brookes
Assistant Headteacher	G Bastock
Principal and Registered Office	Hathaway Road Shirley Solihull West Midlands, B90 2PZ
Company Registration Number	07687583 (England and Wales)
Independent Auditor	Moore Stephens LLP Chartered Accountants 35 Calthorpe Road Edgbaston Birmingham, B15 1TS
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PLC Poplar Road Solihull, Birmingham, B91 3AN
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Responsible Officer	Solihull Audit Services Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council PO Box 9 Solihull, B91 9QU

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GOVERNORS' REPORT (INCLUDING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)

The governors present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2015.

The trust operates an academy for pupils aged 11 to 16. During academic year 2014/15 there were 1173 pupils on role, pupils attending are from South Solihull, South Birmingham and further afield.

Principal activities

The Academy Trust's principal activities are specifically restricted to advance, for the public benefit, education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school offering a broad and balanced curriculum.

The Academy Trust operates under a Funding Agreement issued by the Department for Education on 29 July 2011 and commenced operations on 1 August 2011.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

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

The company was incorporated on 29 June 2011. On 1 August 2011 Light Hall School converted from a specialist college to academy trust status under the Academies Act 2010 and all the operations, and assets and liabilities were transferred to Light Hall School from the Governors of Light Hall School.

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

Members' liability

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

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

Method of recruitment and appointment or election of governors

The Governors are directors of the charitable company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006 and Trustees for the purposes of charity legislation. The governors who were in office at 31 August 2015 and served throughout the year, except where shown, are listed on page 1.

The Members may appoint Governors but this will not be subject to any maximum. They may appoint staff Governors through such processes as they may determine. Provided that the total number of governors (including the Head Teacher), who are employees of the Academy Trust does not exceed one third of the total number of governors. The Head Teacher shall be treated for all purposes as being an ex-officio governor. There will be a minimum of 2 parent governors who shall be elected by parents of registered students at the Academy. The governors may appoint up to 3 co-opted governors.

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Principles and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Governors

New governors attend full governing body meetings and subsequently populate committees, often according to interests and personal expertise. Each new governor has a nominated mentor governor and training is offered each term by Governor Services and appropriate records are kept of this. Copies of policies, handbooks and literature are disseminated throughout the year.

Organisational structure

A unified leadership structure operates to help improve the way the Academy is run. The structure consists of Governors and the Senior Leadership Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage decision making at all levels.

The governors are responsible for the strategic development of the Academy, adopting an annual School Improvement Plan (SIP) and budget, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and management accounts and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and senior staff appointments.

To ensure an efficient and effective committee structure with the Academy's School Improvement Plan at its core, there are governor committees responsible for strategy and finance, pay and student discipline.

The core Senior Leadership Team is made up of the Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher and 2 Senior Assistant Head Teachers. These leaders direct the Academy at an executive level implementing the policies laid down by the governors and reporting back to them. The Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and appointment of staff, though appointment boards for posts in the Head of Faculty and above appointments always contain a governor. Some spending control is devolved to members of the Senior Leadership Team, with limits above which the Head Teacher must countersign. The Head Teacher is the accounting officer in the academy. This is all detailed in the Financial Scheme of Delegation.

Risk management

The Governors have responsibility for assessing the strategic risks to which the Academy is exposed and have a risk register which produces a systematic analysis of all risks, placing them in priority order. It will be reviewed and updated during the academic year 2014/15.

The governors are implementing a number of systems to assess the risks the Academy faces, especially in the strategic risk areas and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk. The Academy has an effective system of internal financial controls and this is explained in more detail in this report.

Connected organisations, including related party relationships

As part of its operation the Academy liaises with organisations such as the Local Authority as well as with other education providers and trainers such as local schools, further education institutions and universities and independent educational consultants. These links are maintained in the interests of supporting good practice and information sharing and consolidate well established mutually supportive associations. None of these relationships impact on the Academies operational policies.

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Objectives and Activities

Objectives and aims

For the autumn term 2014, the Academy's main objectives were encompassed in its mission statement and in the fulfilment of its motto 'The best from everyone, all of the time' which encompasses Light Hall's aspiration to be a leading, innovative academy, demonstrating excellence in all that it does.

Underpinning this are the core values of excellence, love of learning, high aspirations and expectations, sound moral compass, care and respect and active participation. Each of the leaves of the Light Hall 'tree' emblem represents one of these core values with excellence being the gold leaf, pointing to the sky.

The academy's aim is that every student leaves us, not only having achieved their full potential academically, but with a lifelong love of learning, a sound moral compass and high aspirations and expectations of themselves. Care and respect for others and our environment are the given norm at Light Hall and there is an expectation that everyone will participate actively and positively in the life of our learning community.

