

Markazul Uloom

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2023

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Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Blackburn is a large town in Lancashire, England. It lies to the north of the West Pennine Moors on the southern edge of the Ribble Valley, 9 miles (14 km) east of Preston, 20.9 miles (34 km) NNW of Manchester and is 9 miles (14 km) north of the Greater Manchester border.

Blackburn is bounded to the south by Darwen, with which it forms the unitary authority of Blackburn with Darwen.

Markazul Uloom accepts students from the age of eleven to twenty-three, providing a secondary and FE education for younger students as well as Islamic education at an advanced level. This financial year there was 145 girls and 46 boys at the institution.

In setting our objectives, and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to Charity Commission's guidelines on public benefit. The trust runs the Markazul Uloom, an independent education institute for boys and girls, which is registered with the Department of Education and Skills (DfES). It combines a college of Higher Islamic Education and a secondary school. It offers secondary (GCSE) as well as Higher Islamic Education and caters for the 12 to 23 age group.

Students are increasingly encouraged to pursue education at A Level and British Universities. In view of this, the institution has built effective progression opportunities to Higher Education Institutes where former students of the Institution have completed Honours, Master's and Doctorate degrees in a wide range of disciplines. The trust aims to foster an awareness within students about their surroundings and society in an environment that is both conducive to their learning and moral welfare. The institution also aims to give students a sense of citizenship and a concern for human welfare and its values multi-culturalism within society. The school timetable provides subjects reflecting Islamic and secular education. Students study General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE).

At the moment there are no pupils with any special needs or learning difficulties. As education providers, the trust endeavours to provide all its pupils as many opportunities to experience and equip themselves with the seven areas of learning and essentials or any well considered curriculum, linguistic, mathematical, scientific, human and social skills, aesthetic, technological and physical education. The school prides itself in being an institute that offers a comprehensive Islamic Theology Course which equips its pupils to assume scholarly roles with their communities upon its completion. The school aims to connect the curricula as much as possible within the school, such that the teaching of the secondary curriculum is not divorced from Islamic concepts rather it is enhanced by introducing Islamic concepts. The school aims to ensure that the years spent at the school, facilitate pupils to attain primarily the highest levels of spiritual, moral, cultural and Islamic awareness and, in close conjunction with this, the highest levels of physical and intellectual achievement of which they are capable.

Objectives and aims

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The trustees believe that there is always room for improvement in terms of the performance /education standard of the school.

Markazul Uloom is a unique community and an environment in which pupils can learn and experience a vast array of social and academic skills in a safe and highly organised school and endeavours to make pupils schooling highly fruitful and memorable. The school day is structured such that pupils utilise their time well and in a balanced manner. We are confident once the teaching standards are improved that the education provided equips our pupils to deal with the demand of adult life in a mature and responsible manner.

The Board has a current plan to maintain the current standard of academic achievements as measured by the external public examinations and independent value added criteria. The plans include collaboration and sharing of good practice between departments and to improve internal communications and management information systems, to continue to develop the curriculum facilities alongside many others.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The school's principal funding source is from school fees which amounted to £267,841 (2022: £257,028) an increase in income of £10,813. The Boys School fees on average is £1500 and the Girls fees depending on whether they are boarding student etc but vary from £290 to £1600 (depending on the financial support required). The Girls fees make up an average 80% of fees compared to the Boys fees.

The secondary source of income is from donations which amounted to £68,400 (2022: 30,472). A concerted effort to raise more donations this year has reaped rewards with an increase of £37,928 in the year following relatively consistent low level of donations since COVID-19.

The institution is still actively engaging in fund raising for the current work in progress £3 million project to increase the school facilities. The Charity received £6,998 in government grant payments in comparison to previous financial year of £829..

In terms of overheads, the current year costs in some areas are pretty consistent to last year but major differences are wages seen a substantial decrease £45,602 as movement of leavers and replacement of staff with the right skills has been difficult. There was a substantial increase in Light and Heat costs as the Europe wide impact of high energy costs in the year has impacted everyone.

Overall there is a much less financial deficit of £29,395 in comparison to previous years deficit of £78,632, a major contributing factor being the high energy costs as mentioned earlier.

Reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately 12 months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs. Unrestricted funds are maintained at above this level throughout the year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The trust is an unincorporated trust, constituted under a trust deed dated 5 October 2001 and is a registered charity, number 1090525.

The trust was established to promote the advancement of education and the advancement of Islamic faith particularly by establishing and operating an institution.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees are appointed by the board of trustees. The principal for the time being of the institution if not otherwise a trustee shall be additional trustee ex-officio. The appointment of trustees is vested in the continuing trustees (excluding any retiring Trustees). The appointment of teacher's administrators and other persons required for the running of the Institution is in the hands of the principal. The trustees have responsibility for appointing a principal.

There are informal procedures for induction and training of new trustees. Trustees are also encouraged to attend external briefings and training courses.

The trustees may from time to time make such rules and regulations in their absolute discretion think fit for the management of the institution and may at any time vary such rules and regulations. At trustees meetings each term the trustee agree the area of activity for the trust, policies and performance.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity	Markazul Uloom
Charity registration number	1090525
Principal address	Park Lee Road Blackburn Lancashire BB2 3NY

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Report of the Trustees Continued
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Trustees

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mr Mohammed Hanif Amla
Mr Muhammad Bilal Bawa
Mr Muhammad Yousuf Bawa
Mr Salim H Sidat
Mr Yunus Yakub Ravat
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Independent examiner

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Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

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Mr Muhammad Bilal Bawa

09 May 2024

Markazul Uloom
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees
For the year ended 31 August 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000, your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination by virtue of my membership of , which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Adam & Co Accountants

