

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOLS FOUNDATION**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. 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 Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Foundation was incorporated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 25 October 2017. The financial statements attached reflect the activities of the CIO from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

On incorporation as a CIO the Trustees adopted a governing document setting out the charitable objectives as follows.

The Foundation furthers the education of pupils attending the schools of the foundation and which are, namely, Mayfield Preparatory School, Queen Mary's Grammar School and Queen Mary's High School. Each of the schools are based in Walsall, West Midlands.

The Foundation assists pupils by the funding of prizes, scholarships and maintenance allowances. The objects of the CIO are the advancement of education by:

- The conduct and maintenance of Mayfield Preparatory School and such other preparatory school or schools for the education of girls and boys as the charity trustees may from time to time think fit;
- The provision of premises, support, services and facilities for the schools of the Foundation or any former school of the Foundation which has become an academy within the meaning of the Academies Act 2010;
- The award of:
 - Scholarships tenable to any school of the Foundation to pupils selected on grounds of merit;
 - Leaving exhibitions, to pupils who have attended a school of the Foundation for at least two years, tenable at any university or any other institution of higher or further (including professional or technical) education approved by the Charity Trustees or for the purpose of enabling the exhibitor to pursue a course of study approved by them;
 - Maintenance allowances for pupils who need financial assistance to enable them to attend any school of the Foundation; and
 - Prizes or suitable rewards or marks of distinction to any pupil worthy of reward or distinction;
- Otherwise promoting the education of boys and girls attending the schools of the Foundation in such ways as the Charity Trustees think fit.

The aims of the Charity are (directly) the provision of excellent standards of education to all pupils, and to promote and enhance the education of boys and girls attending the schools of the Foundation, and by so doing, to develop life-long benefits to the whole community; and (indirectly), through the Foundation Schools, the promotion of education at other schools.

In support of these overall aims, the charity looks to enhance the facilities and opportunities at the three schools in the Foundation. In addition, the charity looks to contribute in the wide public interest to the welfare and education of young people from diverse backgrounds.

The Foundation recognises that the pandemic has reaffirmed and heightened significant inequalities in our society and, in some cases, between students attending the Foundation Schools.

Following their recent successful applications to the Selective Schools Expansion Fund, both the Grammar and the High School are committed to attracting a greater number of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Foundation is facilitating a lease over part of its premises to enable extra classroom space at the High School and which will be necessary to allow it to accommodate the resulting increase in student numbers.

Additionally, the Foundation funds the 'Outreach Work' which is completed by both the Grammar School and the High School in order to attract greater numbers of applications from disadvantaged students. This is ongoing with great success.

The following people benefit from the work of the Charity: directly, the boys and girls attending the schools. Indirectly, through community links provided by the Grammar and High Schools, other schools in the local area, where support is provided to primary and secondary schools (for example in Maths, English and Languages) and particularly those schools forming part of The Mercian Trust, of which both the Grammar and High Schools are now members.

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The Mayfield School makes its facilities available to other local groups and schools and invites other schools to pastoral events. Admission to the High School and Grammar School is upon the basis of academic ability and potential. There are no fees payable for admission to these two schools.

The Charity reviews the needs of the beneficiaries of its work in the following ways: -

- The Governing Bodies of each School meet formally at least 5 times each academic year. Updates from these meetings are provided to ensure that Trustees are kept informed in relation to the academic performance of each of the Schools as well as financial and pastoral matters. In such a way, the needs of pupils are identified and, wherever possible, assistance is provided.
- The Trustees similarly receive regular updates in relation to the overall performance of the Mercian Trust. The Trustees themselves meet at least annually (and pre-pandemic bi-annually) in order to review the needs of its Schools.
- The Headteachers of each of the Foundation Schools have close contact with other educational establishments and liaise directly with them to see if support can be offered. Again, this is particularly relevant in relation to the other member schools of the Mercian Trust, namely, Aldridge School, Shire Oak Academy, Walsall Studio School and The Ladder School, Great Barr Q3 Academy, Langley Q3 Academy, and Tipton Q3 Academy.

The key elements to the Charity's medium to long term strategy would be as follows: -

- To ensure that the Foundation has sufficient funds to support the schools within the Foundation, and to ensure that funds are invested for the future success of the schools and the pupils who attend them.
- To ensure that the schools are well governed and to support the Headteachers and staff at each school to ensure that educational success and pastoral and cultural development is achieved and, where appropriate, improved.
- To ensure that the schools are a valuable part of the local community, with links to other schools, to local charities, to businesses and trade organisations, which will benefit not only the pupils but also the wider community.

