

EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Members	University of Exeter Exeter College J Kay J Laramy
Trustees	T Bailey ² S Basker ^{1,2} K Burnham, Headteacher ^{1,2,3,4} L Cantle ² C Durston (appointed 1 January 2020) ¹ T Fujita J Hamilton N Harvey ¹ P Jenkinson, Vice Chair ^{1,3,4} J Leach ^{1,3,4} J Long (appointed 21 August 2020) S Mariadas ² A Oxborough, Chair ^{2,3,4} T Paulden ² L Peka (resigned 30 January 2020) ^{1,3} D Tarbet ¹ P Vukusic ^{2,3} A Ward (resigned 31 July 2020) ² ¹ Finance and Resources Committee ² Curriculum and Student Experience Committee ³ Strategy Committee ⁴ Governance Committee
Company registered number	08515877
Company name	Exeter Mathematics School
Principal and registered office	Rougemont House Castle Street Exeter Devon EX4 3PU
Accounting Officer	K Burnham
Senior management team	K Burnham, Head Teacher J Rowing, Deputy Head Teacher L Cantle, Assistant Head Teacher N Mitchell, School Business Manager

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Independent auditors	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter EX1 3QS
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank 234 High Street Exeter Devon EX4 3NL
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 August 2020. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 16 to 19 in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset.. It has a pupil capacity of 120 and had a roll of 127 in the school census on 1 October 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The charitable company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy.

The Trustees of Exeter Mathematics School are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on pages 1 to 2.

Members' liability

Each member of the charitable company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases 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.

Trustees' Indemnities

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy. The limit of this indemnity is £10,000,000.

TRUSTEES

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

The Academy Trust shall have the following Trustees as set out in its Articles of Association and funding agreement:

- up to 10 Trustees who are appointed – five by the University of Exeter and five by Exeter College
- a minimum two Parent Trustees
- one staff Trustee
- the Headteacher who is treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Trustee
- the Articles of Association permit the Academy to co-opt Trustees

Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher or to parent governors. Parent governors are appointed for two years or for the duration of their child's enrolment at Exeter Mathematics School, whichever is shorter. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re appointed or re elected.

The Board undertakes an annual skills audit to evaluate the breadth and depth of a range of skills across the Board. This is reviewed by the Governance Committee to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the School's development and identify whether there are any skills gaps that either need filling through Trustee recruitment or through Trustee training. Trustee recruitment can then be specifically targeted to fill skills gaps.

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The Skills audit also helps to identify which Trustees will most effectively act as link governors for each area of the School.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of the School and an opportunity to meet staff and students. As there are normally only one or two new Trustees a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. The Clerk to the Governors follows an induction checklist to ensure that new governors have all the necessary information and support needed to fulfil their role with confidence.

Trustees that have no prior school governance experience will receive specific training for new governors.

All Trustees are provided with copies or have access to all policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. There is also an online Trustees' Manual that the School has developed which brings key information and documents to enable Trustees to understand more about the School, its context, their role as a Trustee and the framework for governance at the School.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees normally meets four times a year. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. The Board delegates functions to Committees and receives reports including policies from its Committees for review and ratification as required. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale. Link Governors are assigned key aspects of the School's function to scrutinise. Their findings are shared at the relevant committees to ensure trustees have an accurate understanding of current practice.

- Resources Committee – this meets four times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements, receiving reports from the Responsible Officer and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels. It also incorporates the role of an audit committee.
- Curriculum and Student Experience Committee – this meets four times a year to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues.
- Appeals Committee – this meets as necessary to deal with all matters relating to admissions appeals.
- Governance Committee – this meets three times a year and advises the Board on all matters relating to governance including the skills required of and the training to be undertaken by governors, succession planning and any other matters which the Board remits to it.
- Strategy Committee – this meets once a year to ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction and to advise the Board on strategic priorities.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the Headteacher and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the School Improvement Plan and budget and all other matters required by law to be taken by it.

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academy to the Headteacher and Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT comprises the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and the School Business Manager.

This year, due to COVID-19, the Board met virtually via Microsoft Teams from the end of March until the end of the accounting year. The Full Board therefore met four times during the year: twice face to face and twice on Teams. During March to the end of the accounting year, the committees did not meet and instead a COVID-19

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Urgency Committee was established to monitor the situation and take urgent decisions as required. As the Full Governing Board met twice during this period, only one meeting of the COVID-19 Urgency Committee was required.

The Headteacher is the Accounting Officer.

Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the senior leadership team comprise the key management personnel of the Academy in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis.

All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The Headteacher is appraised by the Chair and Vice Chair of Trustees and is set targets that reflect the School's priorities as laid out in the School Development Plan. Key Performance Indicators are used to measure success.

The Headteacher's pay is set at the appraisal meeting with due regard for the size and nature of the school in addition to the performance of the Headteacher during the preceding year.

The Deputy Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher and School Business Manager are line managed by the Headteacher in accordance with the School's performance management policy. Their remuneration is determined by the School's salary scale; progression within that scale is dependent on performance. The school salary scales are reviewed by the pay review group each year and adjusted for changes to cost of living.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

Whilst Exeter Mathematics School Academy Trust is sponsored by the University of Exeter and Exeter College, neither exercises control or significant influence over its decisions and operations. Exeter Mathematics School does not receive any donations from either party. We aim that all related party transactions are completed in accordance with the ESFA principles and statutory duties with regard to Related Party Transactions.

Exeter College provides IT and HR services to the school to enable it to benefit from the College's purchasing power and experience, providing better value for money and a higher standard of service than would be possible independently. Exeter Mathematics School students are also able to access extra curricular activities and A level and BTEC teaching at Exeter College. Service Level Agreements are in place for each of the paid for activities from Exeter College and the College provides full assurance of services being delivered at cost and have open books to avoid both real and perceived conflicts of interest and promote integrity and openness in accordance with the 7 principles of public life.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and Aims

The principal object and activity of the Academy is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a 16 to 19 academy, offering a curriculum appropriate to the needs of its students, with a strong emphasis on Mathematics and its applications.

