

VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1191415

Details

Other names VICTORIA COLLEGE

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [11188465](#)

Registered 2020-09-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ('OBJECTS') ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: (1) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 26 YEARS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS BY PROVIDING AND ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO MEET THEIR EDUCATIONAL, DEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE NEEDS SO THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL; AND(2) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THE PROMOTION OF ANY OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES SUCH AS THE DIRECTORS THINK FIT. NOTHING IN THESE ARTICLES SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CHARITY FOR PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND/OR SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008.

Activities: For the public benefit the advancement of education of persons under the age of 25 years with special educational needs by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities and services to meet their educational, developmental and social welfare needs so that they can achieve their full potential.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£1,489,000	£1,345,000	£894,000	28
2024-07-31	£1,617,000	£1,431,000	£750,000	33
2023-07-31	£1,484,000	£1,389,000	£564,000	35
2022-07-31	£1,118,000	£1,171,000	£469,000	30
2021-07-31	£1,106,000	£961,000	£522,000	26

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John Bernal Rodway	Chair	2018-12-12
CAROLINE LANE		2018-02-05
Gary Noel Coffey		2021-09-01
Parminder Singh Garcha		2019-11-21
Ronnie Meechan		2023-09-28
Sadie Bolton		2018-10-08

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Accounts

VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JULY 2025

Charity Commission Number : 1191415
Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number: 11188465
(England & Wales)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COLLEGE, TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

Members

C Lane
P Singh Garcha
G Coffey

Trustees

J Rodway (Chair)
G Coffey (Executive Headteacher and Accounting Officer)
S Bolton
R Meechan
C Lane (Resigned 5 February 2025)
P Kainth (Resigned 10 July 2025)

Company Secretary

P McKenna

**Senior Management Team
Executive Headteacher**

G Coffey

Head of College

C Scattergood

Chief Finance Officer

P McKenna

Clerk to the Board

SIPS Education

Principal and Registered Office

Victoria College
Bell Hill
Northfield
Birmingham
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Company Registration Number

11188465

Independent Auditors

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2025. The charity operates as an independent specialist college, for students aged 19 to 25 with profound and multiple learning difficulties or complex medical needs and physical disabilities. The college has 30 (2024: 29) students on roll at 4 September 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The College is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital (Registration Number: 11188465) and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the College. The trustees of Victoria College are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Victoria College.

Details of the trustees who served during the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Victoria College has in place directors and trustee's liability insurance indemnity cover to a limit of £5m.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

There are clearly defined and approved procedures for the selection and appointment of trustees which are outlined in the company's Articles of Association. These include application, shortlisting and interview procedures. Consideration is given to the skills of trustees which would enhance the effectiveness of the trust.

With regard to trustees, procedures are in place for nomination and election of the trustees.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

Newly appointed trustees are provided with information about their role as trustees and basic information about the college and the governing body. A range of training is also offered to trustees each year. Training undertaken will depend on their experience.

Organisational Structure

The structure consists of two levels: the trustees and the Senior Leadership Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the college through the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the college, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Senior Leaders are the Executive Headteacher, the Head of College and the Chief Finance Officer. These leaders control the college at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the trustees and reporting back to them. As a group, the Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

When setting pay for key management personnel, the College considers the latest College Teachers' Pay and Conditions provisions. In doing so, it considers the permanent responsibilities of each role, the specific challenges to each role as well as all other relevant considerations. One such element of this is the number of students that the College is responsible for. This incorporates the learning needs of students within the College.

The pay of key management personnel also reflects the performance of each member of staff on an annual basis.

The College will continue to use external national and sub-national benchmarking analysis to compare its pay structure against that of other schools and colleges as it has done in the past.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

The Federation of Cherry Oak School and Victoria School are organisations connected to Victoria College.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES****Objects and Aims**

The College Trust's objects are specifically restricted to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a College offering a broad and balanced curriculum for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

To achieve this, the college identified the following priorities for the year:-

- to ensure that all students develop their communication skills so that they can engage with the people with whom they interact, take part in community enrichment and promote their health and wellbeing.
- to ensure that all students receive a broad and balanced education which facilitates community enrichment and work experience opportunities.
- to ensure that all students receive a holistic education that supports their communication, cognition, independent living skills, community enrichment, health and employment awareness.
- to develop the skills of all staff and trustees to a consistently outstanding quality.
- to monitor the baseline assessment to enable teachers to use this information for informed target setting.
- to monitor the impact of the developments of the RPSHE curriculum and embedded use of behaviour risk reduction plans to support students to develop self regulatory skills to reduce some behaviours.
- to monitor the digital platform, WE TRACK ME to record evidence of progression for each student.
- to ensure the students are safe in college and beyond, through informed and trained staff in both safeguarding and health and safety.

Principal Activities

At Victoria College, we work in partnership with young people, parents and carers to ensure that every student will:

- enjoy high quality learning opportunities.
- feel challenged and inspired to participate in their learning
- become confident, enterprising, creative learners, ready for adult life.
- become fully-rounded and responsible citizens, making a positive contribution to the College and their community
- feel safe, happy and healthy.

Objects, Strategies and Activities

To meet these priorities the college has adopted a number of strategies and activities that include:

- to ensure that all students make progress towards the adult outcomes identified in their Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- to ensure that the learning and teaching model used at the College engages all learners and encourages active participation.
- to ensure a coordinated approach to the continuing development of self-regulation to enable learners to manage their behaviour effectively.
- to ensure provision is personalised to the needs of all learners.
- to ensure consistently outstanding pastoral care.
- to ensure high quality schemes of learning to deliver quality teaching with a clear focus on developing holistic learning and preparation for experiences beyond College.
- to ensure there is appropriate intervention, provision and support for learners to enable all to experience success.

STRATEGIC REPORT**Achievements and Performance**

Victoria College is a Specialist Post 16 Institution (SPI) having previously been under Local Authority control. The college remains a vital part of the Cherry Oak and Victoria School Federation and we continue to work closely together.

Priorities Going Forwards – Federation

- to ensure the future of specialist education for young people with PMLD by engaging with local and national policy makers and influencing practice.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)**Priorities Going Forwards - Federation (cont'd)**

- ensuring that the Federation continues to work together to provide the best outcomes for students and staff;
- build resilience for the future of the Federation by arranging mutually beneficial training for all stakeholders on a number of local and national initiatives.

Key Performance Indicators

The trust established a financial budget at the start of the year and then monitored performance against budget during the period. Considerable work is undertaken in forecasting to ensure the continued financial viability of the college. Trustee's play a key role in holding the Senior Leadership Team to account in key financial matters.

	2025	2024
Student numbers	29	33
Staff costs as a % of revenue income received from DfE	227%	213%
Staff costs as a % of total revenue grant income	70%	66%
Staff costs as a % of total costs	74%	73%
Capital expenditure per student	£1,119	£1,181

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the College 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting policies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Overview**

The principal source of funding for the college is Element 1 & 2 High Needs Funding from the DfE and element 3 'top-up' funding which is received via the relevant local authority.

Most of the college's income is obtained from the DfE and the local authorities in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received during the year ended 31 July 2025 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 July 2025, total expenditure of £1,345,000 (2024: £1,431,000) was less than the recurrent grant funding from the DfE and other incoming resources, resulting in a surplus before transfers for the year of £144,000 (2024: £186,000 surplus).

At 31 July 2025 the net book value of fixed assets was £77,000 (2024: £70,000) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 12 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the College.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Trust's financial and risk management objectives are documented in its:

- Official budgets
- Scheme of delegation
- Financial regulations
- Risk management policy

These documents are available on request, and particular items which warrant specific disclosure are noted within this annual report.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the reserve levels of the college annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

- planned capital expenditure;
- improve the quality of learning and social spaces within the college;
- planned SPI conversion costs;
- forecast increases in employer contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Reserves as at 31 July 2025 were £791,000 (2024: £654,000)

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)**Financial Position**

The college held fund balances at 31 July 2025 of £894,000 (2024: £750,000), comprising £683,000 (2024: £569,000) of restricted funds, £103,000 (2024: £96,000) of fixed assets funds and £108,000 (2024: £85,000) of unrestricted general funds.

Investment Policy

All investments are made in accordance with the policy of the trust. The trust's policy on investments are one of minimum risk with all investments being held with the trust's bankers. The trust will nevertheless seek to maximise interest receipts within this arrangement. Investments are made with regard to Charity Commission guidance in relation to investments.

PRINCIPLE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The board has considered the risks faced by the trust throughout its normal operational business. It has sought to address the risks faced by the trust by establishing appropriate governance and management arrangements, including the appointment of senior staff and other managers, and establishing robust operational policies. The board considers that these arrangements have been effective throughout the period being reported.

The board intends to build on this success by establishing a formal risk management policy, which will formally document the managerial action that is taking place, and should enable future risk management to be more systematic.

At the time of reporting, the trust's identified key risks are:

- the risk of reduced student numbers and therefore income;
- loss of personal and sensitive information;
- changes to rules and regulations;
- the risk of national and local funding reductions;
- the future financial position of the LGPS pension scheme; and
- the risk of unforeseen building maintenance costs.

Mitigating action, both current and planned, has been identified to address these risks. This is also true of all other risks that have been formally identified which have a lower level of impact and/or likelihood.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the College is exposed have been identified on the college's Risk Register. Trustees have reviewed the risks to which the College is exposed and systems and procedures have been put in place to manage these.

Fundraising

Under the provisions of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 the college approach to fundraising practices is from time to time, the college will run fundraising events to raise money for other charities or for the college itself. The college does not work with any professional fundraisers but does make payment for the services of a Fundraiser employed by Victoria School.

No donations are compulsory from students or parents/carers for any fundraising event and there is the right to opt-out for any event. The college has a complaints policy which is publicly available on the college website to ensure any concerns can be reported.

Plans for Future Periods

The college will continue to closely monitor local and national funding developments and the impact that this may have on the College's financial position. The college will also remain cognisant of local changes within Birmingham that could affect the college and explore opportunities for growth.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)**Auditors**

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, are willing to continue in office.

The Trustees' Report incorporating a strategic report was approved by the board of trustees, as the company directors on 4 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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J Rodway
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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 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 year. 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 in the Charities SORP 2019
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards FRS102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The 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 to the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the 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 on 4 December 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



J Rodway
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Victoria College Limited for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statement, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Victoria College Limited's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including 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 and the Charities SORP 2019.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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 statement 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 Victoria College Limited'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the financial statements. 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.

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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report (incorporating the Strategic Report, and the Trustees Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- 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 the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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 where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the Trustees 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 Victoria College Limited's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

Based on our understanding of the Victoria College Limited and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the acts by the Victoria College Limited, which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations including fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, Charities SORP 2019 and Charities Act 2011. 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 inflated revenue and the Victoria College Limited's net income for the year.

Audit procedures performed included: review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, review of correspondence with and reports to the regulators, including correspondence with the Department for Education review of correspondence with legal advisors, enquiries of management and review of internal audit reports in so far as they related to the financial statements, and testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the Trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Victoria College Limited'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 Victoria College Limited's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Victoria College Limited's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Victoria College Limited's and the Victoria College Limited's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Matthew Stephens
Senior Statutory Auditor
UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, Statutory Auditor
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Birmingham
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4 December 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted General Funds £'000	Restricted Fixed Asset Funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	6	-	34	40	33
Charitable activities:						
- College Trust's educational operations	4	1	1,432	-	1,433	1,577
Other trading activities	5	8	-	-	8	4
Investment income	6	8	-	-	8	3
Total		23	1,432	34	1,489	1,617
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:						
- College Trust's educational operations	7	-	1,317	28	1,345	1,431
Total		-	1,317	28	1,345	1,431
Net income/(expenditure)		23	115	6	144	186
Transfers between funds	15	-	(1)	1	-	-
Net movement in funds		23	114	7	144	186
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	15	85	569	96	750	564
Total funds carried forward	15	108	683	103	894	750

All of the Victoria College Limited's activities derive from acquisitions and continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Note	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>
		<u>77</u>	<u>70</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	416	177
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>572</u>	<u>606</u>
		<u>988</u>	<u>783</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(171)</u>	<u>(103)</u>
Net current assets		<u>817</u>	<u>680</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		894	750
Total Net Assets		<u><u>894</u></u>	<u><u>750</u></u>
Funds of the College:			
Restricted funds			
- Fixed asset fund	15	103	96
- Restricted income fund	15	<u>683</u>	<u>569</u>
Total Restricted Funds		<u>786</u>	<u>665</u>
Unrestricted income fund	15	<u>108</u>	<u>85</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>108</u>	<u>85</u>
Total Funds		<u><u>894</u></u>	<u><u>750</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 28 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 4 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



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J Rodway
Chair

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	19	(41)	144
Cash flows from investing activities	20	7	(7)
Cash flows from financing activities	21	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(34)</u>	<u>137</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August	22	606	469
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July	22	<u>572</u>	<u>606</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**1 Statement of Accounting Policies**

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

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the College trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Victoria College meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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 company 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 College Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the College Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

• Grants

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 entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund.

• Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the College Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

• Donations

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

• Other income

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

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- **Donated goods, facilities and services**

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the College Trust's accounting policies.

- **Transfers of leasehold property**

Leasehold property transferred to the College from the local authority at little or no consideration will be revalued at fair value in accordance with FRS 102. This value will be recognised as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities and will be included in the appropriate fixed assets category and depreciated over the life of the lease.

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**

This includes all expenditure incurred by the College Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

- **Charitable Activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**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 a straight line basis on the cost of tangible fixed assets, to write them down to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. No depreciation is provided on leasehold land where the lease is more than 20 years. The principal annual rates used for other assets are:

Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture and equipment	10% to 33%
Computer equipment and software	25%

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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.

Leased assets

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

Financial Instruments

The College trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the College trust and their measurement basis 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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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 instrument, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. 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.

Taxation

The College Trust 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 College Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**Pensions Benefits**

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

All staff are employed by Victoria School under a service level agreement with the College. As a result no staff have been transferred under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and there are therefore no TPS or LGPS liabilities at the College.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the College Trust at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by 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.

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 College 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 critical areas of judgement are accounting for government grants, accounting for the write down of assets through depreciation. Government grants are accounted for as restricted funds. Depreciation rates are based on the expected life of the asset.

Critical areas of judgement

The critical judgements that the Trustees have made in the process of applying the College Trust's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the statutory financial statements are discussed below:

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment assets, the Trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions, counterparty credit ratings and experience of recoverability. There have been no indicators of impairments identified during the current financial year.

Agency arrangements

The College Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from the DfE. Payments received from the DfE and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The trust cannot use any of the allocation towards its own administration costs. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 27.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

2 GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the Victoria College Limited was not subject to a limit on the amount of Post 16 High Needs Funding grant that it could carry forward at 31 July 2025 (see note 15).

3 DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
DfE/ESFA capital grants	-	31	31	29
DfE/ESFA donated assets	-	3	3	-
Donations	6	-	6	4
	<u>6</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £40,000 (2024: £33,000) of which £6,000 (2024: £3,000) was unrestricted, £Nil (2024: £1,000) restricted and £34,000 (2024: £29,000) restricted fixed assets.

4 FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
Post 16-19 core grant	-	409	409	464
Other DfE/ESFA grants				
Free school meals grant	-	6	6	9
Teachers pension grant	-	25	25	19
	<u>-</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>492</u>
Other Government grants				
High needs top up grant	-	992	992	1,084
	<u>-</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>992</u>	<u>1,084</u>
Other income from the college's educational operations:				
Pupil catering income	1	-	1	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1,432</u>	<u>1,433</u>	<u>1,577</u>

The income from funding for the academy trust's educational operations was £1,433,000 (2024: £1,577,000) of which £1,000 (2024: £Nil) was unrestricted and £1,432,000 (2024: £1,577,000)

5 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Other income	8	-	8	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>

The income from the college's other trading activities was unrestricted for both 2025 and 2024.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Bank interest received	8	-	8	3
	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>

The income from the college's investment activities was unrestricted for both 2025 and 2024.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

7 EXPENDITURE	Staff Costs £'000	Non Pay Expenditure		Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
		Premises £'000	Other Costs £'000		
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	-	-	-	-	-
- Allocated support costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
College's educational operations					
- Direct costs	925	-	140	1,065	1,141
- Allocated support costs	72	81	127	280	290
	997	81	267	1,345	1,431

The expenditure was £1,345,000 (2024: £1,431,000) of which £Nil (2024: £Nil) was unrestricted, £1,317,000 (2023: £1,403,000) restricted and £28,000 (2024: £28,000) restricted fixed assets.

Net (income)/expenditure for the year includes:	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Operating leases rentals	1	1
Depreciation	28	28
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- audit	11	10

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Direct costs - educational operations	1,065	1,141
Support costs - educational operations	280	290
	1,345	1,431

Analysis of Support Costs	Total 2025 £'000	Total 2024 £'000
Support staff costs	72	87
Depreciation	28	28
Technology costs	15	20
Premises costs	53	44
Legal costs - other	24	25
Other support costs	71	71
Governance costs	17	15
	280	290

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

9 STAFF COSTS	Total	Total
a Staff costs and employee benefits	2025	2024
Staff costs during the year were:	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	616	661
Social security costs	61	55
Pension costs	161	167
	<u>838</u>	<u>883</u>
Agency staff costs	159	165
	<u>997</u>	<u>1,048</u>

b Staff severance contractual and non contractual payments

The college paid no severance payments in the year (2024: none)

c Special staff severance non contractual payments

Included in staff restructuring costs there are no non statutory/non contractual special severance payments (2024: £Nil).

d Staff numbers

The average number of persons (including School Leadership Team) employed by the college during the year ended 31 July 2025 expressed as whole persons was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No	No
Charitable Activities		
Teachers	2	2
Administration and support - including Teaching Assistants	23	28
Management	3	3
	<u>28</u>	<u>33</u>

e Higher paid staff

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

	No	No
£70,001 - £80,000	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

f Key management personnel

The key management of the college comprise the trustees and the Senior Leadership Team as listed on page 3. 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 Trust was £109,348 (2024: £98,219).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS – TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the College.

Other related party transactions including directors are set out in note 26.

11 TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the College has purchased insurance to protect trustees' and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on College business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance cannot be disaggregated and is included in the total insurance cost.

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 August 2024	41	103	28	172
Additions	13	22	-	35
At 31 July 2025	<u>54</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>207</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2024	34	40	28	102
Charged in year	7	21	-	28
At 31 July 2025	<u>41</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>130</u>
Net book value				
At 31 July 2025	<u>13</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77</u>
At 31 July 2024	<u>7</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70</u>

13 DEBTORS

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Prepayments and accrued income	416	177
	<u>416</u>	<u>177</u>

14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Trade creditors	46	-
Other creditors	26	32
Taxation & social security	10	-
Accruals	89	71
	<u>171</u>	<u>103</u>

At the balance sheet date the college was not holding any funds received in advance for 2025/26 or 2024/25.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS

The income funds of the college applied for specific purposes are as follows:

	Balance at 1 August 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains, Losses & Transfers	Balance at 31 July 2025
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	569	409	(294)	(1)	683
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	6	(6)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	992	(992)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant (note vi)	-	25	(25)	-	-
Catering income (note vii)	-	-	-	-	-
Donations (note viii)	-	-	-	-	-
Total general funds	569	1,432	(1,317)	(1)	683
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE/ESFA capital grants (note ix)	92	31	(24)	-	99
Expenditure from revenue funds (note x)	1	-	(2)	1	-
DfE/ESFA donated assets (note iv)	3	3	(2)	-	4
Total fixed asset funds	96	34	(28)	1	103
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	665	1,466	(1,345)	-	786
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	85	23	-	-	108
Total unrestricted funds	85	23	-	-	108
Total funds	750	1,489	(1,345)	-	894

Notes

- i) Post 16 High Needs Funding Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the School. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the College Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of grant that it would carry forward at 31 July 2025 (see note 2).
- ii) Free school meals grant has been used to support young people from low income families placed at the College.
- iii) High needs top up grants from Local Authorities have been used to support pupils with learning or behavioural issues by providing teaching and teaching assistant support.
- iv) A fixed assets donation of £2,817 (2024: £Nil) was received and used to fund capital expenditure.
- v) Unrestricted funds have been derived from lettings, other trading activities and investment
- vi) Teachers' pension grant provides funding to to cover increased employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme (TPS).
- vii) Catering income is generated through sale of meals to students.
- viii) Restricted donations have been applied for the intended purpose.
- ix) DfE capital grants are devolved formula capital and school conditions allowance grants from the DfE to support expenditure on capital items.
- x) Expenditure from revenue funds is the expenditure to meet the ongoing and day to day running costs of the College in the provision of education to its students.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS (cont'd)

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

	Balance at 1 August 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains, Losses & Transfers	Balance at 31 July 2024
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	417	464	(281)	(31)	569
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	9	(9)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	1,084	(1,084)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant (note vi)	-	19	(19)	-	-
Catering income (note vii)	-	1	(1)	-	-
Donations (note viii)	8	1	(9)	-	-
Total general funds	425	1,578	(1,403)	(31)	569
Restricted fixed asset funds					
ESFA capital grants (note ix)	61	29	(24)	26	92
Expenditure from revenue funds (note x)	-	-	(4)	5	1
ESFA donated assets (note iv)	3	-	-	-	3
Total fixed asset funds	64	29	(28)	31	96
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	489	1,607	(1,431)	-	665
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	75	10	-	-	85
Total unrestricted funds	75	10	-	-	85
Total funds	564	1,617	(1,431)	-	750

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 July 2025 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Pension Restricted Funds £'000	General Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds £'000	Total £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	77	77
Current assets	108	-	854	26	988
Current liabilities	-	-	(171)	-	(171)
	108	-	683	103	894

Fund balances at 31 July 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Pension Restricted Funds £'000	General Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds £'000	Total £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	70	70
Current assets	85	-	672	26	783
Current liabilities	-	-	(103)	-	(103)
	85	-	569	96	750

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

17 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>
18 LONG TERM COMMITMENTS INCLUDING OPERATING LEASES		
<i>Operating leases</i>		
At 31 July 2025 the total of the college's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:		
	2025	2024
	Other	Other
	£'000	£'000
Amounts due within one year	1	1
Amounts due between one and five years	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
19 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	144	186
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation (note 12)	28	28
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(34)	(29)
Interest receivable	(8)	(3)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(239)	121
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	68	(159)
Net cash (used in)/provided by operating activities	<u>(41)</u>	<u>144</u>
20 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Interest received	8	3
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(35)	(39)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	31	29
Donated capital	3	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>7</u>	<u>(7)</u>
21 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Repayments of borrowing	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
22 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	At 31 July	At 31 July
	2025	2024
	£'000	£'000
Cash in hand and at bank	572	606
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>572</u>	<u>606</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025 (cont'd)

23 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET	At 1 Aug 2024 £'000	Cash Flows £'000	At 31 July 2025 £'000
Cash at bank	606	(34)	572
Overdraft	-	-	-
	<u>606</u>	<u>(34)</u>	<u>572</u>
Loans within one year	-	-	-
Loans greater than one year	-	-	-
	<u>606</u>	<u>(34)</u>	<u>572</u>

24 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the period of the funding agreement between the Victoria College Limited and the Secretary of State, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any asset for which a Government capital grant was received, the Victoria College Limited is required either to reinvest the proceeds or to repay to the Secretary of State for Education the same proportion of the proceeds of the sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State.

Upon termination of the funding agreement, whether as a result of the Secretary of State or the Victoria College Limited serving notice, the Victoria College Limited is obliged to repay to the Secretary of State sums determined by reference to:

- a) the value at that time of the Victoria College Limited's sites and premises and other assets held for the purpose of the Victoria College Limited; and
- b) the extent to which expenditure incurred in providing those assets was met by payments by the Secretary of State under the funding agreement.

25 MEMBER LIABILITY

Each member of the Victoria College Limited undertakes to contribute to its assets 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.

26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the College Trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the board of trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the College trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account:

Victoria College made the following purchases at arms' length in accordance with the financial regulations, which the following related parties below neither participated in, nor influenced.

G Coffey is Executive Headteacher across Victoria College, Victoria School and Cherry Oak School. Victoria College purchased goods and services from Victoria School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2025 was £846,219 (2024: £1,104,208), of which £37,243 (2024: £Nil) was outstanding at the year end.

27 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The college distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the DfE. In the accounting period ending 31 July 2025 the trust received £4,693 (2024: £5,602), disbursed £7,325 (2024: £1,581) and repaid to the DfE £1,381 (2024: £Nil) from the fund. An amount of £2,971 (2024: £6,983) is included in other creditors relating to the undistributed funds that is repayable to the DfE.

28 EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no material adjusting or non adjusting events arising after the balance sheet date.

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VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 JULY 2024

Charity Commission Number : 1191415
Company Limited by Guarantee
Registration Number: 11188465
(England & Wales)

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COLLEGE, TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS**Members**

C Lane
P Singh Garcha
G Coffey

Trustees

J Rodway (Chair from 28 September 2023)
C Lane (Chair to 27 September 2023)
G Coffey (Executive Headteacher and Accounting Officer)
S Bolton
R Meechan (appointed 28 September 2023)
P Kainth (appointed 1 February 2024)

Company Secretary

P McKenna

**Senior Management Team
Executive Headteacher**

G Coffey

Head of College

C Scattergood

Chief Finance Officer

P McKenna

Clerk to the Board

SIPS Education

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2024. The charity operates as an independent specialist college, for students aged 19 to 25 with profound and multiple learning difficulties or complex medical needs and physical disabilities. The college has 29 (2023: 35) students on roll at 1 September 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

The College is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital (Registration Number: 11188465) and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the College. The trustees of Victoria College are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Victoria College.