The Charity measures the success of the strategy in the following ways:-

- In financial terms - by regular meetings (not less than at twelve month intervals) of the Investment Committee of the Foundation, which monitors the Foundation's investments and takes professional advice from independent financial advisers. In turn the Investment Committee reports to the Trustees.
- In the success of the schools - by receiving reports from the governing bodies of each school.
- By encouraging the schools to undertake regular surveys of parents, staff and pupils which are analysed to identify any unwelcome trends.

The Trustees are familiar with their duty to ensure public benefit, and in this respect, have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. The Trustees ensure that each of the three schools in the Foundation demonstrates in reports received by the Trustees that the wider community is benefited. Given that the two secondary schools are open to all candidates based on proven ability, the public benefit is considered satisfied for these schools. In 2016, Mayfield joined with a local consortium of maintained primary schools to provide cross-school support and to share good practice. Mayfield has made its facilities (including its playing fields) available to the other schools. Mayfield has also facilitated 'mock 11+ exams' for pupils from the consortium schools. The Trustees are therefore satisfied that there is a wider benefit for children in the local community as a result.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The main objectives set previously included:

- To offer financial support to the three schools of the Foundation, to ensure they continue to offer high standards of education.
- To address the medium to long-term future of the schools.
- To ensure the implications of public benefit were addressed.

In respect of these objectives, it is considered that the following main achievements have been accomplished in the past year:

- Financial viability has been established, to ensure sufficient funds were available to:
 - Provide professional guidance and support for the schools (through specialist legal advisers; a Clerk; an accountant; and an independent investment adviser).
 - Provide funds to cover the costs of the entrance examination at both the Grammar and the High School (to ensure the schools selected candidates based on ability), for the afore-mentioned outreach work and contributions to prize-giving to recognise the success and well-being of the students. funds to the students.
- To ensure that there were sufficient reserves available to support financially any of the three schools.
- To review the investment portfolio and investment policies to ensure financial viability.
- During the year, the Foundation has made £10,000 available to both the High School and the Grammar School to enable disadvantaged students' participation in co-curricular activities including overseas trips which these students could not otherwise afford.
- The Foundation has pledged £100,000 towards the refurbishment of some of its premises and to thereafter grant a lease in respect of the same to the High School. This will afford the High School much needed additional classroom space.

Following the appointment of I M Asset Management Ltd as Investment Advisors it was resolved that the Foundation would pursue a financial investment strategy on a low to medium risk, to optimise an income return without diminution of the investment capital. Further information is given in the section "Financial Review" below.

The benefits provided to the pupils at the three schools by the work of the Foundation are reflected in the above, and in particular:

- Ensuring that Mayfield was a going concern and had a future strategy for facilities' improvement and building expansion. The high standards of Mayfield were maintained. 20 pupils out of 24 were awarded places at selective secondary schools to begin in September 2024. 6 pupils were awarded scholarships.
- Ensuring the high standards of entry at Year 7 and to the Sixth Forms of the secondary schools were maintained. The summer of 2023 performances at both GCSE and A-Level remained strong at both schools. The High School performances at both GCSE and A-Level bettered the results achieved in 2019 (the last year in which the pre-pandemic grading arrangements had applied) and which ran contrary to the national narrative. 42 students out of 89 were awarded places at their first choice University. 69% of students passed all their GCSEs within the grade range 7-9.
- The Grammar School performances at both GCSE and A-Level were consistent with the strong results achieved in 2019. 64% of all A-Levels awarded were at grades A*/A/B. There was a 99% pass rate at A-Level. 4 students had been awarded places at Oxbridge. Over 68% of students passed all their GCSEs within the grade range 7-9.

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- The provision of prizes has benefitted the students in a wider pastoral context.

The investment and fundraising by the Foundation has always been modest, with the Trustees preferring to maintain a low to medium investment risk to investments, as described above, and not to incur expense in speculative fundraising if that was not required. The Trustees consider their approach has been appropriate over the long term. Investment income has been maintained. The Trustees consider that their financial strategy will not change in the foreseeable future and will continue to provide sufficient financial support to the three schools. The Trustees are conscious, however, of the potential financial pressure on the Grammar and High Schools, which are maintained by public funds. The increasing pressure from lack of central funding is regarded as a potential harm to those schools. The Trustees recognise, however, that although they can continue to maintain support such as is provided at present, it would not be possible to assume the support currently provided by central funds.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees have reviewed the financial performance of the Foundation for the past year and assessed the financial situation of the charity. There have been no significant events that have adversely affected the financial outcome. The volatility of the financial markets has had little adverse effect over the long term on the investment portfolio, which the Trustees consider is through a prudent investment policy and good advice.