To this end the activities provided include:

- Tuition and learning opportunities for all students to attain the highest standard in academic qualifications
- Training opportunities for all staff, to encourage them to be effective models of learning and development
- Specialist activities in all curricular areas
- A programme of sporting and after-school extra curricular activities for all students to widen their experiences
- A system of pre and after-school clubs to allow students to develop as learners
- Community learning links that can support other learners in Shirley and surrounding areas

Objectives, strategies and activities

For the Autumn term 2014 the academy continued to follow the 2014/16 school improvement plan.

The main objectives for the year were stated in the School Improvement Plan 2014-16, along with actions required.

The overriding aims include:

- Students exceed expected levels of progress
- All leaders and managers are highly ambitious for pupils and lead by example
- There is a pursuit of excellence in all of the school's activities
- Learning and teaching are of the highest quality, all groups of students learn exceptionally
- Students have a real pride in the school, they demonstrate excellent conduct, well manners and punctuality. Parents, staff and pupils are reservedly positive about behaviour and safety

Public Benefit

The governors have taken The Charity Commission's specific guidance on public benefit (contained within the guidance document "The Advancement of Education for the Public Benefit") into consideration in preparing their statements on public benefit contained within this governors' annual report.

The Trust Governors have complied with the duty in the Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. In particular the Governors consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set. The Academy has provided a fully comprehensive education to all pupils in its care. It fully complies with all statutory guidance and seeks to support its wider educational objective via a strong community role.

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Strategic Report

Achievements and Performance

The academic year 2014-15 saw a continued upward trend in improved student outcomes. Total of 63% of students achieved 5-A*-C including English and Maths. Areas of concern in previous years such as Science, demonstrated some improvement, particularly in triple science and core science.

Key Performance Indicators

Measure	2015	2014	2013	Nat Ave 2014
Value Added School Score	1033.16	1019.2	985.7	1000
Capped APS	351.3	342.4	337.2	306.9
% 5 A*-C	81	80	77	64
% 5 A*-C inc EM	63	74	59	55
% A*-G	99	97	100	92
English 3LP%	66	83	63	70
Maths 3LP%	84	80	84	65
English 4LP%	25	38	21	32
Maths 4LP%	49	45	46	29

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Governing Body has a reasonable expectation that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

Financial Review

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

The Academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities ("SORP 2005") such grants are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the fixed asset fund. The restricted fixed asset fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the expected useful life of the assets concerned.

During the year ended 31 August 2015, total expenditure of £6,507,082 was in excess of recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The excess of expenditure over income for the year before other recognised gains and losses was £390,686.

At 31 August 2015 the net book value of fixed assets was £21,332,666 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the Academy.

Investments consists of short term deposits which have been classified as an investment as the academy's intention is to continue to re-invest these funds.

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Reserves policy

The Governors review the reserves levels of the academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Governors have determined that an appropriate level of free reserves should be equivalent to 1 weeks expenditure approximately £100,000. The reason for this is to provide sufficient working capital to cover delays between spending and receipt of grants and to provide a cushion to deal with unexpected emergencies such as urgent maintenance. The academy's current level of free reserves (total funds less the amount held in fixed assets and restricted funds) is £367,020.

The Academy's share of the Local Government Pension Scheme deficit is £1,189,000 as at 31 August 2015. The Governors have agreed to fund this deficit in accordance with the recommendations of the latest actuarial valuation carried out on 31 August 2015. Further details are provided in note 16.

Investment policy

The Governors' policy is to invest any surplus funds in low risk short term bank deposits.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors consider that the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are:

- Meeting requisite standards of education for students in core subjects
- Complying with legislative requirements regarding employment law, data protection, discrimination, Companies House and HMRC, child protection, the Charity commission and the National Curriculum.
- Financial risk – not operating within its budget and running a deficit, changes in funding, inappropriate or insufficient financial controls and systems, fraudulent activity and or financial commitments made without adequate authorisation
- Operational risks resulting from inexperienced or inappropriate staff being employed and inaccurate, out of date or inappropriate information

The key controls used by the academy include:

- Detailed terms of reference for all committees
- Formal agendas for the academy board and committees
- Schemes of delegation and formal financial regulations
- Formal written policies
- Clear authorisation and approval levels
- Policies and procedures required by law to protect the vulnerable

Plans for Future Years

The main objectives for 2015/16 are stated in the School Improvement Plan as follows:-

Teaching and Learning: Aim – Learning and teaching are of the highest quality. All groups of students learn exceptionally well

- Develop personalised coaching for all members of teaching staff
- Further improve marking and formative assessment to ensure consistency across Light Hall
- Develop and embed the Light Hall learning policy
- Further develop KS3 and KS4 curriculum in line with national expectations

Behaviour and Safety: Aim – Pupils safe

- Appoint 5 Heads of Year and 5 pastoral managers to lead on behaviour, safety, attendance and progress
- Introduce a house system
- Further improve ICT and security
- Further improve the learning environment

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Funds held as Custodian Trustee on behalf of others

The Academy and its Governors do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other Charity or funds.