Objectives, Strategies and Activities

Key priorities, identified in the School Development Plan, for the period were:

- Monitor the quality and organisation of homework across all subjects to ensure consistently high standards are reached and sustained
- Ensure that female students benefit as much as male students from attending EMS
- Review the effectiveness of support for students to develop resilience and manage stress
- Strengthen the induction of governors, including those in new roles

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- Review the staff structure to maximise resilience and efficiency within the staff team
- Maximise value for money throughout the school
- Work towards a sustainable model for residential provision, making it affordable for those who need it
- Successfully launch, manage and grow a Computer Science Hub for our region
- Encourage applications from under-represented groups at EMS, including those on FSM, Female, and from Cornwall, Dorset and Somerset
- Support staff and students to adapt to remote working, teaching and learning

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

Students at Exeter Mathematics School significantly benefit from attending the school, making academic progress beyond the norm for sixth form education, as evidenced by their high value added score; estimated to be 0.62 across all subjects last year (official figures are not available due to centre assessed grades being used). In addition, drawing on the expertise and inspiration of University of Exeter academics and local industry leaders, we provide a unique curriculum that prepares students for the rigours of research and the independence required to succeed at University. By creating an environment in which young mathematicians and scientists can thrive, we are making an effective contribution to the supply of capable undergraduates into STEM, hence meeting a national need.

Furthermore, Exeter Mathematics School is committed to benefitting students and schools within the region it serves through the ongoing support and development of teaching and by offering a comprehensive outreach programme to students. In the past twelve months we have afforded enrichment and challenge opportunities to hundreds of students within the region, from year 6 through to year 13; activities have included masterclasses, competitions, careers assemblies, problem solving workshops, GCSE enhancement courses, and Physics and Mathematics Student Communities. We have also supported teachers to enhance their own practice through the Teacher Subject Specialist Training, subject network meetings and delivering support as part of the Institute of Physics. We support other providers by offering the school as a central venue for mathematics related activities such as teacher CPD, NCETM meetings and student events with the AMSP. In the year 2019/20 we provided a one year development post for a newly qualified Physics teacher, enabling us to share the subject knowledge and expertise from within our school whilst providing additional time and support for the teacher to develop their own practice before moving on to teach within the state sector.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Achievements and Performance

The School has successfully met its key priorities. All measures of the educational experience of students indicates outstanding provision: high student and parent satisfaction, exceptional value added scores for qualifications (0.62), high attendance (97%) and retention (100%) of students and high levels of engagement from the University of Exeter and other external providers.

The high Value Added score of 0.62 for students' academic qualifications is in line with scores achieved in previous years, indicating that students at EMS achieve, on average, over half a grade higher per subject than expected based on their GCSE results. The support we have put in place for students with a long commute has been effective with this group achieving progress scores comparable to their peers (0.59 compared to 0.62).

The school made rapid and significant progress in successfully adapting to the lockdown, beginning March 2020, creating and delivering additional courses for year 13 to prepare them for university, adapting year 12 schemes of work to enable remote learning, and supporting all students to manage the pressure and strains whilst isolated from their peers. Our retention of 100% of students continuing their studies with us is testament to student satisfaction. In addition, we supported year 11 students who had not yet joined EMS, by delivering online learning in maths, physics and computer science.

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The school is oversubscribed for 2020 and has continued to attract applicants from all four counties, with more students requiring residential accommodation overall, resulting in our boarding facilities being full for the first time this September. The proportion of female students is now 32%, the greatest proportion to date.

We have expanded our outreach programme, offering more opportunities to students and teachers in the South West. Following our successful bid to become a Computer Science Hub, we have supported schools throughout the locality, from primary through to post-16 providers, to increase and improve provision for Computer Science. For the second time, we have offered a newly qualified Physics teacher a development post for one year with the aim of supporting a Physics specialist and encouraging them to remain in the profession, teaching in local state schools. We have secured additional sponsorship to enable us to further enrich our school curriculum and expand our outreach activities in 2020/21.

We continue to be highly reflective and responsive to our students' emerging needs. Our self evaluation is thorough and the associated school development plan ensures we continue to improve our provision year on year.

Key Performance Indicators

KPI	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18
Attendance	96.3%	96.2%	97.0%
Retention	100%	100%	100%
Proportion of female students	28%	28%	28%
Pass Rate	100%	100%	100%
Average A-level Grade	A+	A	A-
Average A-level point score	52.7	48.8	45.0
A-level Value Added	0.64	0.79	0.59
% of students with AAB or better with two facilitating subjects	83.6%	71%	56%
'Best 3' Average Grade	A+	A	A-
'Best 3' Average points score	53.1	49.1	46.7
In Year Surplus	30,336	(£106,506)	(£31,817)
In year Surplus as a % of income	1.9%	0%	0%
Total Free Reserves	£487,387	£360,133	£375,610
Total Free Reserves as a % of income	30.64%	26.05%	32.44%
Staff costs as a % of GAG	96.33%	89.81%	88.43%
Expenditure per student	£12,173	£11,290	£10,499

Going Concern

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

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial Review

The income and expenditure of the Academy Trust in establishing the Exeter Mathematics School are set out within the Statement of Financial Position.

During the period ended 31 August 2020, total expenditure (excluding restricted fixed asset funds and the pension fund) of £1,406,600 (2019: £1,324,018) was covered by grant funding from the ESFA, together with other incoming resources of £1,587,369 (2019: £1,363,886). The excess of income over expenditure for the year was £180,769 (2019: £39,868), which includes a £100,000 restricted donation that will be used for academic purposes in 2020-21.

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At 31 August 2020 the net book value of fixed assets was £1,948,476 (2019: £1,964,369) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the Academy.