The income raised from charitable activities during the year increased to £ 2,238,323 (2023: £ 2,134,306), whilst expenditure on charitable activities reduced slightly to £ 2,200,199 (2023: £ 2,207,025). Investment income received during the year increased to £90,211 (2023: £ 85,730) and net gains on investments were £ 72,158 (2023: net loss of £ 95,952). Overall the charity made a surplus of £ 200,723 (2023: deficit of £ 392,941).

Following a detailed presentation about funding strategies, and drawing upon the recommendation from various sources, the Trustees resolved:

- To continue with an investment policy that would maintain capital values but (if possible) generate greater income, while preserving a policy of low to medium risk management.
- To review ethical investment, concluding that for an educational charity it would be improper to invest in certain categories

Income from Mayfield Preparatory School remained under review. The school's governing body, acting under the authority of the Trustees, undertook its annual review of fees and likely expenditure, and reported to the Trustees accordingly. The Trustees noted that such a review had considered the impact of any fees' increase, the present financial climate, and had resolved that the school remained competitive against other local schools. The school continues to have waiting lists for all classes, and keeps a very tight and active control over collection of fees from parents. Whilst Trustees and Governors alike will carefully monitor the future impact of the decision to impose VAT upon private school fees, it is considered that the current financial position for Mayfield was satisfactory and was well-established to meet the needs of the school.

The Trustees therefore concluded that the charity's principal sources of funding, namely income from investments and from Mayfield had been well-managed throughout the year.

The Trustees considered that no issues had been identified to suggest that operationally the charity was not a going concern.

The Trustees reviewed whether they required a formal policy on reserves. They concluded that it was not necessary to hold reserves at a particular level. The charity's current assets were sufficient to accommodate known eventualities. Reserves would be maintained to cover potential eventualities at Mayfield (for example, costs to provide cover for any long-term teacher absence), but such reserves were maintained on a prudent basis rather than through a formal policy.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

There are no plans for any changes to the aims and objectives of the charity, which will be to offer financial and general support to the three schools of the Foundation, and to continue to monitor public benefit. It being recognised that additional assistance for disadvantaged students at both the Grammar and High Schools is likely because of the increase in numbers of such students at both Schools.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity, Queen Mary's Schools Foundation, was founded originally by Royal Letters Patent in 1554. Since 2017 it has operated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1175360)

There are three schools supported by the Foundation: Queen Mary's Grammar School and Queen Mary's High School converted on 1 June 2011 to Academy status under the Academies Act 2010. Both of these schools retain their status as non-fee-paying selective grammar schools, where entry is based on ability tested by entrance examination. The Grammar School provides education to boys between Years 7 to 11 and to boys and girls in the Sixth Form; the High School provides education to girls between Years 7 to 11 and to girls and boys in the Sixth Form. The third school is Mayfield Preparatory School, an independent day school and nursery for children aged 3 to 11.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Susan Blakemore
Vivian Fairbank
Rebecca Hearsey
John Punch
John Vallance
Paul Lee
Katrina Healey-Davis
Daniel Hunt
Simon Thacker
John MacDonald Waters

Vacancies on the board of Trustees are filled by invitation or advertisement. The High School, Grammar School and Mayfield School are represented by former or current Governors. In this way, it is considered any potential conflicts of interest can be managed. The positions of the Trustees who are not either existing or former Governors would be advertised or nominated by other Trustees should vacancies occur, and an appropriate appointment made after due consideration by the existing Trustees as to the skills any proposed Trustee would bring to the Trust.

All new and existing Trustees and Governors receive training from the Clerk as to their responsibilities and duties. Additionally, Governors at both the Grammar and the High School receive training from the Mercian Trust School Improvement Team.

The Trustees' Investment Committee reviews the Clerk's remuneration annually. The Mayfield Head's performance and salary is reviewed by a Mayfield Governor sitting with a Foundation Trustee. The Mayfield Governors appoint a sub-committee to review the performance and salaries of all other Mayfield employees. Their decisions are minuted by the Clerk.