Auditors

The arrangement with Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP as auditors has come to the end of its 3 year agreement. A retendering exercise has been done and new auditors, Moore Stephens LLP, have been selected to audit the accounts from the academic year 2014/15.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

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

The Governors' Annual Report is approved by order of the board of governors and the Strategic Report (included therein) is approved by the board of governors in their capacity as the directors at a meeting on 30th November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



C Thomas
Chair

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Scope of responsibility

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

The Governing Body has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Headteacher, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the Funding Agreement between Light Hall School and the Secretary of State for Education. The Accounting Officer is also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' Report and in the Statement of Governors' Responsibilities. The Governing Body has formally met 6 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Full governing body was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Ann Hunter	3	6
Stefan March	5	6
Jane Spicer	6	6
Joanna Tomkinson	4	6
Elizabeth Baker	6	6
Christine Thomas	6	6
Andrew Hobday	4	6
Razina Ashraf (resigned 26th June 2015)	0	6
Michella Lea	4	6
John Greenan	6	6
Marina Davis	4	6
Annette Kimblin	6	6
Yasmin Ashraf	3	6
Richart Hart	6	6

Strategic and Finance Committee:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Ann Hunter	5	6
Stefan March	5	6
Jane Spicer	6	6
Elizabeth Baker	6	6
Christine Thomas	6	6
Andrew Hobday	5	6
Michella Lea	2	6
Annette Kimblin	6	6
Richart Hart	6	6

Pay Committee

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of possible
Ann Hunter	2	2
Jane Spicer	2	2
Andrew Hobday	2	2

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Review of Value for Money

As accounting officer, the Headteacher has responsibility for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The accounting officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The accounting officer considers how the trust's use of resources has provided good value for money during each academic year and reports to the board of trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where available. The accounting officer for the academy trust has delivered improved value for money during the year in the following ways.

We have made economic, efficient and effective use of all resources in order to produce better educational results. Our focus on the progress of all individual pupils, tracking their achievement regularly, putting intervention in place in the form of extra revision classes after school, running Saturday and half term holiday and Easter schools have resulted in a continued rise in our value-added measure for all students KS2-KS4 placing well above the national average in this measure and 49% of students made more than expected progress. In addition to this, over 80% of pupils made expected progress in maths, again well above the national average. Light Hall targeted resources, in the form of additional teaching periods and leadership support, to improve outcomes for students in all subjects and this was achieved with an average of 70% of students making expected progress in all subject areas.

Our trustees have strong oversight of all spending and advise on and interrogate all major spending decisions – for example the governing body closely monitored our spending on improvements to security of the school site, insisting on a detailed analysis of all spending at every point to ensure that we remained within the budget allocated.

This year the trust has taken more steps to ensure better purchasing, again all service level agreements have been appraised and contracts have been renegotiated.

During the course of the year we also undertook a benchmarking exercise with several comparable neighbouring secondary schools to ensure best value for money. The outcomes were positive and also gave us the emphasis to review certain areas of our support staff structure.

The trust has taken the opportunity to generate additional income through catering, lettings and running adult education courses. The success of these initiatives is due to the proactive work of our lettings officer and the new outdoor Catering Service Pod for lunches.

In the academic year 2014 our self-generated income increased by £16,383 (Totals: Catering £197,211, Lettings £90,768, Courses £20,634)

The trust has organised rigorous and regular internal controls to maximise the use of our assets. Risk is managed by investment maturing monthly throughout the year to enable stable cash flow. This is reported to governors at half termly meetings of the Strategy and Finance committee. The Financial handbook is adhered to and termly scrutiny is undertaken by an external responsible officer.

The trust has managed cash, bank balances and investments effectively. Our Financial Director completes a weekly cash flow analysis for my approval. I do this at our weekly meeting to review our financial position. I review the management accounts, investments, restricted and unrestricted funds on a monthly basis in accordance with the financial Handbook. Surplus funds are identified and invested to maximise income. Segregation of duties in the finance office ensure transparency and financial regularity.

We are constantly reviewing our practice and operations in order to make our budget go further. With this in mind we are currently undertaking a review of our reprographic services and have put even higher financial controls in place.

The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives, It can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify

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and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Light Hall School for the period ended 31 August 2015 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

Capacity to handle risk

The Governing Body have reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

The risk and control framework

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

- Comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and yearly financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the governing body
- Regular reviews by the strategy and finance committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes
- Setting targets to ensure financial and other performance
- Clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines
- Delegation of authority and segregation of duties
- Identification and management risks

The Governing Body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and have decided to appoint a Responsible Officer. The Responsible Officer role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. The Responsible Officer reports to the Governing Body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities.