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09 May 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	68,400	30,473
Charitable activities	3	268,354	257,211
Investments	4	5,331	4,111
Other income	5	6,998	829
Total		349,083	292,624
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	6	(375,077)	(367,765)
Charitable activities	7/8	(3,400)	(3,489)
Total		(378,477)	(371,254)
Net expenditure		(29,394)	(78,630)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		1,859,023	1,937,655
Total funds carried forward		1,829,629	1,859,025

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 August 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,980,109	1,935,865
		1,980,109	1,935,865
Current assets			
Debtors	14	11,035	7,032
Cash at bank and in hand		271,733	377,825
		282,768	384,857
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(45,765)	(60,716)
Net current assets		237,003	324,141
Total assets less current liabilities		2,217,112	2,260,006
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(387,485)	(400,985)
Net assets		1,829,627	1,859,021
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	17	1,829,629	1,859,025
Total funds		1,829,629	1,859,025

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Muhammad Bilal Bawa

Trustee

09 May 2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 August 2023

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Markazul Uloom meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Going concern

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Land and buildings	40% Straight line
Plant and machinery	15% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles	15% Reducing balance

2. Income from donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Donations received	68,400	30,473
	68,400	30,473

3. Income from charitable activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
<i>Charitable Activity 1</i>		
School Fees	267,841	257,028
Other Income	513	183
	268,354	257,211
	268,354	257,211

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4. Investment income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Other investment income	5,331	4,111
	5,331	4,111

5. Other income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Other income 1	6,998	829
	6,998	829

6. Expenditure on generating donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Support costs	375,077	367,765
	375,077	367,765

7. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2023	2022
	£	£
Unrestricted funds		
Support costs	3,400	3,489

8. Costs of charitable activities by activity type

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable Activity 1	3,400	3,489

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9. Analysis of support costs

	2023	2022
	£	£
Voluntary Income		
Staff Wages	223,647	256,455
Premises Cost	77,715	48,665
Computer Cost	6,793	4,795
Telephone	1,581	2,010
Postage and Stationery	7,833	4,828
Books & School Trips	21,382	18,247
Repairs	3,758	1,870
Canteen	1,331	700
Cleaning	8,125	8,009
Governance costs	26,312	25,675
	378,477	371,254

10. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	22,912	22,186

11. Staff costs

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 August 2023 were:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	232,174	277,776
Social security costs	(8,527)	(21,321)
	223,648	256,455

	2023	2022
Admin Staff	4	5
Maintenance Staff	1	2
School Staff	48	47
	53	54

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12. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

The comparative year values on the Statement of Financial Activities are for unrestricted funds.

13. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
At 01 September 2022	2,175,877	68,855	232,423	2,477,155
Additions	57,377	9,780	-	67,157
At 31 August 2023	2,233,254	78,635	232,423	2,544,312
Depreciation				
At 01 September 2022	267,540	58,504	215,246	541,290
Charge for year	17,866	2,470	2,577	22,913
At 31 August 2023	285,406	60,974	217,823	564,203
Net book values				
At 31 August 2023	1,947,848	17,661	14,600	1,980,109
At 31 August 2022	1,908,337	10,351	17,177	1,935,865

14. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	5,763	5,802
Other debtors	5,272	1,230
	11,035	7,032

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	44,023	59,254
Other creditors	1,742	1,462
	45,765	60,716

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16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	387,485	400,985
	387,485	400,985

17. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/09/2022	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/08/2023
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	1,859,023	349,083	(378,477)	1,829,629
	1,859,023	349,083	(378,477)	1,829,629

Unrestricted Funds - Previous year

	Balance at 01/09/2021	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/08/2022
	£	£	£	£
<i>General</i>				
General	1,937,655	292,624	(371,254)	1,859,025
	1,937,655	292,624	(371,254)	1,859,025

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

General

It provides the resources necessary to sustain the day-to-day activities and thus pays for all administrative and operating expenses.

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	1,980,109	237,003	(387,485)	1,829,627
	1,980,109	237,003	(387,485)	1,829,627

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Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Creditors > one year	Net Assets
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
<i>General</i>				
General	1,935,865	324,141	(400,985)	1,859,021
	1,935,865	324,141	(400,985)	1,859,021

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
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	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	68,400	30,473
	68,400	30,473
Charitable activities		
School Fees	267,841	257,028
Other Income	513	183
	268,354	257,211
Investments		
Other investment income	5,331	4,111
	5,331	4,111
Other income		
Government Grant	6,998	829
	6,998	829
Total incoming resources	349,083	292,624
SUPPORT COSTS		
Staff Wages		
Staff costs - wages & salaries	(232,174)	(277,776)
Staff costs - social security costs	8,527	21,321
	(223,647)	(256,455)
Premises Cost		
Rates & Water	7,415	(6,874)
Insurance	(2,594)	(2,683)
Light and Heat	(82,536)	(39,108)
	(77,715)	(48,665)
Computer Cost		
Computer Cost	(6,793)	(4,795)
	(6,793)	(4,795)
Telephone		
Telephone	(1,581)	(2,010)
	(1,581)	(2,010)
Postage and Stationery		
Postage and Stationery	(7,833)	(4,828)
	(7,833)	(4,828)
Books & School Trips		
Books & School Trips	(21,382)	(18,247)
	(21,382)	(18,247)
Repairs		
Repairs	(3,758)	(1,870)
	(3,758)	(1,870)

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Canteen		
Canteen	(1,331)	(700)
	(1,331)	(700)
Cleaning		
Cleaning	(8,125)	(8,009)
	(8,125)	(8,009)
Governance costs		
Depreciation of owned assets	(22,912)	(22,186)
Legal fees	(3,400)	(3,489)
	(26,312)	(25,675)
Total resources expended	(378,477)	(371,254)
Net Expenditure	(29,394)	(78,630)