The Board of Trustees has continued to manage its boarding provision as an important element in broadening student access to EMS throughout Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. The expected income for boarding was significantly reduced due to the closure during the COVID-19 lockdown. At 31 August 2020 the cumulative deficit was £74,905 (2019: £49,872) due to unexpected clawbacks in previous years and holding empty rooms. We aim to remove the deficit in future years by carefully managing expenditure, sustaining recruitment at current levels to fill empty rooms and by generating unrestricted funds.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Head Teacher, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending.

Reserves Policy

The policy of the Trustees is to maintain a level of reserves that will be adequate to ensure the stability of the Academy's organisational operations, to protect it so that it has the ability to adjust quickly to financial circumstances, such as large unbudgeted expenditure, cyclical maintenance and working capital.

The level of reserves will be determined by governors annually and can fluctuate depending on operational needs, however the Trustees have determined that the Academy should aim to hold a minimum of £100,000 but not more than £500,000 in reserve. Actual free reserves at the year-end were £487,387 (2019: £360,133), of which £100,000 is specific restricted donation that will be used within 2020-21.

The reason for this level of reserve is due to the Academy's vulnerability to factors regarding income provision that remain outside its own control whilst ensuring sufficient working capital. This level of reserves will adequately cover unforeseen emergencies or unexpected needs for funds and provide a suitable contingency fund to ensure the Academy is protected from the risk of insolvency or serious endangerment to their core purpose in advancing education within the United Kingdom.

Investment Policy

Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk.

Principal Risks And Uncertainties

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

Safeguarding and child protection – the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Financial Risks and Uncertainties – ESFA funding for residential student bursaries is reviewed every three years. Having successfully recruited students from low-income families, the level of funding for bursaries has historically been too low to meet the need and the cost of accommodation as meant that the cap on income for those in receipt of a bursary remains too low. Movement towards a more sustainable model was made in 2019/20 but this work has not yet been completed. We are dependent on this to ensure equality of access for all students throughout Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Somerset. In addition, renting from the private sector leads us to paying high rates and funding potentially empty rooms with no guarantee of facilities being available in future years. This, together with previous claw-backs of underspent bursaries means that our residential provision carries a deficit which creates a risk for future provision.

COVID-19 – The closing of schools risks the education outcomes and the wellbeing of students. It also creates greater uncertainty for residential provision: the loss of income during the closure of boarding accommodation resulted in a deficit in 2019/20. Future periods of closure will risk using all the school's reserves, placing the

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school's overall provision at risk

Governance and Management – successful recruitment, retention and training of Trustees with the required skillset is important to ensure governance and management are delivered effectively.

Staffing – success of the Academy is reliant on good staff, the effective selection of students and of supportive parents. Successful recruitment, retention and training of staff will continue to be crucial to the ongoing success of the school.

Fraud and management of funds – regular review of appropriate internal controls, procedures and controlled access to assets to reduce the risk of fraud and error to a minimum, especially as there is a small number of staff.

FUNDRAISING

In the current financial year, we carried out no significant fund raising activities.

Students ran some charity events, such as busking and cake sales. These were monitored by members of staff with oversight provided by the School Business Manager to ensure appropriate management of funds.

We have received no fundraising complaints.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The Academy will continue to strive to provide outstanding education. The Academy's focus continues to be on ensuring that best practice is fully embedded throughout all functions and that excellence is sustainable in the medium to long term.

The Academy will continue to be ambitious in its work with schools across the South West to promote and enhance the study of mathematics and related subjects. It will seek to strengthen links with schools throughout the region with the aim of ensuring that students from all backgrounds are able to benefit from its provision.

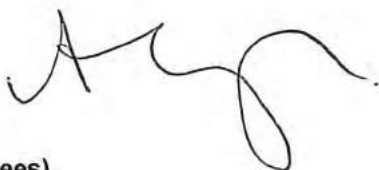
Key targets for the year also include: improving recruitment figures for students from outside Devon, recruiting more girls to study at EMS, development of our alumni network, ensuring residential accommodation is affordable for those who need it and successfully adapting our teaching and learning strategies to ensure excellent progress is sustained whilst remaining COVID-safe.

The Trustees will aim to maximise the use of the school and its assets.

FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

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

The Trustees' Report was approved by order of the board of Trustees, on 08/12/2020 and signed on its behalf by:



**A Oxborough
(Chair of Trustees)**

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Exeter Mathematics 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.

As Trustees, we have reviewed and taken account of the guidance in DfE's Governance Handbook and competency framework for governance.

The board of Trustees 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 Exeter Mathematics School and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

GOVERNANCE

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 4 times during the year with the following purpose:

1. To ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the School.
2. To hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its students, and the performance management of staff.
3. To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent and resources managed responsibly.
4. To promote the success of the School and act in the School's best interests at all times.
5. To exercise independent judgement and avoid conflicts of interest.
6. To act with reasonable care, skill and diligence.

Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
T Bailey	4	4
S Basker	4	4
K Burnham, Headteacher	4	4
L Cantle	4	4
C Durston	2	2
T Fujita	3	4
J Hamilton	4	4
N Harvey	3	4
P Jenkinson, Vice Chair	3	4
J Leach	2	3
S Mariadas	4	4
A Oxborough, Chair	4	4
T Paulden	4	4
L Peka	2	2
D Tarbet	3	4
P Vukusic	4	4
A Ward	3	4

The Board grew by two members from 14 to 16 during the year ending 31 August 2019 strengthening the School's links with industry, ensuring the strong links with Exeter College were maintained and generally broadening the diversity of skills on the Board. A new governor was recruited to join the board in the following academic year. There was an appointment of a new parent governor in line with the articles of association.