Details of the trustees who served during the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Victoria College has in place directors and trustee's liability insurance indemnity cover to a limit of £5m.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

There are clearly defined and approved procedures for the selection and appointment of trustees which are outlined in the company's Articles of Association. These include application, shortlisting and interview procedures. Consideration is given to the skills of trustees which would enhance the effectiveness of the trust.

With regard to trustees, procedures are in place for nomination and election of the trustees.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

Newly appointed trustees are provided with information about their role as trustees and basic information about the college and the governing body. A range of training is also offered to trustees each year. Training undertaken will depend on their experience.

Organisational Structure

The structure consists of two levels: the trustees and the Senior Leadership Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the college through the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the college, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Senior Leaders are the Executive Headteacher, the Head of College and the Chief Finance Officer. These leaders control the college at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the trustees and reporting back to them. As a group, the Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

When setting pay for key management personnel, the College considers the latest College Teachers' Pay and Conditions provisions. In doing so, it considers the permanent responsibilities of each role, the specific challenges to each role as well as all other relevant considerations. One such element of this is the number of students that the College is responsible for. This incorporates the learning needs of students within the College.

The pay of key management personnel also reflects the performance of each member of staff on an annual basis.

The College will continue to use external national and sub-national benchmarking analysis to compare its pay structure against that of other schools and colleges as it has done in the past.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

The Federation of Cherry Oak School and Victoria School are organisations connected to Victoria College.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES****Objects and Aims**

The College Trust's objects are specifically restricted to the following: -

- (a) to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a College offering a broad and balanced curriculum for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties;

To achieve this, the college identified the following priorities for the year:-

- to ensure that all students develop their communication skills so that they can influence the people with whom they interact, take part in community enrichment and promote their health and wellbeing.
- to ensure that all students receive a broad and balanced education which facilitates community enrichment and work experience opportunities.
- to ensure that all students receive a holistic education that supports their communication, cognition, independent living skills, community enrichment, health and employment awareness.
- to develop the learning-centred leadership skills of all staff and trustees to a consistently outstanding quality.
- to monitor the recently developed baseline assessment to enable teachers to use this information for informed target setting.
- to monitor the impact of the developments of the RPSHE curriculum and embedded use of behaviour risk reduction plans to support students to develop self regulatory skills to reduce some behaviours.
- to monitor the digital platform, WE TRACK ME to record evidence of progression for each student.
- to ensure the students are safe in college and beyond, through informed and trained staff in both safeguarding and health and safety.

Principal Activities

At Victoria College, we work in partnership with young people, parents and carers to ensure that every student will:

- enjoy high quality learning opportunities.
- feel challenged and inspired to participate in their learning
- become confident, enterprising, creative learners, ready for adult life.
- become fully-rounded and responsible citizens, making a positive contribution to the College and their community
- feel safe, happy and healthy.

Objects, Strategies and Activities

To meet these priorities the college has adopted a number of strategies and activities that include: -

- to ensure that all students make progress towards the adult outcomes identified in their Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- to ensure that the learning and teaching model used at the College engages all learners and encourages active participation.
- to ensure a coordinated approach to the continuing development of self-regulation to enable learners to manage their behaviour effectively.
- to ensure provision is personalised to the needs of all learners.
- to ensure consistently outstanding pastoral care.
- to ensure high quality schemes of learning to deliver quality teaching with a clear focus on developing holistic learning and preparation for experiences beyond College.
- to ensure there is appropriate intervention, provision and support for learners to enable all to experience success.

STRATEGIC REPORT**Achievements and Performance**

Victoria College is a Specialist Post 16 Institution (SPI) having previously been under Local Authority control. The college remains a vital part of the Cherry Oak and Victoria School Federation and we continue to work closely together.

Priorities Going Forwards - Federation

- ensuring that the Federation continues to work together to provide the best outcomes for students and staff;
- supporting budgetary control through Federated support services.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**Priorities Going Forwards - Federation (cont'd)**

- to review and update the Federation's Mission, Vision and Values statement with stakeholder support, so that it reflects the work across all settings;
- build resilience for the future of the Federation by arranging mutually beneficial training for all stakeholders on a number of local and national initiatives.

Key Performance Indicators

The trust established a financial budget at the start of the year and then monitored performance against budget during the period. Considerable work is undertaken in forecasting to ensure the continued financial viability of the college. Trustees play a key role in holding the Senior Leadership Team to account in key financial matters.

	2024	2023
Student numbers	33	37
Staff costs as a % of revenue income received from ESFA	213%	262%
Staff costs as a % of total revenue grant income	66%	74%
Staff costs as a % of total costs	73%	76%
Capital expenditure per student	£1,181	£919

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the College 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting policies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Overview**

The principal source of funding for the college is Element 1 & 2 High Needs Funding from the ESFA and element 3 'top-up' funding which is received via the relevant local authority.

Most of the college's income is obtained from the ESFA and the local authorities in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received during the year ended 31 July 2024 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 July 2024, total expenditure of £1,431,000 (2023: £1,389,000) was less than the recurrent grant funding from the ESFA and other incoming resources, resulting in a surplus before transfers for the year of £186,000 (2023: £95,000 surplus).

At 31 July 2024 the net book value of fixed assets was £70,000 (2023: £59,000) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 12 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the College.

Some of the staff at Victoria School who will be employed at Victoria College have not yet had their employment rights transferred over under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006. As a result, the Local Government Pension Scheme liability for the proposed employees has not yet been transferred.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Trust's financial and risk management objectives are documented in its:

- Official budgets
- Scheme of delegation
- Financial regulations
- Risk management policy

These documents are available on request, and particular items which warrant specific disclosure are noted within this annual report.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the reserve levels of the college annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

- planned capital expenditure;
- improve the quality of learning and social spaces within the college;

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**Reserves Policy**

- planned SPI conversion costs;
- forecast increases in employer contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Reserves as at 31 July 2024 were £654,000 (2023: £500,000)

Financial Position

The college held fund balances at 31 July 2024 of £750,000 (2023: £564,000), comprising £569,000 (2023: £425,000) of restricted funds, £96,000 (2023: £64,000) of fixed assets funds and £85,000 (2023: £75,000) of unrestricted general funds.

Investment Policy

All investments are made in accordance with the policy of the trust. The trust's policy on investments are one of minimum risk with all investments being held with the trust's bankers. The trust will nevertheless seek to maximise interest receipts within this arrangement. Investments are made with regard to Charity Commission guidance in relation to investments.

PRINCIPLE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The board has considered the risks faced by the trust throughout its normal operational business. It has sought to address the risks faced by the trust by establishing appropriate governance and management arrangements, including the appointment of senior staff and other managers, and establishing robust operational policies. The board considers that these arrangements have been effective throughout the period being reported.

The board intends to build on this success by establishing a formal risk management policy, which will formally document the managerial action that is taking place, and should enable future risk management to be more systematic.

At the time of reporting, the trust's identified key risks are:

- the risk of reduced student numbers and therefore income;
- loss of personal and sensitive information;
- changes to rules and regulations;
- the risk of national and local funding reductions;
- the future financial position of the LGPS pension scheme; and
- the risk of unforeseen building maintenance costs.

Mitigating action, both current and planned, has been identified to address these risks. This is also true of all other risks that have been formally identified which have a lower level of impact and/or likelihood.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the College is exposed have been identified on the college's Risk Register. Trustees have reviewed the risks to which the College is exposed and systems and procedures have been put in place to manage these.

Fundraising

Under the provisions of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 the college approach to fundraising practices is from time to time, the college will run fundraising events to raise money for other charities or for the college itself. The college does not work with any professional fundraisers but does make payment for the services of a Fundraiser employed by Victoria School.

No donations are compulsory from students or parents/carers for any fundraising event and there is the right to opt-out for any event. The college has a complaints policy which is publicly available on the college website to ensure any concerns can be reported.

Plans for Future Periods

The college will continue to closely monitor local and national funding developments and the impact that this may have on the College's financial position. The college will also remain cognisant of local changes within Birmingham that could affect the college and explore opportunities for growth.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**Auditors**

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, are willing to continue in office.

The Trustees' Report incorporating a strategic report was approved by the board of trustees, as the company directors on 5 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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J Rodway
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

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 Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education 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 year. 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 in the Charities SORP 2019 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2023 to 2024;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards FRS102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The 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 to the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from the 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 on 5 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



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J Rodway
Chair of Trustees

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Victoria College Limited for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statement, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), the Charities SORP 2019.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Victoria College Limited's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including 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 and the Charities SORP 2019.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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 statement 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 Victoria College Limited'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the financial statements. 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.

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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' report (incorporating the Strategic Report, and the Trustees Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- 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 the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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 where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the Trustees 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 Victoria College Limited's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

Based on our understanding of the Victoria College Limited and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the acts by the Victoria College Limited, which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations including fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, Charities SORP 2019 and Charities Act 2011. 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 inflated revenue and the Victoria College Limited's net income for the year.

Audit procedures performed included: review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, review of correspondence with and reports to the regulators, including correspondence with the Education and Skills Funding Agency review of correspondence with legal advisors, enquiries of management and review of internal audit reports in so far as they related to the financial statements, and testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the Trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Victoria College Limited'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 Victoria College Limited's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Victoria College Limited's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Victoria College Limited's and the Victoria College Limited's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Malcolm Winston

Senior Statutory Auditor

UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, Statutory Auditor

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5 December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted		
	Note	Funds	General	Fixed	Total	Total
		£'000	Funds	Asset	2024	2023
		£'000	£'000	Funds	£'000	£'000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	3	1	29	33	53
Charitable activities:						
- College Trust's educational operations	4	-	1,577	-	1,577	1,424
Other trading activities	5	4	-	-	4	7
Investment income	6	3	-	-	3	-
Total		10	1,578	29	1,617	1,484
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:						
- College Trust's educational operations	7	-	1,403	28	1,431	1,389
Total		-	1,403	28	1,431	1,389
Net income/(expenditure)		10	175	1	186	95
Transfers between funds	15	-	(31)	31	-	-
Net movement in funds		10	144	32	186	95
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	15	75	425	64	564	469
Total funds carried forward	15	85	569	96	750	564

All of the Victoria College Limited's activities derive from acquisitions and continuing operations during the above two financial periods.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	<u>70</u>	<u>59</u>
		<u>70</u>	<u>59</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	177	298
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>606</u>	<u>469</u>
		<u>783</u>	<u>767</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(103)</u>	<u>(262)</u>
Net current assets		<u>680</u>	<u>505</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>750</u>	<u>564</u>
Total Net Assets		<u><u>750</u></u>	<u><u>564</u></u>
Funds of the College:			
Restricted funds			
- Fixed asset fund	15	96	64
- Restricted income fund	15	<u>569</u>	<u>425</u>
Total Restricted Funds		<u>665</u>	<u>489</u>
Unrestricted income fund	15	<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>
Total Unrestricted Funds		<u>85</u>	<u>75</u>
Total Funds		<u><u>750</u></u>	<u><u>564</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 28 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 5 December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



J Rodway
Chair

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	144	31
Cash flows from investing activities	20	(7)	4
Cash flows from financing activities	21	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>137</u>	<u>35</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September	22	469	434
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	22	<u>606</u>	<u>469</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**1 Statement of Accounting Policies**

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

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the College trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Victoria College meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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 company 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 College Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the College Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

• Grants

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 entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund.

• Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the College Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

• Donations

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

• Other income

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**• Donated goods, facilities and services**

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the College Trust's accounting policies.

• Transfers of leasehold property

Leasehold property transferred to the College from the local authority at little or no consideration will be revalued at fair value in accordance with FRS 102. This value will be recognised as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities and will be included in the appropriate fixed assets category and depreciated over the life of the lease.

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

This includes all expenditure incurred by the College Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

• Charitable Activities

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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 a straight line basis on the cost of tangible fixed assets, to write them down to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. No depreciation is provided on leasehold land where the lease is more than 20 years. The principal annual rates used for other assets are:

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

Tangible Fixed Assets (cont'd)

Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture and equipment	10% to 33%
Computer equipment and software	25%

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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.

Leased assets

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

Financial Instruments

The College trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the College trust and their measurement basis 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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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 instrument, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. 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.

Taxation

The College Trust 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 College Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 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.

Pensions Benefits

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

All staff are employed by Victoria School under a service level agreement with the College. As a result no staff have been transferred under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and there are therefore no TPS or LGPS liabilities at the College for this year.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the College Trust at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by 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 Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The College 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 critical areas of judgement are accounting for government grants, accounting for the write down of assets through depreciation. Government grants are accounted for as restricted funds. Depreciation rates are based on the expected life of the asset.

Critical areas of judgement

The critical judgements that the Trustees have made in the process of applying the College Trust's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the statutory financial statements are discussed below:

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment assets, the Trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions, counterparty credit ratings and experience of recoverability. There have been no indicators of impairments identified during the current financial year.