The Trustees have examined the Foundation's activities and considered the risks faced. In their opinion there are established resources, controls and review systems which in normal conditions should allow such risks to be mitigated to an acceptable level. Mayfield School and the board of Foundation Trustees are separately insured with reputable insurance companies to cover liability. The accountants who assist the Foundation and the external auditors are regulated by professional bodies. The Investment Committee ensures there is a spread of investment to prevent over exposure in any one asset class area.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and 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".

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on31.1.25..... and signed on its behalf by:


.....
John Nicholas Punch - Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Queen Mary's Schools Foundation (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The 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 Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 a Report of the Independent Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, it is the primary responsibility of trustees, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Charities Act 2011, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the posting of inappropriate journal entries and management bias in key accounting judgements and estimates. In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in and how the charity is complying with the legal and regulatory framework;
- inquired management and trustees, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud;
- reviewed minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees to identify significant or unusual transactions and known or suspected instances of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations
- reviewed accounting estimates for bias and evaluating whether circumstances producing any bias, represent a risk of material misstatement due to fraud; and

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

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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 Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

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

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Date: 31 January 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM						
Donations and legacies	4	230	-	-	230	-
Charitable activities	6					
Charitable activities		2,238,323	-	-	2,238,323	2,134,306
Investment income	5	79,913	-	10,298	90,211	85,730
Total		<u>2,318,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,298</u>	<u>2,328,764</u>	<u>2,220,036</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Charitable activities	7					
Charitable activities		58,186	-	-	58,186	72,981
Support costs		88,419	3,888	32,095	124,402	129,368
Mayfield staff costs		1,579,835	-	-	1,579,835	1,538,639
Mayfield other costs		437,776	-	-	437,776	466,037
Total		<u>2,164,216</u>	<u>3,888</u>	<u>32,095</u>	<u>2,200,199</u>	<u>2,207,025</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	72,158	72,158	(95,952)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		154,250	(3,888)	50,361	200,723	(82,941)
Transfers between funds	23	(66,931)	-	66,931	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)						
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	(310,000)
Net movement in funds		87,319	(3,888)	117,292	200,723	(392,941)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Total funds brought forward		601,708	80,672	3,974,432	4,656,812	5,049,753
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>689,027</u>	<u>76,784</u>	<u>4,091,724</u>	<u>4,857,535</u>	<u>4,656,812</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

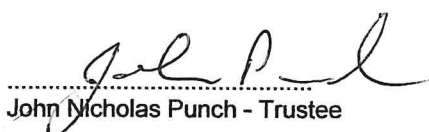
The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	13	2,623,452	2,623,452
Investments			
Investments	14	1,148,231	1,058,858
Investment property	15	1,025,000	1,025,000
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		4,796,683	4,707,310
 CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	16	48,738	35,624
Cash at bank and in hand		948,804	895,931
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		997,542	931,555
 CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(267,406)	(280,483)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		730,136	651,072
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,526,819	5,358,382
 CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(669,284)	(701,570)
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NET ASSETS		4,857,535	4,656,812
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FUNDS	23		
Unrestricted funds		689,027	601,708
Restricted funds		76,784	80,672
Endowment funds:			
Endowment funds		4,315,593	4,290,667
Revaluation reserve		(223,869)	(316,235)
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		4,091,724	3,974,432
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TOTAL FUNDS		4,857,535	4,656,812
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 31.1.25 and were signed on its behalf by:


John Nicholas Punch - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	25	59,724	294,610
Interest paid		(26,740)	(27,883)
Net cash provided by operating activities		32,984	266,727
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investments		(2,779,281)	(1,505,579)
Sale of fixed asset investments		2,762,064	1,206,622
Interest received		1,265	306
Dividends received		25,008	23,861
Rental income		63,938	61,563
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		72,994	(213,227)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(31,308)	(30,167)
Income attributable to endowment		10,298	-
Expenditure attributable to endowment		(32,095)	(33,162)
Net cash used in financing activities		(53,105)	(63,329)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		52,873	(9,829)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		895,931	905,760
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		948,804	895,931

The notes form part of these financial statements

QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. CHARITY INFORMATION

The Charity, Queen Mary's Schools Foundation, was founded originally by Royal Letters Patent in 1554. It is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered number 1175360.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared 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' and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

The Mercian Trust, formerly Queen Mary's Grammar School (Walsall), became a Multi-Academy Trust on 1 January 2018. New articles of association provided for five members, including the Queen Mary's Schools' Foundation itself and two persons nominated by the Foundation. No benefit accrues to the Foundation from this structure and there is no power to govern the financial and operating policies in order to obtain any benefit from the activities of The Mercian Trust. Accordingly the Foundation has not consolidated any accounts of The Mercian Trust for the period to 31 March 2024.