Governance review:

In July 2020 the annual evaluation of governance was undertaken by means of a survey of all Trustees. The questions in the survey drew upon the six key features of effective governance (as set out in the Governance Handbook 2019) and also the 20 Key Questions for the Governing Board to Ask Itself (published by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Education, Governance and Leadership). The survey looked at:

1. The Board and its role
2. Skills development and training
3. Finance and Risk
4. Stakeholders
5. Outcomes and data
6. Operations and logistics
7. The Chair

The outcomes from the evaluation were considered by the Governance Committee. It was noted that there were

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no serious issues requiring consideration and the findings have been added to the agenda for the first Full Board Meeting on 6 October 2020 for consideration and discussion.

The Finance and Resources Committee is a committee of the main Board of Trustees. It is chaired by a governor with relevant business management experience and includes Trustees with significant financial experience.

The purpose of the Committee is to:

1. To prepare and recommend to the Board the annual budget and a 5-year financial plan.
2. To monitor the school's financial performance, including consideration of monthly accounts and reviewing of internal controls and any other management processes, and to make any necessary recommendations to the Board.
3. To transfer funds and to authorise spending within approved limits.
4. To ensure the regular audit of the school's accounts including the appointment of external auditors and to respond to recommendations arising.
5. To establish and maintain financial policies including arrangements for delegation to the Committee, the Headteacher and other staff.
6. To recommend to the Board and to keep under review a buildings strategy.
7. To ensure compliance with Health and Safety legislation.
8. To identify and manage risk, ensuring that robust systems are in place for regular monitoring and review, that mitigating action is taken as appropriate, and that all major risks are reported to the Board.

During the year the Chair of this Committee left the Board and was replaced by another governor with relevant experience. The parent governor who joined the Board works for a major bank in fraud prevention.

Two meetings during 2019/2020 were cancelled due to Covid 19 with tasks being reassigned to the Full Governing Board as required. Attendance during the year at meetings was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
S Basker	1	2
K Burnham	2	2
C Durston	2	2
N Harvey	2	2
P Jenkinson	2	2
J Leach	0	0
L Peka	2	2
D Tarbet	2	2

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REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY

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

The accounting officer considers how the Academy's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of 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 by:

- Ensuring there is comprehensive monitoring of spending and budgets to ensure that all spending is within the school's long term financial plan. This monitoring was undertaken by the Headteacher, School Governors, and Internal and External Auditors.
- Having structured purchasing policies and guidelines. In addition, a scheme of delegation clearly states individual levels of authority and accountability for all purchases.
- Maintaining a Risk Register that records all the risks faced by the school, financial and otherwise. This register is reviewed at every Board meeting by Trustees.
- Effective Purchasing - we have a dedicated member of staff responsible for all purchasing within the school allowing the academy to seek best value on purchases, and ensuring all transactions are effectively concluded.
- Adhering to the policy that multiple quotes are obtained for all individual purchases over £1,000 and multiple item purchases over £3,000.
- Taking opportunities to generate additional revenue, most notably through Grant funded Outreach activities. The additional revenue is used by the school to fund spending on educational activities.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives. It can, therefore, only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Exeter Mathematics School for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks that has been in place for the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK

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

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance and Resource Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;

GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK (CONTINUED)

- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines;
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks

The board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint N Harvey (Trustee) and D Tarbet (Trustee) as internal auditors for 2019/2020.

The internal auditors' role includes performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems and processes, giving advice on financial matters. The internal checks carried out in the current period included:

- Residential Bursaries
- VAT
- Remote financial working

There were no material control issues arising from the internal auditors' work.

At each meeting the internal auditors report to the Board of Trustees, through the Finance and Resources Committee, on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

As Accounting Officer, the Headteacher 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 internal auditors;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.


The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the 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 Board of Trustees on their behalf by:


A Oxborough
Chair of Trustees

08/12/2020

and signed on


K Burnham
Accounting Officer


**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE

As accounting officer of Exeter Mathematics School I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy board of Trustees and the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with terms and conditions of all funding received by the Academy, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

I confirm that I and the Academy board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of all funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2019.

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



K Burnham
Accounting Officer

Date: 11/12/2020

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction published by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees 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 Trustees 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 ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees 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 Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

A Oxborough
Chair of Trustees

Date:

17/12/20.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL

OPINION

We have audited the financial statements of Exeter Mathematics School (the 'Academy') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2020 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, the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Academy'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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

OTHER INFORMATION

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Other information includes the Reference and Administrative Details, the Trustees' Report including the Strategic Report, and the Governance Statement. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

OPINION ON OTHER 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' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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 Academy 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 Academy'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 Academy or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF EXETER
MATHEMATICS SCHOOL (CONTINUED)**

AUDITORS' 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 Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the Academy'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 Academy'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 Academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Tim Borton FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Bishop Fleming LLP

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Statutory Auditors

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Date: 7 January 2021

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO EXETER
MATHEMATICS SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 27 November 2017 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Exeter Mathematics School during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 Exeter Mathematics School and ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Exeter Mathematics School and ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Exeter Mathematics School and ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL'S ACCOUNTING
OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Exeter Mathematics School's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 22 May 2014 and the Academies Financial Handbook, extant from 1 September 2019, 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 2019 to 2020. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 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 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA. 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's income and expenditure.

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANT'S ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO EXETER
MATHEMATICS SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION & SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (CONTINUED)**

CONCLUSION

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggest in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 has not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.