Agency arrangements

The College Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from the ESFA. Payments received from the ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The trust cannot use any of the allocation towards its own administration costs. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 27.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

2 GENERAL ANNUAL GRANT (GAG)

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the Victoria College Limited was not subject to a limit on the amount of Post 16 High Needs Funding grant that it could carry forward at 31 July 2024 (see note 15).

3 DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
DfE/ESFA capital grants	-	29	29	38
Donations	3	1	4	15
	3	30	33	53

The income from donations and capital grants was £33,000 (2023: £53,000) of which £3,000 (2023: £7,000) was unrestricted, £1,000 (2023: £8,000) restricted and £29,000 (2023: £38,000) restricted fixed assets.

4 FUNDING FOR THE ACADEMY TRUST'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
Post 16-19 core grant	-	464	464	382
Other DfE/ESFA grants				
Free school meals grant	-	9	9	7
Teachers pension grant	-	19	19	14
	-	492	492	403
Other Government grants				
High needs top up grant	-	1,084	1,084	1,019
	-	1,084	1,084	1,019
Other income from the college's educational operations:				
Pupil catering income	-	1	1	2
	-	1	1	2
	-	1,577	1,577	1,424

The income from the college's educational operations was restricted for both 2024 and 2023.

5 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Hire of facilities	-	-	-	6
Other income	4	-	4	1
	4	-	4	7

The income from the college's other trading activities was unrestricted for both 2024 and 2023.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Bank interest received	3	-	3	-
	3	-	3	-

The income from the college's investment activities was unrestricted for both 2024 and 2023.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

7 EXPENDITURE	Staff Costs £'000	Non Pay Expenditure		Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
		Premises	Other Costs £'000		
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	-	-	-	-	-
- Allocated support costs	-	-	-	-	-
College's educational operations					
- Direct costs	961	-	180	1,141	1,120
- Allocated support costs	87	72	131	290	269
	1,048	72	311	1,431	1,389
	1,048	72	311	1,431	1,389

The expenditure was £1,431,000 (2023: £1,389,000) of which £Nil (2023: £Nil) was unrestricted, £1,403,000 (2023: £1,367,000) restricted and £28,000 (2023: £22,000) restricted fixed assets.

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Net (income)/expenditure for the year includes:		
Operating leases rentals	1	-
Depreciation	28	22
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- audit	10	10

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Direct costs - educational operations	1,141	1,120
Support costs - educational operations	290	269
	1,431	1,389

	Total 2024 £'000	Total 2023 £'000
Analysis of Support Costs		
Support staff costs	87	82
Depreciation	28	22
Technology costs	20	5
Premises costs	44	49
Legal costs - other	25	5
Other support costs	71	91
Governance costs	15	15
	290	269

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

9 STAFF COSTS	Total	Total
a Staff costs and employee benefits	2024	2023
Staff costs during the year were:	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	661	614
Social security costs	55	48
Pension costs	167	183
Other employee benefits	-	-
	<u>883</u>	<u>845</u>
Agency staff costs	165	213
Staff restructuring costs	-	-
	<u><u>1,048</u></u>	<u><u>1,058</u></u>

b Staff severance contractual and non contractual payments

The college paid no severance payments in the year (2023: none)

c Special staff severance non contractual payments

Included in staff restructuring costs there are no non statutory/non contractual special severance payments (2023: £nil).

d Staff numbers

The average number of persons (including School Leadership Team) employed by the college during the year ended 31 July 2024 expressed as whole persons was as follows:

	2024	2023
<i>Charitable Activities</i>	No	No
Teachers	2	2
Administration and support - including Teaching Assistants	28	30
Management	3	3
	<u>33</u>	<u>35</u>

e Higher paid staff

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

	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	-	1
£70,001 - £80,000	1	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>

f Key management personnel

The key management of the college comprise the trustees and the Senior Leadership Team as listed on page 3. 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 Trust was £98,219 (2023: £88,711).

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS – TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the College.

Other related party transactions including directors are set out in note 26.

11 TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the College has purchased insurance to protect trustees' and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on College business. The insurance provides cover up to £10,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance cannot be disaggregated and is included in the total insurance cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Furniture & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Cost	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 August 2023	40	65	28	133
Additions	1	38	-	39
At 31 July 2024	41	103	28	172
Depreciation				
At 1 August 2023	23	23	28	74
Charged in year	11	17	-	28
At 31 July 2024	34	40	28	102
Net book value				
At 31 July 2024	7	63	-	70
At 31 July 2023	17	42	-	59

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
13 DEBTORS		
Prepayments and accrued income	177	298
	177	298

	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade creditors	-	1
Other creditors	32	95
Accruals	71	166
	103	262

At the balance sheet date the college was not holding any funds received in advance for 2024/25 or 2023/24.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS

The income funds of the college applied for specific purposes are as follows:

	Balance at 1 August 2023 £'000	Incoming Resources £'000	Resources Expended £'000	Gains, Losses & Transfers £'000	Balance at 31 July 2024 £'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	417	464	(281)	(31)	569
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	9	(9)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	1,084	(1,084)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant (note vi)	-	19	(19)	-	-
Catering income (note vii)	-	1	(1)	-	-
Donations (note viii)	8	1	(9)	-	-
Total general funds	425	1,578	(1,403)	(31)	569
Restricted fixed asset funds					
ESFA capital grants (note ix)	61	29	(24)	26	92
Expenditure from revenue funds (note x)	-	-	(4)	5	1
ESFA donated assets (note iv)	3	-	-	-	3
Total fixed asset funds	64	29	(28)	31	96
Total restricted funds	489	1,607	(1,431)	-	665
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	75	10	-	-	85
Total unrestricted funds	75	10	-	-	85
Total funds	564	1,617	(1,431)	-	750

Notes

- i) Post 16 High Needs Funding Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the School. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the College Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of grant that it would carry forward at 31 July 2024. (see note 2)
- ii) Free school meals grant has been used to support young people from low income families placed at the College.
- iii) High needs top up grants from Local Authorities have been used to support pupils with learning or behavioural issues by providing teaching and teaching assistant support.
- iv) A fixed assets donation of £Nil (2023: £Nil) was received and used to fund capital expenditure.
- v) Unrestricted funds have been derived from lettings, other trading activities and investment
- vi) Teachers' pension grant provides funding to to cover increased employer contributions to the teachers' pension scheme (TPS).
- vii) Catering income is generated through sale of meals to students.
- viii) Restricted donations have been applied for the intended purpose.
- ix) ESFA capital grants are devolved formula capital and school conditions allowance grants from the ESFA to support expenditure on capital items.
- x) Expenditure from revenue funds is the expenditure to meet the ongoing and day to day running costs of the College in the provision of education to its students.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS (cont'd)

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

	Balance at 1 August 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Gains, Losses & Transfers	Balance at 31 July 2023
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	360	382	(325)	-	417
Other ESFA Covid-19 funding	-	-	-	-	-
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	7	(7)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	1,019	(1,019)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant (note vi)	-	14	(14)	-	-
Catering income (note vii)	-	2	(2)	-	-
Donations (note viii)	-	8	-	-	8
Total general funds	360	1,432	(1,367)	-	425
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE fixed assets donation (note iv)	2	-	(2)	-	-
ESFA capital grants (note ix)	40	38	(17)	-	61
ESFA donated assets (note iv)	6	-	(3)	-	3
Total fixed asset funds	48	38	(22)	-	64
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	408	1,470	(1,389)	-	489
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds	61	14	-	-	75
Total unrestricted funds	61	14	-	-	75
Total funds	469	1,484	(1,389)	-	564

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 July 2024 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds	Pension Restricted Funds	General Restricted Funds	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds	Total £'000
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	70	70
Current assets	85	-	672	26	783
Current liabilities	-	-	(103)	-	(103)
	85	-	569	96	750

Fund balances at 31 July 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds	Pension Restricted Funds	General Restricted Funds	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds	Total £'000
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	59	59
Current assets	75	-	687	5	767
Current liabilities	-	-	(262)	-	(262)
	75	-	425	64	564

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)

17 CAPITAL	2024 £'000	2023 £'000	
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	5	12	
18 LONG TERM COMMITMENTS INCLUDING OPERATING LEASES			
Operating leases			
At 31 July 2024 the total of the college's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:			
	2024 Other £'000	2023 Other £'000	
Amounts due within one year	1	1	
Amounts due between one and five years	1	1	
Amounts due more than five years	-	-	
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
19 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000	
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	186	95	
Adjusted for:			
Depreciation (note 12)	28	22	
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	(29)	(38)	
Interest receivable	(3)	-	
Decrease in debtors	121	2	
Decrease in creditors	(159)	(50)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>144</u>	<u>31</u>	
20 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING			
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000	
Interest received	3	-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(39)	(34)	
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA	29	38	
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities	<u>(7)</u>	<u>4</u>	
21 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
	2024 £'000	2023 £'000	
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities	-	-	
22 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
	At 31 July 2024 £'000	At 31 July 2023 £'000	
Cash in hand and at bank	606	469	
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>606</u>	<u>469</u>	
23 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT			
	At 1 Aug 2023 £'000	Cash Flows £'000	At 31 July 2024 £'000
Cash at bank	469	137	606
	<u>469</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>606</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024 (cont'd)**24 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

During the period of the funding agreement between the Victoria College Limited and the Secretary of State, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any asset for which a Government capital grant was received, the Victoria College Limited is required either to reinvest the proceeds or to repay to the Secretary of State for Education the same proportion of the proceeds of the sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State.

Upon termination of the funding agreement, whether as a result of the Secretary of State or the Victoria College Limited serving notice, the Victoria College Limited is obliged to repay to the Secretary of State sums determined by reference to:

- a) the value at that time of the Victoria College Limited's sites and premises and other assets held for the purpose of the Victoria College Limited; and
- b) the extent to which expenditure incurred in providing those assets was met by payments by the Secretary of State under the funding agreement.

25 MEMBER LIABILITY

Each member of the Victoria College Limited undertakes to contribute to its assets 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.

26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the College Trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the board of trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the College trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account:

Victoria College made the following purchases at arms' length in accordance with the financial regulations, which the following related parties below neither participated in, nor influenced.

G Coffey is Executive Headteacher across Victoria College, Victoria School and Cherry Oak School. Victoria College purchased goods and services from Victoria School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2024 was £1,104,208 (2023: £1,158,267), of which £Nil (2023: £120,724) was outstanding at the year end.

Victoria College purchases goods and services from Cherry Oak School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2024 was £Nil (2023: £23,350), of which £Nil (2023: £Nil) was outstanding at the year end.

27 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS

The college distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting period ending 31 July 2024 the trust received £5,602 (2023: £4,129) and disbursed £1,581 (2023: £3,498) from the fund. An amount of £6,983 (2023: £2,962) is included in other creditors relating to the undistributed funds that is repayable to the ESFA.

28 EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no material adjusting or non adjusting events arising after the balance sheet date.

VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1191415

Accounts

VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COLLEGE, TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS**Members**

C Lane
P Singh Garcha
G Coffey

Trustees

C Lane (Chair to 27 September 2023)
G Coffey (Executive Headteacher and Accounting Officer)
S Bolton
A Barnes (resigned 11 April 2023)
J Rodway (Chair from 28 September 2023)
R Meechan (appointed 28 September 2023)

Company Secretary

P McKenna

**Senior Management Team
Executive Headteacher**

G Coffey

Head of College

C Scattergood

Chief Finance Officer

P McKenna

Clerk to the Board

SIPS Education

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2023. The charity operates as an independent specialist college, for students aged 19 to 25 with profound and multiple learning difficulties or complex medical needs and physical disabilities. The college has 35 (2022: 31) students on roll at 1 September 2022.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Constitution**

The College is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital (Registration Number: 11188465) and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the College. The trustees of Victoria College are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Victoria College.

Details of the trustees who served during the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Victoria College has in place directors and trustee's liability insurance indemnity cover to a limit of £5m.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

There are clearly defined and approved procedures for the selection and appointment of trustees which are outlined in the company's Articles of Association. These include application, shortlisting and interview procedures. Consideration is given to the skills of trustees which would enhance the effectiveness of the college. With regard to trustees, procedures are in place for nomination and election of the trustees.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

Newly appointed trustees are provided with information about their role as trustees and basic information about the college and the governing body. A range of training is also offered to trustees each year. Training undertaken will depend on their experience.

Organisational Structure

The structure consists of two levels: the trustees and the Senior Leadership Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels. The trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the college through the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the college, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Senior Leaders are the Executive Headteacher, the Head of College and the Chief Finance Officer. These leaders control the college at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the trustees and reporting back to them. As a group, the Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

When setting pay for key management personnel, the College considers the latest College Teachers' Pay and Conditions provisions. In doing so, it considers the permanent responsibilities of each role, the specific challenges to each role as well as all other relevant considerations. One such element of this is the number of students that the College is responsible for. This incorporates the learning needs of students within the College.

The pay of key management personnel also reflects the performance of each member of staff on an annual basis.