Review of effectiveness

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

- The work of the Responsible Officer
- The work of the external auditor
- The work of the senior managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of the reviews of the system of internal control by the Strategic & Finance Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body 30th November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



AB Kimblin
Accounting Officer



C Thomas
Chair

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STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Light Hall School I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook.

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

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

Signed



AB Kimblin
Accounting Officer

30th November 2015

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STATEMENT ON GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The governors (who act as trustees for charitable activities of Light Hall School and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report including the Strategic Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Requirements issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

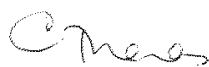
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP; 2005
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Company will continue in business.

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

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

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

Approved by order of the members of the governing body on 30th November 2015 and signed on its behalf by:



C Thomas
Chair

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Light Hall School

We have audited the financial statements of Light Hall School for the year ended 31 August 2015 which will comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency.

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

Respective responsibilities of Governors and auditors

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

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

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

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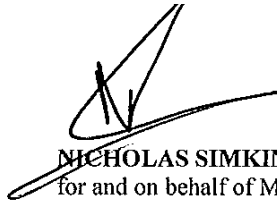
Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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



NICHOLAS SIMKINS (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of MOORE STEPHENS LLP (Statutory Auditor)
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Birmingham
1 December 2015

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Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Light Hall School and the Education Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 23 June 2015 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Light Hall School during the period 1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Respective responsibilities of Light Hall School's accounting officer and the reporting accountant

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Light Hall School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 29 July 2011 and the Academies financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2014, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

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

Approach

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

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

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion. Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the academy trust's income and expenditure.

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

We have undertaken testing as appropriate in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015. This includes an evaluation of the control environment of the school, enquiry, analytical review and substantive testing.

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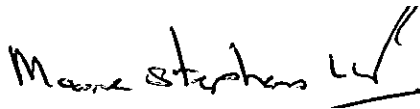
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Our procedures included, but not limited to the following:

- Reviewing minutes of meetings, management accounts and made enquiries of management;
- Performing sample testing of expenditure ensuring items are for the School's purposes and are appropriately authorised;
- Sample testing on credit card expenditure, review for any indication of purchase for personal use by staff, Head or Governors;
- Reviewing the procedures for identifying and declaring related parties and other business interests;
- Scrutinising journals, and other adjustments posted during the year for evidence of unusual entries and made further enquiries into any such items where relevant;
- Taking a selection of nominal ledger accounts for evidence of unusual entries and made further enquiries into any such items where relevant;
- Performing an evaluation of the general control environment of the School;
- Reviewing nominal ledger accounts for any large or unusual entries and obtaining supporting documentation.

Conclusion

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



Moore Stephens LLP
Chartered Accountants
Birmingham

1 December 2015

Light Hall School

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(including Income & Expenditure Account)

for the year ended 31 August 2015

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds General Fixed assets £ £		Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated fund,						
Activities for generating funds	2	413,905	-	-	413,905	465,022
Investment income	3	3,981	-	-	3,981	9,090
Incoming resources from charitable activities:						
Funding for academy's educational operations	4	-	5,674,800	23,710	5,698,510	6,224,987
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		417,886	5,674,800	23,710	6,116,396	6,699,099
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable activities:						
Academy's educational operations	6	-	(5,815,292)	(366,988)	(6,182,280)	(6,406,793)
Costs of generating funds	8	(302,212)	-	-	(302,212)	(302,967)
Governance costs	9	-	(22,590)	-	(22,590)	(25,506)
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	5	(302,212)	(5,837,882)	(366,988)	(6,507,082)	(6,735,266)
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES & NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE PERIOD		115,674	(163,082)	(343,278)	(390,686)	(36,167)
TRANSFERS						
Gross transfers between funds		(246,592)	102,938	143,654	-	-
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/LOSSES						
Actuarial gains/ (losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	16	-	(99,000)	-	(99,000)	149,000
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(130,918)	(159,144)	(199,624)	(489,686)	112,833
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Fund balances brought forward At 1 September 2014		497,938	(1,029,856)	21,532,290	21,000,372	20,887,539
FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 August 2015	17	367,020	(1,189,000)	21,332,666	20,510,686	21,000,372

The net movement in funds for the period arises from the charitable company's continuing operations.

No separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented as all such gains and losses are dealt with in the statement of financial activities.