Going concern

The Trustees are required to 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 charity 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.

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

Incoming resources

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Incoming resources

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

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

Income from charitable activities arises from fees charged to parents of children attending Mayfield Preparatory School.

Investment income is earned through holding assets for investment purposes such as shares and property. It includes dividends, interest and rent and is included when the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method and dividend and rent income is recognised as the charity's right to receive payment is established.

Resources expended

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

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of any impairment losses.

Properties are stated at cost, which reflects the value at which they were transferred to the CIO upon its formation. The charity's policy is not to depreciate these properties, as they are maintained in a condition that preserves their useful life. Expenditure incurred on maintenance and repairs is recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of financial activities unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Revaluation gains and losses are recognised in other recognised gains and losses and accumulated in equity, except to the extent that a revaluation gain reverses a revaluation loss previously recognised in net income/(expenditure) or a revaluation loss exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains recognised in equity; such gains and losses are recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. VAT on expenditure is irrecoverable and the cost is included within the item of expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Trust.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

Retirement benefits for teachers at Mayfield Preparatory School are provided by the Teachers Pension Scheme ("TPS") which is a defined benefit scheme. Retirement benefits for other members of staff are provided by a group defined contribution scheme with an insurance company and employer contributions to this scheme are charged as an expense as they are paid.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and contributions are calculated so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and future pensionable payroll. The contributions are determined by the Government Actuary on the basis of quadrennial valuations using a prospective unit credit method. As stated in note 21, the TPS is a multi-employer scheme and there is insufficient information available to use defined benefit accounting. The TPS is therefore treated as a defined contribution scheme for accounting purposes and the contributions are recognised in the period to which they relate.

Employee benefits

When employees have rendered service to the charity, short-term employee benefits to which the employees are entitled are recognised at the undiscounted amount expected to be paid in exchange for that service. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the Trust is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank balances.

Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year

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

Leases

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

QUEEN MARY'S SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

In the application of the Trust's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	230	-	-	230	-
	<u>230</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>-</u>

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	2024 Total funds	2023 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	63,938	-	-	63,938	61,563
Income from listed investments	14,710	-	10,298	25,008	23,861
Interest receivable	1,265	-	-	1,265	306
	<u>79,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,298</u>	<u>90,211</u>	<u>85,730</u>

6. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	2024 £	2023 £
Fees receivable	Charitable activities	2,238,323	2,134,306
		<u>2,238,323</u>	<u>2,134,306</u>

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs (see note 8)	Grant funding of activities (see note 9)	Totals
	£	£	£
Charitable activities	52,186	6,000	58,186
Support costs	124,402	-	124,402
Mayfield staff costs	1,579,835	-	1,579,835
Mayfield other costs	437,776	-	437,776
	<u>2,194,199</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,200,199</u>

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8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff costs	1,579,626	1,538,639
Rates, insurance and utilities	102,116	80,035
Maintenance of premises and equipment	109,953	167,077
Telephone, postage and stationery	5,455	10,825
Audit fees	11,580	7,615
Professional fees	29,866	21,988
Entrance examinations	52,186	66,777
Clerk to the governors	64,978	55,959
Learning resources	29,896	37,096
Computer costs	59,849	71,546
Administration and accountancy	57,180	55,220
Subscriptions and courses	27,513	25,817
Other costs	37,261	34,344
Donations and educational enrichment	-	6,204
Interest payable and similar charges	26,740	27,883
	<u>2,194,199</u>	<u>2,207,025</u>

Auditor's Remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit fees	9,600	7,200
(Over)/under provision for prior period audit fees	1,980	415
	<u>11,580</u>	<u>7,615</u>

9. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities	<u>6,000</u>	<u>-</u>

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration, benefits or expenses from the Trust during the year.