Tim Borton FCA DChA (Reporting Accountant)

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Date: 7 January 2021

EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
INCOME FROM:						
Donations and capital grants	3	5,051	102,112	2,974	110,137	31,633
Charitable activities	4	57,636	1,352,607	-	1,410,243	1,297,074
Teaching schools		-	69,625	-	69,625	53,328
Other trading activities		79	-	-	79	331
Investments	6	259	-	-	259	132
TOTAL INCOME		63,025	1,524,344	2,974	1,590,343	1,382,498
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds		-	576	-	576	576
Charitable activities		63,211	1,349,419	69,407	1,482,037	1,380,066
Teaching schools		-	63,394	-	63,394	53,193
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		63,211	1,413,389	69,407	1,546,007	1,433,835
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		(186)	110,955	(66,433)	44,336	(51,337)
Transfers between funds	16	-	(53,514)	53,514	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES)		(186)	57,441	(12,919)	44,336	(51,337)
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS/(LOSSES):						
Actuarial losses on defined benefit pension schemes	23	-	(14,000)	-	(14,000)	(49,000)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(186)	43,441	(12,919)	30,336	(100,337)

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
(CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward	35,866	132,267	1,969,033	2,137,166	2,237,503
Net movement in funds	(186)	43,441	(12,919)	30,336	(100,337)
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	35,680	175,708	1,956,114	2,167,502	2,137,166

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 26 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
REGISTERED NUMBER:08515877**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	1,948,476	1,964,369
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	150,410	120,036
Cash at bank and in hand		624,625	414,830
		<u>775,035</u>	<u>534,866</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(280,009)	(170,069)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>495,026</u>	<u>364,797</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,443,502</u>	<u>2,329,166</u>
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION LIABILITY		<u>2,443,502</u>	<u>2,329,166</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	23	(276,000)	(192,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u><u>2,167,502</u></u>	<u><u>2,137,166</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY			
Restricted funds:			
Fixed asset funds	16	1,956,114	1,969,033
Restricted income funds	16	451,708	324,267
		<u>2,407,822</u>	<u>2,293,300</u>
Restricted funds excluding pension asset	16	2,407,822	2,293,300
Pension reserve	16	(276,000)	(192,000)
Total restricted funds	16	<u>2,131,822</u>	<u>2,101,300</u>
Unrestricted income funds	16	<u>35,680</u>	<u>35,866</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>2,167,502</u></u>	<u><u>2,137,166</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 22 to 53 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue on 08/12/2020 and are signed on their behalf, by:

A Oxborough
Chair of Trustees



17/12/2020

The notes on pages 26 to 53 form part of these financial statements.

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided by operating activities	18	260,594	19,425
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	19	(50,799)	(54,309)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE YEAR		209,795	(34,884)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		414,830	449,714
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	20, 21	624,625	414,830

The notes on pages 26 to 53 form part of these financial statements

**EXETER MATHEMATICS SCHOOL
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Academy, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historic cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2019 to 2020 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Exeter Mathematics School meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

1.2 GOING CONCERN

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern 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 Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the Academy's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.3 INCOME

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

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

Other income, including the hire of facilities, is recognised in the year it is receivable and to the extent the Academy has provided the goods or services.

1.4 EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the Academy apportioned to charitable activities.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Academy; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of Financial Activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land and assets under construction, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Long-term leasehold property	- 2% straight line
Furniture and fixtures	- 10% - 20% straight line
Computer equipment	- 33% straight line
Assets under construction	- No depreciation

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use and reclassified to freehold or leasehold land and buildings.

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.

1.7 DEBTORS

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

1.8 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 and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.9 LIABILITIES

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

1.10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Academy only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy and their measurement bases are as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments. Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Cash at bank is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instrument.

1.11 TAXATION

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.12 PENSIONS

Retirement benefits to employees of the Academy are provided by the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("TPS") and the Local Government Pension Scheme ("LGPS"). These are defined benefit schemes.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Academy in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. TPS is an unfunded multi-employer scheme with no underlying assets to assign between employers. Consequently, the TPS is treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions recognised in the period to which they relate.

The LGPS is a funded multi-employer scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the Academy in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to operating surplus are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

1.13 FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

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

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

1.14 OPERATING LEASES

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

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.15 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The Academy acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Academy does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The funds received, paid and any balances held at period end are disclosed in Note 28.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

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

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

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

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 23, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2019 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2020. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgement:

The Academy obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease requires an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

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3. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Donations	5,051	102,112	-	107,163	13,021
Capital Grants	-	-	2,974	2,974	18,612
TOTAL 2020	5,051	102,112	2,974	110,137	31,633
TOTAL 2019	5,000	8,021	18,612	31,633	

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Education	57,636	1,064,903	1,122,539	993,934
Boarding	-	287,704	287,704	303,140
TOTAL 2020	57,636	1,352,607	1,410,243	1,297,074
TOTAL 2019	64,712	1,232,362	1,297,074	

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FUNDING FOR ACADEMY'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
DfE/ESFA GRANTS				
General Annual Grant	-	867,928	867,928	863,270
Other DfE/EFSA grants	-	68,247	68,247	39,913
	-	936,175	936,175	903,183
Other funding				
Educational grants	-	8,430	8,430	26,039
Sales to students	41,871	-	41,871	54,764
Other educational grants	15,765	120,298	136,063	9,948
TOTAL 2020	57,636	1,064,903	1,122,539	993,934
TOTAL 2019	64,712	929,222	993,934	

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5. INCOME FROM OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Lettings	-	-	70
Catering	79	79	261
TOTAL 2020	79	79	331

6. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Investment income	259	259	132

7. EXPENDITURE

	Staff Costs 2020 £	Premises 2020 £	Other 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading	-	-	576	576	576
Education:					
Direct costs	587,480	33,695	192,282	813,457	772,368
Support costs	196,269	80,285	79,290	355,844	291,521
Boarding:					
Direct costs	54,660	-	421	55,081	51,057
Support costs	-	242,476	15,179	257,655	265,120
Teaching school	52,342	-	11,052	63,394	53,193
TOTAL 2020	890,751	356,456	298,800	1,546,007	1,433,835
TOTAL 2019	775,336	365,150	293,349	1,433,835	

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8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Support costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Education	813,457	355,844	1,169,301	1,063,889
Boarding	55,081	257,655	312,736	316,177
TOTAL 2020	868,538	613,499	1,482,037	1,380,066
TOTAL 2019	823,425	556,641	1,380,066	

Analysis of direct costs

	Education 2020 £	Boarding 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Pension finance cost	3,000	-	3,000	2,000
Staff costs	592,050	54,660	646,710	595,427
Depreciation	61,718	-	61,718	59,076
Educational supplies	7,363	-	7,363	8,774
Examination fees	22,943	-	22,943	24,704
Staff development	6,992	-	6,992	26,122
Other costs	119,175	421	119,596	106,789
Technology costs	216	-	216	533
TOTAL 2020	813,457	55,081	868,538	823,425
TOTAL 2019	772,368	51,057	823,425	

Direct costs are allocated to education and boarding activities on a usage basis.