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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 August 2015

	Notes	2015		2014	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	13		21,332,666		21,532,290
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	14	181,072		233,704	
Investments		610,000		720,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		37,517		-	
		<u>828,589</u>		<u>953,704</u>	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(461,569)		(427,622)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>367,020</u>		<u>526,082</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION LIABILITY			21,699,686		22,058,372
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	16	(1,189,000)		(1,058,000)	
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION LIABILITY			<u>20,510,686</u>		<u>21,000,372</u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY					
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Fixed asset fund	17 & 18		21,332,666		21,532,290
General	17 & 18		-		28,144
Pension reserve	16, 17 & 18		(1,189,000)		(1,058,000)
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	17 & 18		<u>20,143,666</u>		<u>20,502,434</u>
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General fund	17 & 18		367,020		497,938
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	17 & 18		<u>367,020</u>		<u>497,938</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	17 & 18		<u>20,510,686</u>		<u>21,000,372</u>

The financial statements on pages 17 to 37 were approved by the governors and authorised for issue on 30 November 2015, and are signed on their behalf by:



C Thomas
Chair

Company number: 07687583

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 August 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	11	118,325	(20,232)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	11	3,981	9,090
Capital expenditure	11	(143,654)	(134,959)
Management of liquid resources		110,000	80,000
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(DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR	11&12	88,652	(66,101)
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RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS			
NET FUNDS AT 1 SEPTEMBER		(51,135)	14,966
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NET FUNDS AT 31 AUGUST		37,517	(51,135)
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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP 2005') 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities', the Academies: Accounts Direction 2014 to 2015 issued by the Education Funding Agency and Companies Act 2006. A summary of the principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, except where noted, is set out below.

GOING CONCERN

The Governors assess whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy to continue as a going concern. The Governors make this assessment on a regular basis during the year and in respect of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements and have concluded that the academy is a going concern.

INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are recognised when the Academy Trust has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Grants receivable

Grant income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet.

The general annual grant ('the GAG') from the DfE, which is intended to meet recurrent costs, is recognised on a receivable basis and is credited directly to the Statement of Financial Activities to the extent of the entitlement of the funds, any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and is recognised as a liability.

Capital grants are recognised as voluntary income on a receivable basis to the extent there is entitlement.

Other grants from government agencies and other bodies are recognised in the period in which they are receivable to the extent the conditions of funding have been met. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received the income is accrued.

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

Other income

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

Interest receivable

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

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

RESOURCES EXPENDED

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

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

Charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy Trust's educational operations.

Governance costs include the costs attributable to the Academy Trust's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and governors' meetings and reimbursed expenses.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

Restricted General funds are resources subject to specific restrictions imposed by funders or donors, and include grants from the Education Funding Agency.

Restricted Fixed Assets Funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by the Education Funding Agency, donor, where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

TAXATION

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

LEASED ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS

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

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more or desirable portable items under £1,000 are capitalised at cost and are carried at cost net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the balance sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where the related grants require the asset to be held for a specific purpose they are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet, with this amount being reduced over the useful economic life of the related asset on a basis consistent with the depreciation policy, the corresponding amount charged to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful lives, as follows:

Leasehold land	- no depreciation
Leasehold buildings	- 2% / 4% straight line
Computer equipment	- 25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy Trust are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ('TPS') and the Local Government Pension Scheme ('LGPS'). These are defined benefit schemes, are contracted out of the State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme ('SERPS'), and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy Trust in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quinquennial valuations using a prospective benefit method. As stated in Note 16, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and the Academy Trust is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme and the contributions recognised as they are paid each year.

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy Trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the Statement of Financial Activities if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The expected return on assets and the interest cost are shown as a net finance amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other gains and losses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 August 2015

1. GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the academy trust was subject to limits at 31 August 2015 on the amount that could be carried forward from one year to the next. An amount equal to 12% of GAG could be carried forward, of which up to 2% could be used for general recurrent purposes, with any balance being available for premises/capital purposes. The academy trust has not exceeded these limits during the year ended 31 August 2015.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds		Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
		General £	Fixed Assets £		
2. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS					
Trip income	80,329	-	-	80,329	131,765
Catering income	197,212	-	-	197,212	166,508
Sales of goods/services	24,961	-	-	24,961	40,874
Sundry lettings and hire of facilities	111,403	-	-	111,403	125,875
	<u>413,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>413,905</u>	<u>465,022</u>
3. INVESTMENT INCOME					
Bank interest receivable on short term cash deposits	3,981	-	-	3,981	9,090
	<u>3,981</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,981</u>	<u>9,090</u>
4. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS					
Core academy funding:					
General Annual Grant (GAG)	-	5,273,279	-	5,273,279	5,493,471
Other government funding:					
Pupil premium	-	352,769	-	352,769	309,607
Special Education Needs income	-	8,502	-	8,502	15,308
Capital grants	-	-	23,710	23,710	373,878
Other	-	40,250	-	40,250	32,723
	<u>-</u>	<u>5,674,800</u>	<u>23,710</u>	<u>5,698,510</u>	<u>6,224,987</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the period ended 31 August 2015