The College will continue to use external national and sub-national benchmarking analysis to compare its pay structure against that of other schools and colleges as it has done in the past.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

The Federation of Cherry Oak School and Victoria School are organisations connected to Victoria College.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES****Objects and Aims**

The College Trust's objects are specifically restricted to the following: -

- (a) to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a College offering a broad and balanced curriculum for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties;

To achieve this, the college identified the following priorities for the year:-

- To ensure that all students develop their communication skills so that they can influence the people with whom they interact, take part in community enrichment and promote their health and wellbeing.
- To ensure that all students receive a broad and balanced education which facilitates community enrichment and work experience opportunities.
- To ensure that all students receive a holistic education that supports their communication, cognition, independent living skills, community enrichment, health and employment awareness.
- To develop the learning-centred leadership skills of all staff and trustees to a consistently outstanding quality.
- To develop that baseline assessment to enable teachers to use this information for informed target setting.
- To develop the RPSHE curriculum to support students to develop self regulatory skills to reduce some behaviours.
- To introduce a digital platform, WE TRACK ME to record evidence of progression for each student.
- To ensure the students are safe in college and beyond, through informed and trained staff in both safeguarding and health and safety.

Principal Activities

At Victoria College, we work in partnership with young people, parents and carers to ensure that every student will:

- Enjoy high quality learning opportunities.
- Feel challenged and inspired to participate in their learning
- Become confident, enterprising, creative learners, ready for adult life.
- Become fully-rounded and responsible citizens, making a positive contribution to the College and their community
- Feel safe, happy and healthy.

Objects, Strategies and Activities

To meet these priorities the college has adopted a number of strategies and activities that include: -

- To ensure that all students make progress towards the adult outcomes identified in their Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- To ensure that the learning and teaching model used at the College engages all learners and encourages active participation.
- To ensure a coordinated approach to the continuing development of self-regulation to enable learners to manage their behaviour effectively.
- To ensure provision is personalised to the needs of all learners.
- To ensure consistently outstanding pastoral care.
- To ensure high quality schemes of learning to deliver quality teaching with a clear focus on developing holistic learning and preparation for experiences beyond College.
- To ensure there is appropriate intervention, provision and support for learners to enable all to experience success.

STRATEGIC REPORT**Achievements and Performance**

Victoria College is a Specialist Post 16 Institution (SPI) having previously been under Local Authority control. The college remains a vital part of the Cherry Oak and Victoria School Federation and we continue to work closely together.

Priorities Going Forwards - Federation

- ensuring that the Federation continues to work together to provide the best outcomes for students and staff;
- supporting budgetary control through Federated support services.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**Priorities Going Forwards - Federation (cont'd)**

- to review and update the Federation's Mission, Vision and Values statement with stakeholder support, so that it reflects the work across all settings;
- build resilience for the future of the Federation by arranging mutually beneficial training for all stakeholders on a number of local and national initiatives.

Key Performance Indicators

The trust established a financial budget at the start of the year and then monitored performance against budget during the period. Considerable work is undertaken in forecasting to ensure the continued financial viability of the college. Trustees play a key role in holding the Senior Leadership Team to account in key financial matters.

	2023	2022
Student numbers	37	31
Staff costs as a % of revenue income received from ESFA	262%	257%
Staff costs as a % of total revenue grant income	74%	79%
Staff costs as a % of total costs	76%	74%
Capital expenditure per student	£919	£876

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the College 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting policies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Overview**

The principal source of funding for the college is Element 1 & 2 High Needs Funding from the ESFA and element 3 'top-up' funding which is received via the relevant local authority.

Most of the college's income is obtained from the ESFA and the local authorities in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received during the year ended 31 July 2023 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 July 2023, total expenditure of £1,389,000 (2022: £1,171,000) was less than the recurrent grant funding from the ESFA and other incoming resources, resulting in a surplus before transfers for the year of £95,000 (2022: £53,000 deficit).

At 31 July 2023 the net book value of fixed assets was £59,000 (2022: £47,000) and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 12 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the students of the College.

Some of the staff at Victoria School who will be employed at Victoria College have not yet had their employment rights transferred over under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006. As a result, the Local Government Pension Scheme liability for the proposed employees has not yet been transferred.

Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Trust's financial and risk management objectives are documented in its:

- Official budgets
- Scheme of delegation
- Financial regulations
- Risk management policy

These documents are available on request, and particular items which warrant specific disclosure are noted within this annual report.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the reserve levels of the college annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

- planned capital expenditure;
- improve the quality of learning and social spaces within the college;

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**Reserves Policy**

- planned SPI conversion costs;
- forecast increases in employer contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Reserves as at 31 July 2023 were £500,000 (2022: £421,000)

Financial Position

The college held fund balances at 31 July 2023 of £564,000 (2022: £469,000), comprising £425,000 (2022: £360,000) of restricted funds, £64,000 (2022: £48,000) of fixed assets funds and £75,000 (2022: £61,000) of unrestricted general funds.

Investment Policy

All investments are made in accordance with the policy of the trust. The trust's policy on investments are one of minimum risk with all investments being held with the trust's bankers. The trust will nevertheless seek to maximise interest receipts within this arrangement. Investments are made with regard to Charity Commission guidance in relation to investments.

PRINCIPLE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The board has considered the risks faced by the trust throughout its normal operational business. It has sought to address the risks faced by the trust by establishing appropriate governance and management arrangements, including the appointment of senior staff and other managers, and establishing robust operational policies. The board considers that these arrangements have been effective throughout the period being reported.

The board intends to build on this success by establishing a formal risk management policy, which will formally document the managerial action that is taking place, and should enable future risk management to be more systematic.

At the time of reporting, the trust's identified key risks are:

- The risk of reduced student numbers and therefore income;
- Loss of personal and sensitive information;
- Changes to rules and regulations;
- The risk of national and local funding reductions;
- The future financial position of the LGPS pension scheme; and
- The risk of unforeseen building maintenance costs.

Mitigating action, both current and planned, has been identified to address these risks. This is also true of all other risks that have been formally identified which have a lower level of impact and/or likelihood.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the College is exposed have been identified on the college's Risk Register. Trustees have reviewed the risks to which the College is exposed and systems and procedures have been put in place to manage these.

Fundraising

Under the provisions of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 the college approach to fundraising practices is from time to time, the college will run fundraising events to raise money for other charities or for the college itself. The college does not work with any professional fundraisers but does make payment for the services of a Fundraiser employed by Victoria School.

No donations are compulsory from students or parents/carers for any fundraising event and there is the right to opt-out for any event. The college has a complaints policy which is publicly available on the college website to ensure any concerns can be reported.

Plans for Future Periods

The college will continue to closely monitor local and national funding developments and the impact that this may have on the College's financial position. The college will also remain cognisant of local changes within Birmingham that could affect the college and explore opportunities for growth.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**Auditors**

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, are willing to continue in office.

The Trustees' Report incorporating a strategic report was approved by the board of trustees, as the company directors on 7 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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J Rodway
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

The trustees (who act as governors of Victoria College and 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 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 year. 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:

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards FRS102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the college 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 the 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 on 7 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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J Rodway
Chair of Trustees
7 December 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Victoria College Limited (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 July 2023 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statement, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Victoria College Limited's affairs as at 31 July 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including 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.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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 statement 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 Victoria College Limited'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the financial statements. 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.

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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the Strategic Report, and the Trustees Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- 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 the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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 where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the trustees 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 Victoria College Limited's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Based on our understanding of the Victoria College Limited and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the acts by the Victoria College Limited, which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations including fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, Charities SORP 2019 and Charities Act 2011. 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 inflated revenue and the Victoria College Limited's net income for the year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

Audit procedures performed included: review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, review of correspondence with and reports to the regulators, including correspondence with the Education and Skills Funding Agency review of correspondence with legal advisors, enquiries of management and review of internal audit reports in so far as they related to the financial statements, and testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)****Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Victoria College Limited'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 Victoria College Limited's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Victoria College Limited's and the Victoria College Limited's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Malcolm Winston
Senior Statutory Auditor
UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, Statutory Auditor
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7 December 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Restricted				
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Fixed	Total	
	Note	Funds	General	Asset	Total	
		£'000	Funds	Funds	2023	
			£'000	£'000	£'000	
					Total	
					2022	
					£'000	
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	7	8	38	53	42
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for the College Trust's educational operations	4	-	1,424	-	1,424	1,064
Other trading activities	5	7	-	-	7	12
Investment income	6	-	-	-	-	-
Total		14	1,432	38	1,484	1,118
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:						
- College Trust's educational operations	7 & 8	-	1,367	22	1,389	1,171
Total	7	-	1,367	22	1,389	1,171
Net income/(expenditure)		14	65	16	95	(53)
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses						
Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension schemes	24	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		14	65	16	95	(53)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		61	360	48	469	522
Total funds carried forward	15	75	425	64	564	469

All of the College Trust's activities derive from acquisitions and continuing operations during the above financial period.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Note	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	59	47
		<u>59</u>	<u>47</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	298	300
Cash at bank and in hand		469	434
		<u>767</u>	<u>734</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(262)	(312)
		<u>505</u>	<u>422</u>
Net current assets			
		505	422
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>564</u>	<u>469</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability		-	-
Total net assets		<u>564</u>	<u>469</u>
Funds of the College:			
Restricted funds			
- Fixed asset fund	15	64	48
- Restricted income fund	15	425	360
- Pension reserve	15	-	-
Total restricted funds		<u>489</u>	<u>408</u>
Unrestricted income fund	15	75	61
Total unrestricted funds		<u>75</u>	<u>61</u>
Total Funds		<u>564</u>	<u>469</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 29 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 7 December 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



J Rodway
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by operating activities	19	31	152
Cash flows from investing activities	20	4	(3)
Cash flows from financing activities	21	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>35</u>	<u>149</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August	22	434	285
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July	22	<u>469</u>	<u>434</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023**1 Statement of Accounting Policies**

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

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the College trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Victoria College meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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 company 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 College Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the College Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

• Grants

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 entitlement and are not deferred over the life of the asset on which they are expended. Unspent amounts of capital grant are reflected in the balance sheet in the restricted fixed asset fund.

• Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the College Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

• Donations

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

• Other income

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

- **Donated goods, facilities and services**

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the College Trust's accounting policies.

- **Transfers of leasehold property**

Leasehold property transferred to the College from the local authority at little or no consideration will be revalued at fair value in accordance with FRS 102. This value will be recognised as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities and will be included in the appropriate fixed assets category and depreciated over the life of the lease.

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**

This includes all expenditure incurred by the College Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

- **Charitable Activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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 a straight line basis on the cost of tangible fixed assets, to write them down to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. No depreciation is provided on leasehold land where the lease is more than 20 years. The principal annual rates used for other assets are:

Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture and equipment	10% to 33%
Computer equipment and software	25%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**Tangible Fixed Assets**

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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.

Leased assets

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

Financial Instruments

The College trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the College trust and their measurement basis 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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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 instrument, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. 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.

Taxation

The College Trust 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 College Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 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.

Pensions Benefits

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

All staff are employed by Victoria School under a service level agreement with the College. As a result no staff have been transferred under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and there are therefore no TPS or LGPS liabilities at the College for this year.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the College Trust at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by 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 Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The College 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 critical areas of judgement are accounting for government grants, accounting for the write down of assets through depreciation. Government grants are accounted for as restricted funds. Depreciation rates are based on the expected life of the asset.

Critical areas of judgement

The critical judgements that the Trustees have made in the process of applying the College Trust's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the statutory financial statements are discussed below:

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment assets, the Trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions, counterparty credit ratings and experience of recoverability. There have been no indicators of impairments identified during the current financial year.

Agency arrangements

The College Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from the ESFA. Payments received from the ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The trust cannot use any of the allocation towards its own administration costs. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 27.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

2 POST 16 HIGH NEEDS FUNDING GRANT

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the College Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of Post 16 High Needs Funding that it could carry forward at 31 July 2023 (See note 15).

3 DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
ESFA capital grants	-	38	38	23
Donations	7	8	15	19
	<u>7</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>42</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £53,000 (2022 : £42,000) of which £7,000 (2022: £19,000) was unrestricted, £8,000 (2022:£Nil) restricted and £38,000 (2022: £23,000) restricted fixed

4 FUNDING FOR THE COLLEGE TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
Post 16 High Needs funding	-	382	382	321
Free School Meals	-	7	7	6
Teachers Pension Grant	-	14	14	10
	<u>-</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>337</u>
Other Government grants				
High Needs Top Up grant	-	1,019	1,019	718
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>718</u>
COVID-19 DfE/ESFA additional funding				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	-	-	7
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>
Other income from the College trust's educational operations				
Pupil catering income	-	2	2	2
	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>1,064</u>

The income from the College Trusts' educational operations was restricted for both 2023 and 2022.

5 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Lettings	6	-	6	9
Other income	1	-	1	3
	<u>7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>

The income from the College Trusts' other trading activities was unrestricted for both 2023 and 2022.