The total cost of employment for the key management personnel was £175,409 (2023: £166,281).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

11. STAFF COSTS

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	1,244,061	1,202,109
Social security costs	121,958	125,541
Other pension costs	213,607	210,989
	<u>1,579,626</u>	<u>1,538,639</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Teaching and support	<u>43</u>	<u>45</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2024	2023
£60,001 - £70,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	2,134,306	-	-	2,134,306
Investment income	75,966	9,764	-	85,730
Total	<u>2,210,272</u>	<u>9,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,220,036</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Charitable activities				
Charitable activities	68,378	4,603	-	72,981
Support costs	92,211	3,995	33,162	129,368
Mayfield staff costs	1,538,639	-	-	1,538,639
Mayfield other costs	466,037	-	-	466,037
Total	<u>2,165,265</u>	<u>8,598</u>	<u>33,162</u>	<u>2,207,025</u>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(95,952)</u>	<u>(95,952)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	45,007	1,166	(129,114)	(82,941)
Transfers between funds	(77,048)	-	77,048	-
Other recognised gains/(losses)				
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(310,000)</u>	<u>(310,000)</u>
Net movement in funds	(32,041)	1,166	(362,066)	(392,941)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	633,749	79,506	4,336,498	5,049,753

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12. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>601,708</u>	<u>80,672</u>	<u>3,974,432</u>	<u>4,656,812</u>

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £
COST	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>2,623,452</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	<u>2,623,452</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>2,623,452</u>

Freehold land and buildings with a carrying value of £2,623,452 as at 31 March 2024 is included on the following bases.

Land which is subject to long leases in favour of the Academy Schools is included at nil value.

The Mayfield Preparatory School was valued in 2018 to reflect the deem cost at which it was transferred to the CIO upon its formation. The school was independently valued at 31 March 2018 by PBG Chartered Surveyors at fair value on the existing use basis. The report and valuation were prepared in accordance with the RICS Valuation - Professional Standards Global and UK ("The Red Book") 2014 prepared by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and also the RICS Global Valuation Practice Guidance - Application VPGA1 - Valuation for inclusion within financial statements. The valuation was undertaken by a Chartered Surveyor who is both a Registered Valuer and who conforms to the requirements of the above "Practice Statements" and who is also an External Valuer. The new School Hall constructed during the 2020 year has been included at its cost of £1,424,107.

The additional educational facilities in Wales are included at the 2016 cost as the Trustees consider this to be appropriate.

14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
MARKET VALUE			
At 1 April 2023	955,664	103,194	1,058,858
Additions	1,417,614	1,361,667	2,779,281
Disposals	(1,364,590)	(1,417,674)	(2,782,264)
Revaluations	92,356	-	92,356
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,101,044</u>	<u>47,187</u>	<u>1,148,231</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	<u>1,101,044</u>	<u>47,187</u>	<u>1,148,231</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>955,664</u>	<u>103,194</u>	<u>1,058,858</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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14. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 31 March 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £	Cash and settlements pending £	Totals £
Valuation in 2019	345,368	-	345,368
Valuation in 2020	(82,700)	-	(82,700)
Valuation in 2021	111,421	-	111,421
Valuation in 2022	867	-	867
Valuation in 2023	(381,190)	-	(381,190)
Valuation in 2024	92,356	-	92,356
Cost	1,014,922	47,187	1,062,109
	<u>1,101,044</u>	<u>47,187</u>	<u>1,148,231</u>

The listed investments are shown at market value. The historic cost at 31 March 2024 was £1,062,110 (2023: £1,066,208).

15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	£
FAIR VALUE	
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	1,025,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	1,025,000
At 31 March 2023	1,025,000
Fair value at 31 March 2024 is represented by:	
Valuation in 2023	(310,000)
Cost	1,335,000
	<u>1,025,000</u>

The charity's freehold investment properties were valued as at 31 March 2023 by PBG Chartered Surveyors. The valuations were in accordance with the requirements of the RICS Valuation - Global Standards 2022 and UK national supplement, Charities SORP and Financial Reporting Standard 102. The properties were valued on the basis of fair value subject to any existing leases. The valuer's opinion of fair value was primarily derived using comparable recent market transactions on arm's length terms.

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	16,956	17,909
Prepayments and accrued income	31,782	17,715
	<u>48,738</u>	<u>35,624</u>

17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 19)	32,285	31,309
Trade creditors	-	4,430
Taxation and social security	29,657	29,962
Other creditors	205,464	214,782
	<u>267,406</u>	<u>280,483</u>

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 19)	669,284	701,570

19. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	32,285	31,309
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	33,794	32,285
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	109,022	105,123
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	526,468	564,162

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20. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	12,957	6,816
Between one and five years	45,349	8,544
	<u>58,306</u>	<u>15,360</u>

21. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>701,569</u>	<u>732,879</u>

The bank loan is secured by a charge on the property.

22. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Endowment funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Fixed assets	-	-	2,623,452	2,623,452	2,623,452
Investments	3,390	-	2,169,841	2,173,231	2,083,858
Current assets	920,758	76,784	-	997,542	931,555
Current liabilities	(235,121)	-	(32,285)	(267,406)	(280,483)
Long term liabilities	-	-	(669,284)	(669,284)	(701,570)
	<u>689,027</u>	<u>76,784</u>	<u>4,091,724</u>	<u>4,857,535</u>	<u>4,656,812</u>

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23. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Movement in fund

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Revaluation gain/ loss	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	601,708	2,318,466	2,164,216	(66,931)	-	689,027
	<u>601,708</u>	<u>2,318,466</u>	<u>2,164,216</u>	<u>(66,931)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>689,027</u>

Endowment fund

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Revaluation gain/ loss	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Foundation endowment	3,532,791	216	32,095	66,931	44,121	3,611,964
Prize funds	36,999	787	-	-	1,181	38,967
Scholarship funds	404,642	9,295	-	-	26,856	440,793
	<u>3,974,432</u>	<u>10,298</u>	<u>32,095</u>	<u>66,931</u>	<u>72,158</u>	<u>4,091,724</u>

Restricted fund

	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfer	Revaluation gain/ loss	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Prize funds	7,886	-	312	-	-	7,574
Scholarship funds	54,312	-	3,486	-	-	50,826
Grammar School legacy	10,424	-	90	-	-	10,334
	<u>8,050</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,050</u>
	<u>80,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>76,784</u>

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24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Foundation owns the freehold land on which Queen Mary's Grammar School and Queen Mary's High School sites are based. These sites are leased to the Academy Schools on peppercorn rentals under 125-year leases, the terms of which have been approved by the Department for Education. Areas for playing fields are let under a separate lease.

During the year Mr Thacker served as Trustee of the Foundation and as Governor at Mayfield School until 27/5/23. Both Ms Hearsey and Mr Lee served as Foundation Trustees and Mercian Trustees. Mrs Fairbank and Mr Punch served as both Foundation Trustees and Mercian Trust Members. Mr Vallance served as both Foundation Trustee and as the Foundation's Corporate Member of the Mercian Trust until 6/11/23. On 16/7/24 Dr Edward Kok Hun Ng, Mr Neil Christopher Moseley and Mr Timothy Normanton were appointed as Foundation Trustees. Dr Ng serves as a Governor at Mayfield School, Mr Moseley serves as a Governor at Queen Mary's Grammar School and Mr Normanton serves as a Governor at Queen Mary's High School.

During the year the Foundation made donations from unrestricted funds of £26,508 to Queen Mary's High School and £40,269 to Queen Mary's Grammar School to support the costs of the year 7 entrance examinations. Additionally the Foundation made donations to enable disadvantaged students at the Grammar School and at the High School to participate in a wide range of co- curriculum activities including overseas trips.

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

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	200,723	(82,941)
Adjustments for:		
(Gain)/losses on investments	(72,158)	381,190
Interest received	(1,265)	(306)
Interest paid	26,740	27,883
Dividends received	(25,008)	(23,861)
Income attributable to endowment	(10,298)	-
Expenditure attributable to endowment	32,095	33,162
Rental income received	(63,938)	(61,563)
Increase in debtors	(13,114)	(22,111)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(14,053)	43,157
Net cash provided by operations	<u>59,724</u>	<u>294,610</u>

26. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Cash flow £	At 31/3/24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	895,931	52,873	948,804
	<u>895,931</u>	<u>52,873</u>	<u>948,804</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(31,309)	(976)	(32,285)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(701,570)	32,286	(669,284)
	<u>(732,879)</u>	<u>31,310</u>	<u>(701,569)</u>

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26. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS - continued			
Total	<u>163,052</u>	<u>84,183</u>	<u>247,235</u>

27. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES

Mayfield Preparatory School contributes to one multi employer defined benefit scheme and one group defined contribution scheme. The cost of these contributions in respect of the year ended 31 March 2024 was £174,955.97 (2023: £167,218) and £43,869.59 (2023: £43,325) respectively. Nothing was payable (2023: £20,263) as of the year ended 31 March 2024.