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED

	Staff costs £	Non pay expenditure Premises £	Other costs £	Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
Costs of activities for generating funds	-	-	302,212	302,212	302,967
<i>Academy's educational operations:</i>					
Direct costs	3,991,162	169,941	97,789	4,258,892	4,410,475
Allocated support costs	624,178	366,988	932,222	1,923,388	1,996,318
	<u>4,615,340</u>	<u>536,929</u>	<u>1,030,011</u>	<u>6,182,280</u>	<u>6,406,793</u>
Governance costs including allocated support costs	-	-	22,590	22,590	25,506
	<u>4,615,340</u>	<u>536,929</u>	<u>1,354,813</u>	<u>6,507,082</u>	<u>6,735,266</u>
Incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year				2015 £	2014 £
Operating leases - plant and machinery				-	-
- other				18,652	10,919
Fees payable to Moore Stephens LLP and its associates for:					
- audit				8,775	12,875
- other services				5,818	10,601
Loss on disposal of fixed assets				-	-
				<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 31 August 2015

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds		Total 2015 £	Total 2014 £
		General £	Fixed Assets £		
6. ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS					
Direct costs:					
Teaching – staff costs	-	3,991,162	-	3,991,162	4,141,171
Teaching – other costs	-	97,789	-	97,789	100,193
Premises – other costs	-	169,941	-	169,941	169,111
Support costs – see note 7	-	1,556,400	366,988	1,923,388	1,996,318
	-	5,815,292	366,988	6,182,280	6,406,793
7. SUPPORT					
Staff costs	-	624,178	-	624,178	645,662
Net finance expense on pension scheme assets and liabilities – see note 16	-	11,000	-	-	37,000
Premises – other costs	-	507,950	-	507,950	521,979
Welfare – other costs	-	32,314	-	32,314	28,914
Depreciation	-	-	366,988	366,988	340,096
Recruitment and training	-	34,154	-	34,154	53,420
Other costs	-	346,804	-	346,804	369,247
	-	1,556,400	366,988	1,923,388	1,996,318
8. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS					
Trips	80,174	-	-	80,174	130,432
Catering	222,038	-	-	222,038	166,508
Examination fees	-	-	-	-	6,027
	302,212	-	-	302,212	302,967
9. GOVERNANCE COSTS					
Legal and professional fees	-	6,297	-	6,297	530
Auditor's remuneration:					
Audit of the financial statements	-	8,775	-	8,775	12,875
Other services	-	5,818	-	5,818	10,601
Responsible officer	-	1,700	-	1,700	1,500
	-	22,590	-	22,590	25,506

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10. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS	2015	2014
	£	£
Staff costs		
Staff costs during the period were:		
Wages and salaries	3,680,268	3,874,151
Social security costs	267,338	287,938
Pension costs	534,250	550,383
	<u>4,481,856</u>	<u>4,712,472</u>
Supply teacher costs	133,484	74,361
	<u>4,615,340</u>	<u>4,786,833</u>

Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the Academy Trust during the year expressed as full-time equivalents (which is not materially different to the Academy head count) was as follows:

Educational operations	2015	2014
	Number	Number
Teachers	69	68
Administration and support	57	57
Management	6	6
	<u>132</u>	<u>131</u>

Highest paid staff

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

	2015	2014
	Number	Number
£60,001 - £70,000	2	1
£70,001 - £80,000	2	1

In 2015, all of the above employees participated in the Teachers' Pension Scheme. During the year ended 31 August 2015, pension contributions for these staff amounted to £38,432 (2014: £17,278).

No other member of staff received total emoluments in excess of £60,000 during the current period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 31 August 2015

10. STAFF COSTS (Continued)

GOVERNORS' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Head teacher and staff trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Head teacher and staff members under their contracts of employment and not in respect of their services as trustees. Other trustees did not receive any payments from the Academy Trust in respect of their role as trustees. The value of trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

AB Kimblin (Headteacher and governor)

Remuneration £75,000 - £80,000 (2014: £50,000 - £55,000)

Employer's Pension Contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2014: £5,000 - £10,000)

J Greenan (staff governor)

Remuneration £45,000 - £50,000 (2014: £45,000 - £50,000)

Employer's Pension Contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2014: £5,000 - £10,000)

M Davis (staff governor)

Remuneration £40,000 - £45,000 (2014: £40,000 - £45,000)

Employer's Pension Contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2014: £5,000 - £10,000)

AB Kimblin was appointed as head teacher on 1st January 2014 and so the comparative figures above are for an 8 month period.

Other than as disclosed above, none of the governors received any remuneration for services as a trustee of the charity or as a director of the company during the current period. No governors received reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in relation to the charitable company.

Related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 22.

GOVERNORS' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the Academy Trust has purchased insurance to protect trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on Academy Trust business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim and the cost for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £1,549 (2014: £1,050).