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

7 EXPENDITURE	Non Pay Expenditure			Total	Total
	Staff Costs	Premises	Other Costs	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	-	-	-	-	-
- Allocated support costs	-	-	-	-	-
College's educational operations					
- Direct costs	976	-	144	1,120	899
- Allocated support costs	82	71	116	269	272
	<u>1,058</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>1,171</u>
	<u>1,058</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>1,389</u>	<u>1,171</u>

The expenditure was £1,389,000 (2022: £1,171,000) of which £Nil (2022: £Nil) was unrestricted, £1,367,000 (2022: £1,149,000) restricted and £22,000 (2022: £22,000) restricted fixed assets.

	Total	Total
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Net (income)/expenditure for the year includes:		
Operating lease rentals	-	-
Depreciation	22	22
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- audit	10	9

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total	Total
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Direct costs - educational operations	1,120	899
Support costs - educational operations	269	272
	<u>1,389</u>	<u>1,171</u>

Analysis of Support Costs

Support staff costs	82	80
Depreciation	22	22
Technology costs	5	-
Premises costs	49	34
Legal costs	5	19
Other support costs	91	103
Governance	15	14
	<u>269</u>	<u>272</u>

9 STAFF COSTS

	Total	Total
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
a Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	614	507
Social security costs	48	41
Pension costs	183	159
	<u>845</u>	<u>707</u>
Agency staff costs	213	160
Staff restructuring costs	-	-
	<u>1,058</u>	<u>867</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

9 STAFF COSTS (cont'd)**b Staff severance contractual payments**

The college trust paid Nil (2022: Nil) severance payments in the year, disclosed in the following bands:

	2023	2022
0 - £25,000	-	-
£25,001 - £50,000	-	-
£50,001 - £100,000	-	-
£100,001 - £150,000	-	-
£150,000+	-	-

c Special staff severance non contractual payments

Included in staff restructuring costs are special severance payments totalling £Nil (2022 : £Nil).

d Staff numbers

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the College during the year ended 31 July 2023 expressed as whole persons was as follows:

	Total 2023 £'000	Total 2022 £'000
Charitable Activities	No	No
Teachers	2	3
Administration and support - including Teaching Assistants	30	24
Management	3	3
	<u>35</u>	<u>30</u>

e Higher paid staff

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

	No	No
£60,001 - £70,000	1	1
£70,001 - £80,000	-	-
£90,001 - £100,000	-	-

f Key management personnel

The key management of the college trust comprise the trustees and the senior management team as listed on page 3. 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 College Trust was £88,711 (2022: £84,407).

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the College Trust.

During the year ended 31 July 2023 and 31 July 2022 there were no travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed to the trustees in their role as trustees.

Other related party transactions including trustees are set out in note 26.

11 TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the College has purchased insurance to protect trustees' and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on College business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance cannot be disaggregated and is included in the total insurance cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Land & Buildings £'000	Computer Equipment £'000	Furniture & Equipment £'000	Motor Vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At 31 July 2022	-	38	33	28	99
Additions	-	2	32	-	34
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 July 2023	-	40	65	28	133
Depreciation					
At 31 July 2022	-	13	13	26	52
Charged in year	-	10	10	2	22
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 July 2023	-	23	23	28	74
Net book value					
At 31 July 2023	-	17	42	-	59
At 31 July 2022	-	25	20	2	47

13 DEBTORS

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Prepayments and accrued income	298	300
	<u>298</u>	<u>300</u>

14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Trade creditors	1	37
Other creditors	95	125
Accruals	166	150
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>262</u>	<u>312</u>

Deferred Income

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Deferred income at 31 July 2022	-	-
Resources deferred in the year	-	-
Amounts released from previous years	-	-
Deferred income at 31 July 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

At the balance sheet date the college was not holding any funds received in advance for 2023/24 or 2022/23.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS

The income funds of the College comprise the following balances of grants to be applied for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 August 2022 £'000	Incoming Resources £'000	Resources Expended £'000	Gains, Losses & Transfers £'000	Balance at 31 July 2023 £'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	360	382	(325)	-	417
Other ESFA Covid-19 funding	-	-	-	-	-
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	7	(7)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	1,019	(1,019)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant	-	14	(14)	-	-
Catering income	-	2	(2)	-	-
Donations	-	8	-	-	8
	360	1,432	(1,367)	-	425
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE fixed assets donation	2	-	(2)	-	-
ESFA capital grants	40	38	(17)	-	61
ESFA donated assets (note iv)	6	-	(3)	-	3
	48	38	(22)	-	64
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	408	1,470	(1,389)	-	489
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	61	14	-	-	75
Total unrestricted funds	61	14	-	-	75
Total funds	469	1,484	(1,389)	-	564

Notes

- i) Post 16 High Needs Funding Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the School. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the College Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of grant that it would carry forward at 31 July 2023. (see note 2)
- ii) Free school meals grant has been used to support young people from low income families placed at the College.
- iii) High needs top up grants from Local Authorities have been used to support pupils with learning or behavioural issues by providing teaching and teaching assistant support.
- iv) A fixed assets donation of £Nil (2022: £Nil) was received and used to fund capital expenditure
- v) Unrestricted funds have been derived from lettings and other trading activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS (cont'd)

	Balance at 1 August 2021 £'000	Incoming Resources £'000	Resources Expended £'000	Gains, Losses & Transfers £'000	Balance at 31 July 2022 £'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	445	321	(406)	-	360
Other ESFA Covid-19 funding	-	7	(7)	-	-
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	6	(6)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	718	(718)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant	-	10	(10)	-	-
Catering income	-	2	(2)	-	-
	445	1,064	(1,149)	-	360
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE fixed assets donation	8	-	(6)	-	2
ESFA capital grants	30	23	(13)	-	40
ESFA donated assets (note iv)	9	-	(3)	-	6
	47	23	(22)	-	48
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
	492	-	-	-	408
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	30	31	-	-	61
Total unrestricted funds	30	31	-	-	61
Total funds	522	1,118	(1,171)	-	469

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 July 2023 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds £'000	Total £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	59	59
Current assets	75	687	5	767
Current liabilities	-	(262)	-	(262)
	75	425	64	564

Fund balances at 31 July 2022 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds £'000	Total £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	47	47
Current assets	61	672	1	734
Current liabilities	-	(312)	-	(312)
	61	360	48	469

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

17 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	12	Nil
Authorised by trustees, but not yet contracted	Nil	Nil
18 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES		
<i>Operating leases</i>		
At 31 July 2023 the total of the College Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases which expire:		
	2023 Other £'000	2022 Other £'000
• Within one year	1	-
• Between two to five years	1	-
• After five years	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
The land and buildings occupied by Victoria College are provided by Birmingham City Council under licence with no rent being payable.		
19 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(DEFICIT) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Net income/(deficit) for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	95	(53)
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation (note 12)	22	22
Capital funding received from ESFA/DfE	(38)	(23)
Decrease in debtors	2	125
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(50)	81
Net cash provided by operating activities	31	152
20 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(34)	(26)
Capital funding received from ESFA/DfE	38	23
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	4	(3)
21 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayments of borrowing	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
22 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	At 31 July 2023 £'000	At 31 July 2022 £'000
Cash in hand and at bank	469	434
Total cash and cash equivalents	469	434

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)

23 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 31 July 2022 £'000	Cash Flows £'000	At 31 July 2023 £'000
Cash at bank	434	35	469
Overdraft	-	-	-
	<u>434</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>469</u>
Loans within one year	-	-	-
Loans within more than one year	-	-	-
	<u>434</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>469</u>

24 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the period of the Funding Agreement, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any asset for which a Government capital grant was received, the College is required either to re-invest the proceeds or to repay to the Secretary of State for Education the same proportion of the proceeds of the sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State.

Upon termination of the Funding Agreement, whether as a result of the Secretary of State or the College serving notice, the College shall repay to the Secretary of State sums determined by reference to :

- a) the value at that time of the College's site and premises and other assets held for the purpose of the College; and
- b) the extent to which expenditure incurred in providing those assets was met by payments by the Secretary of State under the Funding Agreement.

As at 31 July 2023 there are no employees on the payroll of Victoria College Limited. All staff costs come via recharges from Victoria School. As such is it not possible to reliably estimate the LGPS Pension valuation. When staff TUPE over from Victoria School to Victoria College Limited, an obligation for Victoria College Limited to meet the future pension benefits of these staff will be created.

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.

26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the College Trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the board of trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the College trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account:

Victoria College made the following purchases at arms' length in accordance with the financial regulations, which the following related parties below neither participated in, nor influenced.

G Coffey is Executive Headteacher across Victoria College, Victoria School and Cherry Oak School. Victoria College purchased goods and services from Victoria School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2023 was £1,158,267 (2022: £811,922), of which £120,724 (2022: £160,102) was outstanding at the year end. Victoria College also receives lettings income from Victoria School totalling £Nil (2022: £8,739), of which £Nil (2022: £2,913) was outstanding at the year end.

Victoria College purchases goods and services from Cherry Oak School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2023 was £23,350 (2022: £12,826), of which £Nil (2022: £7,799) was outstanding at the year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2023 (cont'd)**27 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The College trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting year ended 31 July 2023 the College trust received £4,129 (2022: £3,644) and disbursed £3,498 (2022: £4,265) from the fund. An amount of £2,962 (2022 : £2,331) is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds repayable to the ESFA.

28 EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no material adjusting or non adjusting events arising after the balance sheet date.

VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED

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VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COLLEGE, TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

Members	J Fardell (resigned 31 August 2021) C Lane P Singh Garcha
Trustees	C Lane (Chair) J Fardell (Executive Headteacher and Accounting Officer - resigned 31 August 2021) A Woodhouse (Trustee - resigned 16 July 2020) S Bolton A Barnes J Rodway A Renhard
Company Secretary	P McKenna
Senior Management Team Executive Headteacher	J Fardell
Head of College	C Scattergood
Chief Finance Officer	P McKenna
Clerk to the Board	R Moore
Principal and Registered Office	Victoria College Bell Hill Northfield Birmingham B31 1LD
Company Registration Number	11188465
Independent Auditors	UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP 9-11 Vittoria Street Birmingham B1 3ND
Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc Commercial Banking PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditor's report of the charitable company for the year ended 31 July 2021. The charity operates as an independent specialist college, for students aged 19 to 25 with profound and multiple learning difficulties or complex medical needs and physical disabilities. The college has 30 (2020: 29) students on roll on 1 September 2020.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**Constitution**

The College is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital (Registration Number: 11188465) and is an exempt charity. The charitable company's memorandum and articles of association are the primary governing documents of the College. The trustees of Victoria College are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law. The charitable company is known as Victoria College.

Details of the trustees who served during the year except as noted are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3.

Members' Liability

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

Trustees' Indemnities

Victoria College has in place directors and trustee's liability insurance indemnity cover to a limit of £5m.

Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees

There are clearly defined and approved procedures for the selection and appointment of trustees which are outlined in the company's Articles of Association. These include application, shortlisting and interview procedures. Consideration is given to the skills of trustees which would enhance the effectiveness of the trust.

With regard to trustees, procedures are in place for nomination and election of the trustees.

Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

An induction pack containing relevant documentation needed to undertake the role is provided to all newly appointed trustees. The induction pack describes their role as trustees and gives some basic information about the college and the governing body. A range of training is also offered to trustees each year. Training undertaken will depend on their experience.

Organisational Structure

The structure consists of two levels: the trustees and the Senior Leadership Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels.

The trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, monitoring the college through the use of budgets and making major decisions about the direction of the college, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Senior Leaders are the Executive Headteacher, the Head of College and the Chief Finance Officer. These leaders control the college at an executive level, implementing the policies laid down by the trustees and reporting back to them. As a group, the Senior Leaders are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets and the appointment of staff.

Arrangements for setting pay and remuneration of key management personnel

When setting pay for key management personnel, the College considers the latest College Teachers' Pay and Conditions provisions. In doing so, it considers the permanent responsibilities of each role, the specific challenges to each role as well as all other relevant considerations. One such element of this is the number of students that the College is responsible for. This incorporates the learning needs of students within the College.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

The pay of key management personnel also reflects the performance of each member of staff on an annual basis.

The College will continue to use external national and sub-national benchmarking analysis to compare its pay structure against that of other schools and colleges as it has done in the past.

Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships

The Federation of Cherry Oak School and Victoria School are organisations connected to Victoria College.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**Objects and Aims**

The College Trust's objects are specifically restricted to the following: -

- (a) to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a College offering a broad and balanced curriculum for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties;

To achieve this, the college identified the following priorities for the year:-

- To ensure that all students develop their communication skills so that they can influence the people with whom they interact, community participation and promotes their health and wellbeing.
- To ensure that all students receive a broad and balanced education which facilitates community participation
- To ensure that all students receive a holistic education that supports their physical, cognitive, social and emotional development.
- To develop the learning-centred leadership skills of all staff and trustees to a consistently outstanding quality.
- To develop the quality of teaching and learning so that 100% is good or outstanding
- To develop the skills, performance and capacity of teaching and support staff so that they become reflective practitioners, working to a consistently high standard.
- To ensure that the social and emotional experiences of all learners are positive and rewarding.
- To ensure the students are safe in college and beyond, through informed and trained staff in both safeguarding and health and safety.