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8. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE BY ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

Analysis of support costs

	Education 2020 £	Boarding 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £	Total funds 2019 £
Staff costs	191,699	-	191,699	147,028
Depreciation	7,689	-	7,689	12,741
Staff development	-	-	-	238
Other costs	279	-	279	149
Recruitment and support	1,113	-	1,113	4,602
Maintenance of premises and equipment	47,918	178	48,096	32,913
Cleaning	3,869	-	3,869	2,535
Rent and rates	4,419	242,298	246,717	248,326
Energy costs	14,103	-	14,103	11,445
Insurance	2,250	-	2,250	2,500
Security and transport	4,953	-	4,953	6,124
Catering	13,720	13,462	27,182	20,801
Technology costs	22,491	-	22,491	13,527
Office overheads	8,857	-	8,857	11,132
Legal and professional	18,377	1,717	20,094	29,219
Bank interest and charges	(825)	-	(825)	428
Governance	14,932	-	14,932	12,933
TOTAL 2020	355,844	257,655	613,499	556,641
TOTAL 2019	291,521	265,120	556,641	

Support costs are allocated to education and boarding activities on a usage basis.

9. NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME

Net (expenditure)/income for the year includes:

	2020 £	2019 £
Operating lease rentals	249,491	250,955
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	69,407	71,817
Fees paid to auditors for:		
- audit	5,305	5,200
- other services	2,757	3,340

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10. STAFF

a. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Wages and salaries	636,311	593,149
Social security costs	58,250	53,252
Pension costs	196,190	128,935
	<u>890,751</u>	<u>775,336</u>

b. STAFF NUMBERS

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

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	11	9
Administration and support	8	9
Management	4	4
	<u>23</u>	<u>22</u>

The average headcount expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2020 No.	2019 No.
Teachers	9	9
Administration & support	6	6
Management	4	4
	<u>19</u>	<u>19</u>

c. HIGHER PAID STAFF

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

	2020 No.	2019 No.
In the band £70,001 - £80,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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10. STAFF (CONTINUED)

d. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The key management personnel of the Academy comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for their role as Trustees) and the senior management team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy was £270,680 (2019: £248,592). A significant part of the increase in the current year has been as a result of increased Teachers' Pension Scheme employer contribution rates.

As staff trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a trustee, where staff trustees do not form part of the key management personnel other than in their role as trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 11 has not been included in the total benefits received by key management personnel above.

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

The Headteacher and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Headteacher and staff until their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Academy in respect of their role as trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: K Burnham: Remuneration £70,000 - £75,000 (2019: £70,000 - £75,000), Employer's pension contributions £15,000 - £20,000 (2019: £5,000 - £10,000), L Cantle: Remuneration £40,000 - £50,000 (2019: £40,000 - £45,000), Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2019: £5,000 - £10,000).

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2019 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2020, expenses totalling £32 (2019: £64) were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2019: 3).

12. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

The Academy has opted into the Department of Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme membership.

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long-term leasehold property £	Assets under construction £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Total £
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1 September 2019	2,134,830	25,808	51,040	176,945	2,388,623
Additions	-	-	43,130	10,384	53,514
Transfers between classes	-	(25,808)	25,808	-	-
At 31 August 2020	2,134,830	-	119,978	187,329	2,442,137
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 September 2019	218,211	-	44,813	161,230	424,254
Charge for the year	41,384	-	17,655	10,368	69,407
At 31 August 2020	259,595	-	62,468	171,598	493,661
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 August 2020	1,875,235	-	57,510	15,731	1,948,476
At 31 August 2019	1,916,619	25,808	6,227	15,715	1,964,369

14. DEBTORS

	2020 £	2019 £
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	60,598	2,747
VAT recoverable	19,487	24,459
Capital grants outstanding	-	4,664
Prepayments and accrued income	70,325	88,166
	150,410	120,036

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade creditors	81,072	14,693
Other taxation and social security	15,909	14,036
Other creditors	23,955	17,718
Accruals and deferred income	159,073	123,622
	280,009	170,069
	2020	2019
	£	£
DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred income at 1 September 2019	77,352	27,039
Resources deferred during the year	92,224	77,352
Amounts released from previous periods	(77,352)	(27,039)
Deferred income at 31 August 2020	92,224	77,352

At the Balance Sheet date Exeter Mathematics School was holding funds received in advance for boarding, travel and trips relating to the 2020/21 year.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 September 2019 £	Income £	Expenditur e £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2020 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Funds	35,866	63,025	(63,211)	-	-	35,680
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	361,970	867,928	(772,325)	(43,130)	-	414,443
TSST	-	69,625	(69,625)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	68,247	(68,247)	-	-	-
Trips and educational activities	-	2,112	(2,112)	-	-	-
Educational grants	-	128,728	(118,344)	(10,384)	-	-
Restricted donations	-	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Provision of boarding	(37,703)	287,704	(312,736)	-	-	(62,735)
Pension reserve	(192,000)	-	(70,000)	-	(14,000)	(276,000)
	132,267	1,524,344	(1,413,389)	(53,514)	(14,000)	175,708
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Refurbishment grant	1,516,176	-	(40,348)	-	-	1,475,828
Fixed Assets transferred on conversion	351,000	-	(7,800)	-	-	343,200
Fixed Assets purchased from GAG	64,841	-	(17,798)	43,130	-	90,173
Fixed Assets purchased from other grants	-	-	(3,461)	10,384	-	6,923
DfE/ESFA Capital grants	37,016	2,974	-	-	-	39,990
	1,969,033	2,974	(69,407)	53,514	-	1,956,114
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	2,101,300	1,527,318	(1,482,796)	-	(14,000)	2,131,822
TOTAL FUNDS	2,137,166	1,590,343	(1,546,007)	-	(14,000)	2,167,502

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

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

Restricted Funds

General Annual Grant - Income from the ESFA which is to be used for the normal running costs of the Academy, including education and support costs.