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 31 August 2015

	2015 £	2014 £	
11. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	(390,686)	(36,167)	
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(23,710)	(373,878)	
FRS 17 pension service cost less contributions paid (note 16)	21,000	(999)	
FRS 17 pension finance expense (note 16)	11,000	37,000	
Depreciation	366,988	340,096	
Interest receivable	(3,981)	(9,090)	
(Increase)/ decrease in debtors	52,632	(81,910)	
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors	85,082	104,716	
Loss on disposal	-	-	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	118,325	(20,232)	
INTEREST RECEIVED	3,981	9,090	
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(167,364)	(508,837)	
Capital funding received from DfE/EFA	23,710	373,878	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	(143,654)	(134,959)	
12. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
	At 1 September 2014 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2015 £
Cash in hand and at bank	(51,135)	88,652	37,517
	<u>(51,135)</u>	<u>88,652</u>	<u>37,517</u>

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13. TANGIBLE ASSETS	Leasehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost:				
1 September 2014	22,373,060	19,282	131,808	22,524,150
Additions	124,237	-	43,127	167,364
Disposals	-	-	-	-
31 August 2015	22,497,297	19,282	174,935	22,691,514
Depreciation:				
1 September 2014	896,281	4,821	90,758	991,860
Charge in the year	321,754	4,820	40,414	366,988
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
31 August 2015	1,218,035	9,641	131,172	1,358,848
Net book value:				
31 August 2015	21,279,262	9,641	43,763	21,332,666
31 August 2014	21,476,779	14,461	41,050	21,532,290

The leasehold land and buildings inherited by the charitable company upon conversion were valued at £21,173,520 on a depreciated replacement costs basis by Solihull Metropolitan Council. The land element of this valuation was £6,755,520.

14. DEBTORS	2015 £	2014 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	671	158
Other tax and social security	52,950	76,860
Prepayments and accrued income	127,451	156,686
	<u>181,072</u>	<u>233,704</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 31 August 2015

	2015	2014
	£	£
15. CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade creditors	238,162	123,757
Bank	-	51,135
Other creditors	96,297	65,735
Deferred income	31,272	38,061
Accruals	10,167	59,569
Other taxation and social security	85,671	89,365
	<u>461,569</u>	<u>427,622</u>
Deferred income		£
Deferred income at 1 September 2014		38,061
Resources deferred in the year		31,272
Amounts released from previous years		(38,061)
Deferred income at 31 August 2015		<u>31,272</u>

Deferred income consists of £24,493 (2014: £30,275) received relating to trips occurring in 2015/16, £6,779 (2014: £5,031) catering income received and £nil (2014: £2,755) relating to lettings income.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the period ended 31 August 2015

16. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS

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

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2013.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Introduction

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

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

Valuation of the Teachers' Pensions Scheme

Not less than every four years the Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out at 31 March 2013 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% employer administration charge (currently 14.1%);
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,000 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million; and
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations.
- The assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%

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16. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Teachers' Pension Scheme (continued)

During the year the employer contribution rate was 14.1%. The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4% from September 2015, which will be payable during the implementation period until the next valuation as at March 2016, whereupon the employer rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £364,489 (2014: £367,441).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publications-of-the-valuation-report.aspx>).

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

Local Government Pension Scheme

The LGPS is a funded defined-benefit scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2015 was £218,000, of which employer's contributions totalled £167,000 and employees' contribution totalled £51,000. The agreed rates for future years are 18.5 per cent for employers and is variable for employees according to income band.

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

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2015	2014
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.05	3.85
Rate of increase for pensions in payment	2.30	2.10
Discount rate	4.00	3.90
Inflation (CPI)	2.30	2.10

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16. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

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

	2015 %	2014 %
Retiring today:		
Males	23.0	22.9
Females	25.6	25.5
Retiring in 20 years:		
Males	25.2	25.1
Females	28.0	27.8

The Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the scheme and the expected rates of return were:

	Expected return at 31 August 2015	Fair value at 31 August 2015 £'000	Expected return at 31 August 2014	Fair value at 31 August 2014 £'000
Equities	-	1,053	7.0%	679
Bonds	-	308	6.7%	274
Property	-	150	6.2%	131
Cash	-	88	0.5%	66
Other	-	162	7.0%	357
TOTAL MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS	5.9%	1,761		1,507
Present value of scheme liabilities				
- Funded		(2,950)		(2,565)
DEFICIT IN THE SCHEME		(1,189)		(1,058)

The actual return on scheme assets was £72,000 (2014: £130,000).

The expected return on assets is based on the long-term future expected investment return for each asset class at the beginning of the period. The return on bonds is assumed to be the gilt yield and corporate bond yield at the relevant date. The return on equities and property are then assumed to be a margin above gilt yields.