Principal Activities

At Victoria College, we work in partnership with young people, parents and carers to ensure that every student will:

- Feel safe, happy and healthy.
- Enjoy high quality learning opportunities.
- Feel challenged and inspired to participate in their learning
- Become confident, enterprising, creative learners, ready for adult life.
- Become fully-rounded and responsible citizens, making a positive contribution to the College and their community

Objects, Strategies and Activities

To meet these priorities the college has adopted a number of strategies and activities that include: -

- To ensure that all students make progress towards the adult outcomes identified in their Education Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)
- To ensure that the learning and teaching model used at the College engages all learners and encourages active participation.
- To ensure a coordinated approach to the continuing development of self-regulation to enable learners to manage their behaviour effectively.
- To ensure provision is personalised to the needs of all learners.
- To ensure consistently outstanding pastoral care.
- To ensure high quality schemes of learning to deliver quality teaching with a clear focus on developing holistic learning
- To ensure there is appropriate intervention, provision and support for learners to enable all to experience success.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**STRATEGIC REPORT****Achievements and Performance**

Victoria College is a Specialist Post 16 Institution (SPI) having previously been under Local Authority control. The college remains a vital part of the Cherry Oak and Victoria School Federation and we continue to work closely together.

Priorities Going Forwards - Federation

- ensuring that the Federation continues to work together to provide the best outcomes;
- maintain budgetary control.

Key Performance Indicators

The trust established a financial budget at the start of the year and then monitored performance against budget during the period. Considerable work is undertaken in forecasting to ensure the continued financial viability of the college. Trustee's play a key role in holding the Senior Leadership Team to account in key financial matters.

	2021	2020
Student numbers	30	29
Staff costs as a % of revenue income received from ESFA	195%	160%
Staff costs as a % of total revenue grant income	65%	55%
Staff costs as a % of total costs	72%	68%
Capital expenditure per student	£1,150	£379

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the College 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. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of Accounting policies.

FINANCIAL REVIEW**Overview**

The principal source of funding for the college is Element 1 & 2 High Needs Funding from the ESFA and element 3 'top-up' funding which is received via the relevant local authority.

Most of the college's income is obtained from the ESFA and the local authorities in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received during the year ended 31 July 2021 and the associated expenditure are shown as restricted funds in the statement of financial activities.

During the year ended 31 July 2021, total expenditure of £961,000 (2020: £820,000) was less than the recurrent grant funding from the ESFA and other incoming resources, resulting in a surplus before transfers for the year of £145,000 (2020: £209,000).

At 31 July 2021 the net book value of fixed assets was £43,000 (2020: £23,000) 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 College.

Some of the staff at Victoria School who will be employed at Victoria College have not yet had their employment rights transferred over under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006. As a result, the Local Government Pension Scheme liability for the proposed employees has not yet been transferred.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies**

The Trust's financial and risk management objectives are documented in its:

- Official budgets
- Scheme of delegation
- Financial regulations
- Risk management policy

These documents are available on request, and particular items which warrant specific disclosure are noted within this annual report.

Reserves Policy

The trustees review the reserve levels of the college annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves.

- planned capital expenditure;
- improve the quality of learning and social spaces within the college;
- planned SPI conversion costs;
- forecast increases in employer contributions to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Reserves as at 31 July 2021 were £475,000 (2020: £353,000)

Financial Position

The college held fund balances at 31 July 2021 of £522,000 (2020: £377,000) , comprising £445,000 (2020: £332,000) of restricted funds, £47,000 (2020: £24,000) of fixed assets funds and £30,000 (2020: £21,000) of unrestricted general funds.

Investment Policy

All investments are made in accordance with the policy of the trust. The trust's policy on investments are one of minimum risk with all investments being held with the trust's bankers. The trust will nevertheless seek to maximise interest receipts within this arrangement. Investments are made with regard to Charity Commission guidance in relation to investments.

PRINCIPLE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The board has considered the risks faced by the trust throughout its normal operational business. It has sought to address the risks faced by the trust by establishing appropriate governance and management arrangements, including the appointment of senior staff and other managers, and establishing robust operational policies. The board considers that these arrangements have been effective throughout the period being reported.

The board intends to build on this success by establishing a formal risk management policy, which will formally document the managerial action that is taking place, and should enable future risk management to be more systematic.

At the time of reporting, the trust's identified key risks are:

- The risk of reduced student numbers and therefore income;
- Loss of personal and sensitive information;
- Changes to rules and regulations;
- The risk of national and local funding reductions;
- The future financial position of the LGPS pension scheme; and
- The risk of unforeseen building maintenance costs.

Mitigating action, both current and planned, has been identified to address these risks. This is also true of all other risks that have been formally identified which have a lower level of impact and/or likelihood.

Risk Management

The major risks to which the College is exposed have been identified on the college's Risk Register. Trustees have reviewed the risks to which the College is exposed and systems and procedures have been put in place to manage these.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Fundraising**

Under the provisions of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 the college approach to fundraising practices is from time to time, the college will run fundraising events to raise money for other charities or for the college itself. The college does not work with any professional fundraisers but does make payment for the services of a Fundraiser employed by Victoria School.

No donations are compulsory from students or parents/carers for any fundraising event and there is the right to opt-out for any event. The college has a complaints policy which is publicly available on the college website to ensure any concerns can be reported.

Response to Covid-19

Victoria College was fully operational as normal when we began the academic year in September 2020. However, full time attendance was impacted following the Government announcement that all schools and colleges should offer attendance to vulnerable learners in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. This meant that attendance between January to March 2021 was negatively impacted. Attendance after 4 students shielding average 65% compared to attendance September to December 2020 after 2 students shielding 87%.

Owing to the complex health care needs of the learners, 4 students were advised to shield throughout the period of January to March as they were deemed to be extremely clinically vulnerable.

Throughout the periods of limited attendance, College staff worked part time on a rota, between home and college and contacted families on at least a weekly basis. This contact fulfilled the safeguarding requirement of checking that young people were safe and well. Additionally, staff were able to suggest appropriate activities to stimulate the young people to learn at home and to signpost families to support services. Staff completed one to one virtual sessions to families, as well as providing on line sessions and the college music therapist was also able to deliver some sessions remotely when the students were at home and a restricted timetable when they were in college.

Financial support was provided to families in lieu of lunches and the full cost of this was borne by the College. Charges to families for lunches and transport were waived throughout this period. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) was provided by the Local Authority to ensure compliance with Covid-19 health and safety guidance.

Thorough risk assessments were updated throughout the academic year, included the provision of PPE and hand sanitiser, social distancing, signage and one-way systems. The curriculum offering was also modified to remove activities that would potentially increase the risk of infection, including:

- Enterprise activities
- Community visits
- Visitors to School

In addition, the following strategies were introduced:

- Cleaning of facilities between uses
- Additional midday cleans of touchpoints and toilets
- Provision of hand sanitiser and disinfectant for cleaning surfaces and equipment
- Provision of multiple copies of resources so that each learner can have their own resources rather than sharing them
- Removal of soft items that could not easily be cleaned
- Students were divided over lunchtimes to increase social distancing for this high-risk activity

Both learners and staff were impacted by the requirement to self-isolate whilst awaiting a test if they had symptoms, or if a member of the household has had symptoms or a positive diagnosis. Staff were also required to be absent to provide care for their young children when their own schools or class "bubbles" were closed due to actual or suspected infection. In these situations, the College was obliged to continue to pay staff their full salaries but also incur additional costs for cover staff.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Response to Covid-19 (cont.)**

The College fully re-opened to all students and staff in September 2021 for full time education. Due to the complex needs of the learners, including health complications, a Federated decision was taken to implement face masks for staff in communal areas and to continue with some mitigations. For example, social mixing was reduced initially with groups working in smaller bubbles and promotion of hand sanitizer and frequent cleaning of resources in learning spaces.

To date, there have been very few confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the College. From September 2021 to October 2021 there has only been 1 positive case. However, College Leaders are aware of the process for reporting suspected and confirmed cases to UK Health Security Agency (nee PHE) and Birmingham City Council.

The College was not eligible for any government funding of additional costs incurred as a direct result of COVID. Staff were not eligible for furlough payments. The College was still obliged to pay for most contracts and all staffing costs on the basis of the projected costs, had Covid not occurred.

More positively, the College did receive some government funds from the Covid Tuition Fund with amounts being received of £13,750 towards the cost of lateral flow mass testing. Further tuition funding in the amount of £6,530 is expected in the year 2021/22.

Plans for Future Periods

The college will continue to closely monitor local and national funding developments and the impact that this may have on the College's financial position. The college will also remain cognisant of local changes within Birmingham that could affect the college and explore opportunities for growth.

Auditors

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware;
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The auditors, UHY Hacker Young (Birmingham) LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

The Trustees' Report incorporating a strategic report was approved by the board of trustees, as the company directors on 9 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



C Lane

Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

The trustees (who act as governors of Victoria College and 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 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 year. 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:

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards FRS102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the college 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 the 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 on 9 December 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



C Lane
Chair of Trustees
9 December 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Victoria College Limited (the charitable company) for the year ended 31 July 2021 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statement, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Victoria College Limited's affairs as at 31 July 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including 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.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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 statement 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 Victoria College Limited'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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the financial statements. 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.

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 course of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the Strategic Report, and the Trustees Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- 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 the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company 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 where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 10, the trustees 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 Victoria College Limited's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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

Based on our understanding of the Victoria College Limited and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the acts by the Victoria College Limited, which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations including fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, Charities SORP 2019 and Charities Act 2011. 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 inflated revenue and the Victoria College Limited's net income for the year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

Audit procedures performed included: review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, review of correspondence with and reports to the regulators, including correspondence with the Education and Skills Funding Agency review of correspondence with legal advisors, enquiries of management and review of internal audit reports in so far as they related to the financial statements, and testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

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

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VICTORIA COLLEGE LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Victoria College Limited'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 Victoria College Limited's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Victoria College Limited's and the Victoria College Limited's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Malcolm Winston

Senior Statutory Auditor

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9 December 2021

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Note	Funds	General	Fixed	2021	2020
		£'000	Funds	Asset	£'000	£'000
			£'000	Funds		£'000
Income from:						
Donations and capital grants	3	-	-	37	37	12
Charitable activities:						
- Funding for the College Trust's educational operations	4	-	1,060	-	1,060	1,007
Other trading activities	5	9	-	-	9	10
Investment income	6	-	-	-	-	-
Total		<u>9</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>1,029</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities:						
- College Trust's educational operations	7 & 8	-	947	14	961	820
Total	7	<u>-</u>	<u>947</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>961</u>	<u>820</u>
Net income		9	113	23	145	209
Transfers between funds	15	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains and losses						
Actuarial loss on defined benefit pension schemes	24	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		<u>9</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>209</u>
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		21	332	24	377	168
Total funds carried forward	15	<u>30</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>522</u>	<u>377</u>

All of the College Trust's activities derive from acquisitions and continuing operations during the above financial period.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2021

	Note	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	<u>43</u>	<u>23</u>
		<u>43</u>	<u>23</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	425	382
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>285</u>	<u>75</u>
		<u>710</u>	<u>457</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(231)	(103)
		<u>479</u>	<u>354</u>
Net current assets		<u>479</u>	<u>354</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>522</u>	<u>377</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability		-	-
Total net assets		<u><u>522</u></u>	<u><u>377</u></u>
Funds of the College:			
Restricted funds			
- Fixed asset fund	15	47	24
- Restricted income fund	15	445	332
- Pension reserve	15	-	-
Total restricted funds		<u>492</u>	<u>356</u>
Unrestricted income fund	15	<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>
Total unrestricted funds		<u>30</u>	<u>21</u>
Total Funds		<u><u>522</u></u>	<u><u>377</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 31 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 9 December 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



C Lane
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	19	207	(160)
Cash flows from investing activities	20	3	1
Cash flows from financing activities	21	-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>210</u>	<u>(159)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 August	22	75	234
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 July	22	<u>285</u>	<u>75</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021**1 Statement of Accounting Policies**

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

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the College trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical 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 Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Victoria College meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

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 company 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 College Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the College Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

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

• Grants

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.

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

• Sponsorship income

Sponsorship income provided to the College Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable, where receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

• Donations

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

• Other income

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

• Donated goods, facilities and services

Goods donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. If it is practical to assess the fair value at receipt, it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impractical to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

- **Donated goods, facilities and services (continued)**

Where the donated good is a fixed asset it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the College Trust's accounting policies.

- **Transfers of leasehold property**

Leasehold property transferred to the College from the local authority at little or no consideration will be revalued at fair value in accordance with FRS 102. This value will be recognised as incoming resources in the Statement of Financial Activities and will be included in the appropriate fixed assets category and depreciated over the life of the lease.