TSST - This represents the Teacher Subject Specialism Training grant which is to improve the subject knowledge of non-specialist teachers and those looking to return to the teaching profession, and increase the number of hours taught in secondary mathematics, core maths and physics.

Other DfE/ESFA grants - This represents grant income received from the DfE and ESFA for specific educational purposes. This also includes rates funding.

Trips and educational activities - This represents donations towards educational trips.

Educational grants - This represents grants provided by non-government institutions for specific educational purposes.

Restricted donations - this represents donations provided to be used for specific purposes.

Provision of boarding – This represents amounts paid by parents to enable a child to board at the Academy. The fund is in deficit at the year end due to an unexpected clawback of funding. The Academy will work hard to generate funds to reduce this deficit.

Pension reserve – This represents the Academy's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy.

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds

Refurbishment grant - This represents funding from the ESFA to cover refurbishment of the main building.

Fixed assets transferred on conversion – This represent the buildings and equipment donated to the School from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy

DfE/ESFA Capital grants – These funds are received for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The fixed asset fund balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

OTHER INFORMATION

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG it could carry forward at 31 August 2020.

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16. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (CONTINUED)

Comparative information in respect of the preceding year is as follows:

	Balance at 1 September 2018 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2019 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
General Funds	12,558	70,175	(46,867)	-	-	35,866
RESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS						
General Annual Grant	393,749	863,270	(834,963)	(60,086)	-	361,970
TSST	-	53,328	(53,328)	-	-	-
Other DfE/ESFA Grants	-	39,913	(39,913)	-	-	-
Trips and educational activities	-	8,021	(8,021)	-	-	-
Educational grants	-	26,039	(26,039)	-	-	-
Provision of boarding	(25,956)	303,140	(314,887)	-	-	(37,703)
Pension reserve	(105,000)	-	(38,000)	-	(49,000)	(192,000)
	262,793	1,293,711	(1,315,151)	(60,086)	(49,000)	132,267
RESTRICTED FIXED ASSET FUNDS						
Refurbishment grant	1,568,603	-	(52,427)	-	-	1,516,176
Fixed Assets transferred on conversion	358,800	-	(7,800)	-	-	351,000
Fixed Assets purchased from GAG	16,345	-	(11,590)	60,086	-	64,841
Fixed Assets purchased from other grants	18,404	18,612	-	-	-	37,016
	1,962,152	18,612	(71,817)	60,086	-	1,969,033
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	2,224,945	1,312,323	(1,386,968)	-	(49,000)	2,101,300
TOTAL FUNDS	2,237,503	1,382,498	(1,433,835)	-	(49,000)	2,137,166

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17. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - CURRENT PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	1,948,476	1,948,476
Current assets	52,355	715,042	7,638	775,035
Creditors due within one year	83,325	(363,334)	-	(280,009)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	(100,000)	(176,000)	-	(276,000)
TOTAL	35,680	175,708	1,956,114	2,167,502

ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR PERIOD

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Restricted funds 2019 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2019 £	Total funds 2019 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	1,964,369	1,964,369
Current assets	205,935	324,267	4,664	534,866
Creditors due within one year	(170,069)	-	-	(170,069)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(192,000)	-	(192,000)
TOTAL	35,866	132,267	1,969,033	2,137,166

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18. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	44,336	(51,337)
ADJUSTMENTS FOR:		
Depreciation	69,407	71,817
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(2,974)	(18,612)
Interest receivable	259	132
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	67,000	36,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	3,000	2,000
Increase in debtors	(30,374)	(4,697)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	109,940	(15,878)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	260,594	19,425

19. CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES

	2020 £	2019 £
Interest receivable	(259)	(132)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(53,514)	(72,789)
Capital grants from DfE Group	2,974	18,612
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(50,799)	(54,309)

20. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash in hand	624,625	414,830
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	624,625	414,830

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21. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 September 2019 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	414,830	209,795	624,625
	<u>414,830</u>	<u>209,795</u>	<u>624,625</u>

22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
CONTRACTED FOR BUT NOT PROVIDED IN THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	-	33,132
	<u>-</u>	<u>33,132</u>

23. PENSION COMMITMENTS

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

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2016 and of the LGPS 31 March 2019.

Contributions amounting to £15,257 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2020 (2019 - £12,166) and are included within creditors.

TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme to which both the member and employer makes contributions, as a percentage of salary - these contributions are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

VALUATION OF THE TEACHERS' PENSION SCHEME

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2016. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 5 March 2019. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 23.68% of pensionable pay (including a 0.08% administration levy)
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £218,100 million and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £196,100 million, giving a notional past service deficit of £22,000 million
- the SCAPE rate, set by HMT, is used to determine the notional investment return. The current SCAPE rate is 2.4% above the rate of CPI, assumed real rate of return is 2.4% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.2%. The assumed nominal rate of return including earnings growth is 4.45%.

The next valuation result is due to be implemented from 1 April 2023.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the year amounted to £99,966 (2019 - £68,671).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website (<https://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2019/04/teachers-pensions-valuation-report.aspx>).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is an unfunded multi-employer pension scheme. The Academy has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The Academy has set out above the information available on the scheme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit pension scheme, with the assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2020 was £43,000 (2019 - £32,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £33,000 (2019 - £24,000) and employees' contributions totalled £ 10,000 (2019 - £8,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 12.6% per cent for employers and 5.5%-12.5% per cent for employees.