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16. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Amounts recognised in the statement of financial activities	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Current service cost (net of employee contributions)	188	184
Past service cost	-	-
Total operating charge	188	184
Analysis of pension finance income/(costs)		
Expected return on pension scheme assets	94	72
Interest on pension liabilities	(105)	(109)
Pension finance income/(costs)	(11)	(37)

The actuarial gains and losses for the current year are recognised in the SOFA. The cumulative amount of actuarial gains and losses recognised in the statement of recognised gains and losses since the adoption of FRS 17 is a £72,000 gain (2014: £149,000 gain).

Movements in the present value of defined benefit obligations were as follows:	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
At 1 September	2,596	2,302
Current service cost	188	184
Interest cost	105	109
Employee contributions	51	54
Actuarial loss/(gain)	46	(69)
Benefits paid	(36)	16
At 31 August	2,950	2,596
Movements in the fair value of Academy Trust's share of scheme assets:		
At 1 September	1,538	1,131
Expected return on assets	94	72
Actuarial (loss)/gain	(53)	80
Employer contributions	167	185
Employee contributions	51	54
Benefits paid	(36)	16
At 31 August	1,761	1,538

The estimated value of employer contributions for the year ending 31 August 2016 is £165,000.

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16. PENSION AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS (continued)

Local Government Pension Scheme (continued)

The experience adjustment summary is as follows:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Present value of defined benefit obligations	(2,950)	(2,596)
Fair value of share of scheme assets	1,761	1,538
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Deficit in the scheme	(1,189)	(1,058)
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Experience (losses)/ gains on share of scheme assets	(53)	80
Experience (losses)/ gains on scheme liabilities:	-	138

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17. THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

	Brought forward £	Income resources £	Resources expended £	Gains, losses and transfers £	Balance at 31-Aug-15 £
Restricted fixed assets funds:					
Inherited on conversion	20,594,985	-	(174,785)	-	20,420,200
DfE/EFA capital grants	937,305	23,710	(192,203)	143,654	912,466
	<u>21,532,290</u>	<u>23,710</u>	<u>(366,988)</u>	<u>143,654</u>	<u>21,332,666</u>
Restricted general funds:					
Pension reserve	(1,058,000)	-	(32,000)	(99,000)	(1,189,000)
General Annual Grant	28,144	5,273,279	(5,404,361)	102,938	-
Other DfE/YPLA grants	-	401,521	(401,521)	-	-
	<u>(1,029,856)</u>	<u>5,674,800</u>	<u>(5,837,882)</u>	<u>(3,938)</u>	<u>(1,189,000)</u>
Unrestricted funds	497,938	417,886	(302,212)	(246,592)	367,020
	<u>497,938</u>	<u>417,886</u>	<u>(302,212)</u>	<u>(246,592)</u>	<u>367,020</u>
Total funds	<u>21,000,372</u>	<u>6,116,396</u>	<u>(6,507,082)</u>	<u>(99,000)</u>	<u>20,510,686</u>

The General Annual Grant (GAG) represents the core funding for the educational activities of the school that has been provided to the academy via the Education Funding Agency (formerly the Young People's Learning Agency) by the Department for Education. The General Annual Grant Fund has been set up because the GAG must be used for the normal running costs of the academy. The academy is allowed to carry forward up to 12% of the current GAG, and of the carried forward amount, up to 2% of GAG can be used for general purposes at the discretion of the academy, but any balance over 2% must be used for capital purposes.

The pension reserve deficit fund has been created to separately identify the pension deficit inherited from the local authority upon conversion to academy status, and through which all the pension scheme movements are recognised.

The Capital grants fund has been created to recognise the restricted grant funding received from all sources towards capital expenditure projects undertaken throughout the school. Transfers are made to the Capital grants fixed asset fund for expenditure incurred that is in respect of tangible fixed assets. Depreciation charged on those tangible assets is allocated to the fund.

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18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted general funds	Restricted fixed asset funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	21,332,666	21,332,666
Net current assets	367,020	-	-	367,020
Pension scheme liability	-	(1,189,000)	-	(1,189,000)
	<u>367,020</u>	<u>(1,189,000)</u>	<u>21,332,666</u>	<u>20,510,686</u>

19. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

Light Hall School is an exempt charity and a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital. Every member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the company in the event of the company being wound up during the period of membership, or within one year thereafter.

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the balance sheet date, the charitable company had no capital commitments.

21. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

	2015 £	2014 £
At 31 August 2015, the charitable company was committed to make the following payments during the next year under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:		

In respect of plant and machinery leases –		
expiring within one year	3,556	3,380
expiring within one to two years	11,540	-
expiring within two to five years	-	7,539
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22. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the academy's operations and the composition of the board of governors being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is considered inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a governor may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations would, of course, be conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

No such transactions have been identified for the year ended 31 August 2015 (2014: none).