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**

This includes all expenditure incurred by the College Trust to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

- **Charitable Activities**

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

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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 a straight line basis on the cost of tangible fixed assets, to write them down to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. No depreciation is provided on leasehold land where the lease is more than 20 years. The principal annual rates used for other assets are:

Motor vehicles	20%
Furniture and equipment	33%
Computer equipment and software	25%

Assets in the course of construction are included at cost. Depreciation on these assets is not charged until they are brought into use.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Leased assets**

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

Financial Instruments

The College trust only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the College trust and their measurement basis 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 13. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

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 instrument, and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. 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.

Taxation

The College Trust 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 College Trust is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 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.

Pensions Benefits

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

All staff are employed by Victoria School under a service level agreement with the College. As a result no staff have been transferred under Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 and there are therefore no TPS or LGPS liabilities at the College for this year.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the College Trust at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by 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 Education and Skills Funding Agency/Department for Education.

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The College 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 critical areas of judgement are accounting for government grants, accounting for the write down of assets through depreciation. Government grants are accounted for as restricted funds. Depreciation rates are based on the expected life of the asset.

Critical areas of judgement

The critical judgements that the Trustees have made in the process of applying the College Trust's accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the statutory financial statements are discussed below:

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment assets, the Trustees have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions, counterparty credit ratings and experience of recoverability. There have been no indicators of impairments identified during the current financial year.

Agency arrangements

The College Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from the ESFA. Payments received from the ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the statement of financial activities as the trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The trust cannot use any of the allocation towards its own administration costs. The funds received and paid and any balances held are disclosed in note 27.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

2 POST 16 HIGH NEEDS FUNDING GRANT

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State the College Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of Post 16 High Needs Funding that it could carry forward at 31 July 2021 (See note 15).

3 DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
ESFA capital grants	-	27	27	12
DfE fixed assets lap tops donation	-	10	10	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>12</u>

The income from donations and capital grants was £37,000 (2020:£12,000) of which £Nil (2020: £Nil) was unrestricted, £Nil (2020:£Nil) restricted and £37,000 (2020: £12,000) restricted fixed assets.

4 FUNDING FOR THE COLLEGE TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
DfE/ESFA grants				
Post 16 High Needs funding	-	341	341	338
Free School Meals	-	5	5	2
Teachers Pension Grant	-	10	10	8
	<u>-</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>348</u>
Other Government grants				
High Needs Top Up grant	-	690	690	659
	<u>-</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>659</u>
Other income from the College trust's educational operations	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
COVID-19 DfE/ESFA additional funding				
Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding	-	14	14	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>1,007</u>

COVID-19 DfE/ESFA additional funding

Other DfE/ESFA COVID-19 funding has been received under "exceptional government funding". The funding received for Coronavirus exceptional support covers £13,750 (2020: £Nil) of mass testing, premises, free school meals and additional cleaning costs. These costs are included within notes 7 and 8.

The income from the College Trusts' educational operations was restricted for both 2021 and 2020.

5 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2020 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Lettings	9	-	9	9
	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

The income from the College Trusts' other trading activities was unrestricted for both 2021 and 2020.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

6 INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	Restricted Funds £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Bank interest received	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

7 EXPENDITURE

	Staff Costs £'000	Non Pay Expenditure		Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
		Premises £'000	Other Costs £'000		
Expenditure on raising funds					
- Direct costs	-	-	-	-	-
- Allocated support costs	-	-	-	-	-
College's educational operations					
- Direct costs	634	-	98	732	529
- Allocated support costs	60	52	117	229	291
	694	52	215	961	820
	694	52	215	961	820

The expenditure was £961,000 (2020: £820,000) of which £Nil (2020: £Nil) was unrestricted, £947,000 (2020: £812,000) restricted and £14,000 (2020: £8,000) restricted fixed assets.

	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Net income/(expenditure) for the year includes:		
Depreciation	14	8
Fees payable to auditor for:		
- audit	8	8

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Direct costs - educational operations	732	529
Support costs - educational operations	229	291
	961	820

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020 (cont'd)

8 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Analysis of Support Costs		
Support staff costs	60	90
Depreciation	14	8
Technology costs	3	5
Premises costs	38	31
Legal costs	17	-
Other support costs	73	73
Governance	24	84
	<u>229</u>	<u>291</u>

9 STAFF COSTS

	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
a Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	450	399
Social security costs	36	28
Pension costs	124	106
	<u>610</u>	<u>533</u>
Agency staff costs	84	25
Staff restructuring costs	-	-
	<u>694</u>	<u>558</u>

b Staff severance payments

There are no staff restructuring costs or non-statutory/non-contractual severance payments.

c Staff numbers

The average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the College during the year ended 31 July 2021 expressed as whole persons was as follows:

	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Charitable Activities	No	No
Teachers	3	3
Administration and support	20	15
Management	3	3
	<u>26</u>	<u>21</u>

d Higher paid staff

There are no employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs and employer national insurance contributions) exceeded £60,000.

e Key management personnel

The key management of the College Trust comprise the 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 College Trust was £80,650 (2020: £75,795).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS - TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the College Trust.

During the year ended 31 July 2021 there were no remuneration payments made to trustees.

During the year ended 31 July 2021 there were no travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed to the trustees in their role as trustees.

Other related party transactions including trustees are set out in note 26.

11 TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE

In accordance with normal commercial practice the College has purchased insurance to protect trustees' and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on College business. The insurance provides cover up to £5,000,000 on any one claim. The cost of this insurance cannot be disaggregated and is included in the total insurance cost.

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Land & Buildings £'000	Computer Equipment £'000	Furniture & Equipment £'000	Motor Vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At 31 July 2020	-	2	9	28	39
Additions	-	30	4	-	34
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 July 2021	-	32	13	28	73
Depreciation					
At 31 July 2020	-	-	2	14	16
Charged in year	-	4	4	6	14
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 July 2021	-	4	6	20	30
Net book value					
At 31 July 2021	-	28	7	8	43
At 31 July 2020	-	2	7	14	23

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

13 DEBTORS	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Prepayments and accrued income	425	382
	<u>425</u>	<u>382</u>
	<u><u>425</u></u>	<u><u>382</u></u>
14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	17	-
Other creditors	103	70
Accruals	111	33
Deferred income	-	-
	<u>231</u>	<u>103</u>
	<u><u>231</u></u>	<u><u>103</u></u>
Deferred Income	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Deferred income at 31 July 2020	-	28
Resources deferred in the year	-	-
Amounts released from previous years	-	(28)
Deferred income at 31 July 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

At the balance sheet date the college was not holding any funds received in advance for 2021/22 or 2020/21.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS

The income funds of the College comprise the following balances of grants to be applied for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 August 2020 £'000	Incoming Resources £'000	Resources Expended £'000	Gains, Losses & Transfers £'000	Balance at 31 July 2021 £'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	332	341	(228)	-	445
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	5	(5)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	690	(690)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant	-	10	(10)	-	-
Other coronavirus support	-	14	(14)	-	-
	<u>332</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>(947)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>445</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
DfE fixed assets donation	14	-	(6)	-	8
ESFA capital grants	10	27	(7)	-	30
ESFA donated assets (note iv)	-	10	(1)	-	9
	<u>24</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47</u>
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	356	1,097	(961)	-	492
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	21	9	-	-	30
Total unrestricted funds	<u>21</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>
Total funds	<u>377</u>	<u>1,106</u>	<u>(961)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>522</u>

Notes

- i) Post 16 High Needs Funding Grant must be used for the normal running costs of the School. Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the College Trust was not subject to a limit on the amount of grant that it would carry forward at 31 July 2021. (see note 2)
- ii) Free school meals grant has been used to support young people from low income families placed at the College.
- iii) High needs top up grants from Local Authorities have been used to support pupils with learning or behavioural issues by providing teaching and teaching assistant support.
- iv) A fixed assets donation of £10,224 (2020: £Nil) was received and used to fund capital expenditure
- v) Unrestricted funds have been derived from lettings and other trading activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

15 FUNDS (cont'd)

	Balance at 1 August 2019 £'000	Incoming Resources £'000	Resources Expended £'000	Gains, Losses & Transfers £'000	Balance at 31 July 2020 £'000
Restricted general funds					
Post 16 High Needs Funding (note i)	137	338	(143)	-	332
Free School Meals (note ii)	-	2	(2)	-	-
High Needs Top Up grant (note iii)	-	659	(659)	-	-
Teacher Pension Grant	-	8	(8)	-	-
	<u>137</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>(812)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332</u>
Restricted fixed asset funds					
Fixed assets donation (note iv)	20	-	(6)	-	14
ESFA capital grants	-	12	(2)	-	10
	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>(8)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>
Restricted pension scheme liability					
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted funds	157	1,019	(820)	-	356
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted funds (note v)	11	10	-	-	21
Total unrestricted funds	11	10	-	-	21
Total funds	168	1,029	(820)	-	377

16 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

Fund balances at 31 July 2021 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds £'000	Total £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	43	43
Current assets	30	676	4	710
Current liabilities	-	(231)	-	(231)
	<u>30</u>	<u>445</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>522</u>

Fund balances at 31 July 2020 are represented by:

	Unrestricted Funds £'000	General Restricted Funds £'000	Fixed Assets Restricted Funds £'000	Total £'000
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	23	23
Current assets	21	435	1	457
Current liabilities	-	(103)	-	(103)
	<u>21</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>377</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

17 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Contracted for, but not provided in the financial statements	Nil	Nil
Authorised by trustees, but not yet contracted	Nil	Nil
18 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES		
<i>Operating leases</i>		
At 31 July 2021 the total of the College Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:		
	2021	2020
	Other	Other
	£'000	£'000
Operating leases		
- Within one year	-	-
- Within two to five years	-	-
- After five years	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
The land and buildings occupied by Victoria College are provided by Birmingham City Council under licence with no rent being payable.		
19 RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Net income for the reporting period (as per the statement of financial activities)	145	209
Adjusted for:		
Depreciation (note 12)	14	8
Capital funding received from ESFA/DfE	(37)	(12)
Increase in debtors	(43)	(260)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	128	(105)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	207	(160)
20 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(34)	(11)
Capital funding received from ESFA/DfE	37	12
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Net cash provided by investing activities	3	1
21 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Repayments of borrowing	-	-
Cash inflows from new borrowing	-	-
Net cash provided by financing activities	-	-
22 ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	At 31 July	At 31 July
	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Cash in hand and at bank	285	75
Total cash and cash equivalents	285	75

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)

23 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1 August 2020 £'000	Cash Flows £'000	At 31 July 2021 £'000
Cash at bank	75	210	285
Overdraft	-	-	-
	<u>75</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>285</u>
Loans within one year	-	-	-
Loans within more than one year	-	-	-
	<u>75</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>285</u>

24 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

During the period of the Funding Agreement, in the event of the sale or disposal by other means of any asset for which a Government capital grant was received, the College is required either to re-invest the proceeds or to repay to the Secretary of State for Education the same proportion of the proceeds of the sale or disposal as equates with the proportion of the original cost met by the Secretary of State.

Upon termination of the Funding Agreement, whether as a result of the Secretary of State or the College serving notice, the College shall repay to the Secretary of State sums determined by reference to :

- a) the value at that time of the College's site and premises and other assets held for the purpose of the College: and
- b) the extent to which expenditure incurred in providing those assets was met by payments by the Secretary of State under the Funding Agreement.

As at 31 July 2021 there are no employees on the payroll of Victoria College Limited. All staff costs come via recharges from Victoria School. As such is it not possible to reliably estimate the LGPS Pension valuation. When staff TUPE over from Victoria School to Victoria College Limited, an obligation for Victoria College Limited to meet the future pension benefits of these staff will be created.

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.

26 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Owing to the nature of the College Trust's operations and the composition of the board of trustees being drawn from local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the board of trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted in accordance with the College trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures relating to connected and related party transactions. The following related party transaction took place in the period of account:

Victoria College made the following purchases at arms' length in accordance with the financial regulations, which the following related parties below neither participated in, nor influenced.

J Fardell is Executive Headteacher across Victoria College, Victoria School and Cherry Oak School. Victoria College purchased goods and services from Victoria School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2021 was £654,244 (2020: £673,672), of which £39,083 (2020: £12,427) was outstanding at the year end. Victoria College also receives lettings income from Victoria School totalling £8,739 (2020: £8,156), of which £2,913 (2020: £2,913) was outstanding at the year end.

Victoria College purchases goods and services from Cherry Oak School. Total expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2021 was £10,089 (2020: £8,241), of which £3,368 (2020: £211) was outstanding at the year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021 (cont'd)**27 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The College trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for the ESFA. In the accounting year ended 31 July 2021 the College trust received £3,827 (2020: £3,216) and disbursed £875 (2020: £4,984) from the fund. An amount of £2,952 (2020 : £Nil) is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds repayable to the ESFA.

28 EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no material adjusting or non adjusting events arising after the balance sheet date.