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

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Principal actuarial assumptions

	2020 %	2019 %
Rate of increase in salaries	3.2	3.65
Rate of increase for pensions in payment/inflation	2.2	2.15
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	1.65	1.90
Inflation assumption (CPI)	2.2	2.15

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

	2020 Years	2019 Years
<i>Retiring today</i>		
Males	22.9	22.5
Females	24.1	24.4
<i>Retiring in 20 years</i>		
Males	24.3	24.2
Females	25.5	26.2

Sensitivity analysis

	2020 £000	2019 £000
Discount rate +0.1%	(14)	(12)
Discount rate -0.1%	15	13
Mortality assumption - 1 YEAR INCREASE	14	12
Mortality assumption - 1 YEAR DECREASE	(14)	(11)
CPI rate +0.1%	15	12
CPI rate -0.1%	(14)	(12)

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	2020 £	2019 £
Equities	86,000	78,000
Gilts and bonds	12,000	8,000
Property	11,000	11,000
Cash and other liquid assets	2,000	2,000
Target return portfolio	18,000	18,000
Infrastructure and alternative assets	15,000	12,000
Private equity	-	2,000
Total market value of assets	144,000	131,000

The actual return on scheme assets was £1,000 (2019 - £5,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Current service cost	100,000	(54,000)
Past service cost	-	(6,000)
Interest income	3,000	3,000
Interest cost	(6,000)	(5,000)
Total amount recognised in the statement of financial activities	97,000	(62,000)

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 September	323,000	200,000
Current service cost	100,000	54,000
Interest cost	6,000	5,000
Employee contributions	10,000	8,000
Actuarial losses/gains	(16,000)	51,000
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(1,000)
Past service costs	-	6,000
At 31 August	420,000	323,000

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23. PENSION COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

Changes in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
At 1 September	131,000	95,000
Interest income	3,000	3,000
Actuarial gains	(30,000)	2,000
Employer contributions	33,000	24,000
Employee contributions	10,000	8,000
Benefits paid	(3,000)	(1,000)
At 31 August	144,000	131,000

24. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2020 the Academy had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Within 1 year	188,788	249,491
Between 1 and 5 years	-	188,778
	188,788	438,269

25. MEMBERS' LIABILITY

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

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26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the Academy and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, transactions may take place with organisations in which the trustees have an interest. We aim that all transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook, including notifying the ESFA of all transactions made on or after 1 April 2019 and obtaining their approval where required, and with the Academy's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions.

The following related party transactions took place in the year:

Exeter College and The University of Exeter are both sponsors and members of Exeter Mathematics School.

During the year, The University of Exeter charged Exeter Mathematics School £3,224 (2019: £13,174) for marketing services provided by its Communications and Marketing Services department, the cost of providing staff, the hire of sports facilities and student mentor time. For student mentors, The University of Exeter charges no add on and all other services are recharged to Exeter Mathematics School at the University's internal rate.

The element above £2,500 has been provided 'at no more than cost' and The University of Exeter has provided a statement of assurance confirming this.

As at the 31 August 2020, £990 (2019: £327) was owed to The University of Exeter and is included in trade creditors (2019: debtors).

During the year, costs incurred by Exeter College and reimbursed by Exeter Mathematics School were £319 (2019: £327) for office overheads. Furthermore, Exeter College charged Exeter Mathematics School £35,935 (2019: £48,409) for teaching, recruitment services, student services, ICT services, and HR services. Exeter Maths School continued its at cost agreement with Exeter College Service Level Contracts because Exeter College is the only provider within 10 minutes walk of the school who can provide additional level 3 courses outside the scope of the Maths School.

The element above £2,500 has been provided 'at no more than cost' and Exeter College has provided a statement of assurance confirming this.

As at the 31 August 2020, £32,594 (2019: £58,463) was owed to Exeter College and is included in trade creditors.

No other related party transactions took place during the period other than those described in note 11.

27. GENERAL INFORMATION

Exeter Mathematics School is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Rougemont House, Castle Street, Exeter, EX4 3PU.

28. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The Academy distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ended 31 August 2020 the Academy received £12,749 and disbursed £13,370 from the fund, leaving a year end creditor balance of £621.

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29. ACADEMY BOARDING TRADING ACCOUNT

	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
INCOME				
Boarding income	277,087		303,140	
COVID grants	10,617		-	
		287,704		303,140
DIRECT COSTS				
Other costs	421		5,876	
Wages and salaries	43,299		40,027	
National insurance	2,976		2,617	
Pension costs	8,386		7,485	
		59,651		56,005
SUPPORT COSTS				
Maintenance of premises and equipment	178		249	
Rent and rates	242,298		238,210	
Catering	13,462		18,862	
Legal and professional	1,717		1,561	
		257,655		258,882
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		(25,033)		(11,747)

The Academy has been eligible to claim additional funding in year from government support schemes in response to the coronavirus outbreak. The funding received is shown above under "COVID Grants".

The Academy furloughed some of their boarding staff under the government's CJRS. The funding received of £10.6k relates to staff costs in respect of three staff which are included within note 10 above as appropriate.

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30. TEACHING SCHOOL TRADING ACCOUNT

	2020 £	2020 £	2019 £	2019 £
Income				
DIRECT INCOME				
TSST grant	69,625		53,328	
TOTAL INCOME		69,625		53,328
Expenditure				
DIRECT EXPENDITURE				
Direct staff costs	52,342		32,881	
OTHER EXPENDITURE				
Catering	814		3,018	
Resources	1,718		546	
Legal and professional	14,751		15,670	
Residential	-		1,213	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURE	17,283		20,447	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		69,625		53,328
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