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**GOVERNORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR
QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED
(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Governors	Mrs Reica Gray (Chairman) Mrs Carol Davis Mr Jonathan Dobson Mr William Gillen Mr Shai Hill Mr Gary Li Ms Camilla Trefgarne Mr Peter Trueman Mrs Manina Weldon
Principal	Miss A Wallace
Bursar and Secretary	Mr J Cubitt (resigned 27 October 2023) Mr D Shaw (appointed 27 October 2023)
Senior Management Team	Miss A Wallace Mr C Kendall-Daw (appointed 1 September 2023) Mr J Cubitt (resigned 27 October 2023) Mr M Crundwell Ms C De La Pena Mr J Denchfield Ms C Gittens (appointed 1 September 2023) Miss N Holgate-Smith (appointed 1 September 2023) Mr P Williams
Company number	00640464
Charity number	312724
Principal address and registered office	Queen's Gate School 133 Queen's Gate London SW7 5LE
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GOVERNORS' REPORT (INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC REPORT)

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The Queen's Gate School Governors ('the Governors') present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023 under the Companies Act 2006, together with the audited accounts for the year, and confirm that the latter comply with the requirements of the Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP FRS 102.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Queen's Gate School was founded in 1891 and is registered with the Charity Commission under Charity Number 312724. The Governors, executive officers and principal address of the Charity together with details of the Charity's professional advisors are given on the Legal and Administrative Information page above.

The School

Queen's Gate School is a central London independent day school for girls aged 4-18 that combines academic success and excellent pastoral care with a most welcoming environment. The School is located in five elegant buildings in Queen's Gate, South Kensington.

The Principal

Miss A Wallace has been Principal of the School since 1 September 2022. She is assisted by a management team which comprises six key staff in the Senior School, the Director of the Junior School and the Bursar.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dating from 1962 and the Articles of Association were updated in 2013.

Governing Body

The governing body is comprised of the following individuals:

Mrs Reica Gray (Chairman)

Mrs Carol Davis KC

Mr Jonathan Dobson

Mrs Elizabeth Foster (resigned 21 June 2023)

Mr William Gillen

Mr Shai Hill

Mr Gary Li

Mrs Laura Marani (resigned 30 November 2022)

Ms Camilla Trefgarne

Mr Peter Trueman

Mrs Manina Weldon

Recruitment and Training of Governors

Governors are appointed by invitation of the governing body and are elected for a three year period, renewable for as long as they are prepared to serve. New Governors are inducted into the working of the School and the Charity including its Board Policies and Procedures at an induction workshop especially organised for them by the Principal and Bursar. Trustee training workshops are also made available for all Governors. Written material explaining their role and duties is given to all new Governors and training workshops are available throughout the year.

Organisational Management

The Governors, as the trustees of the Charity, are legally responsible for the overall management and control of the School and meet at least four times a year. The work of implementing their finance policies is carried out by the members of the Finance Committee who meet once a term to review the management accounts, approve the budget, and finalise the audited accounts and annual report for approval by the Governors. The Finance Committee works under the chairmanship of Mr Peter Trueman.

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The work of implementing their academic policies is carried out by the members of the Educational and Pastoral Committee who meet once a term under the chairmanship of Mr William Gillen. The Foundation Committee has been renamed the Development & Fundraising Committee and is chaired by Mrs Manina Weldon. It meets once a term to consider how to raise additional funds for the School through a variety of fundraising activities. The Compliance Committee is chaired by Mrs Carol Davis and meets once a term to monitor and advise on the School's compliance with all regulatory standards and other legislative requirements, arrangements for the mitigation of risk, and other policies and procedures required to operate the School. Mr Gillen is also the Safeguarding Governor. The Principal and the Bursar attend meetings of the Governors.

The day to day running of the School is delegated to the Principal supported by her Senior Management Team (SMT) which is comprised of the following individuals:

Miss A Wallace – Principal

Mr C Kendall-Daw – Vice-Principal (appointed 1 September 2023)

Mr J Cubitt – Bursar (resigned 27 October 2023)

Mr M Crundwell – Director of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Mr J Denchfield - Director of the Junior School

Ms C de la Pena - Director of Pastoral Care

Ms C Gittens – Director of Sixth Form (appointed 1 September 2023)

Miss N Holgate-Smith – Assistant Director of Pastoral Care (appointed 1 September 2023)

Mr P Williams – Director of Curriculum

Mr J Cubitt resigned as Bursar on 27 October 2023 and the Governors are in the process of recruiting his successor. Mr Douglas Shaw has been appointed Interim Bursar.

Group Structure and Relationships

There is no group structure. All activities of the Charity are carried out by the Charity itself.

OBJECTS, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Charitable Objects

The Charity's Objects, as set out in its original Trust Deed, are:

- To promote the cause of education and provide for the training instruction of pupils in every branch of learning: in citizenship; in outdoor pursuits; and in the arts and crafts of all kinds.
- To provide such pupils with spiritual, moral, mental and physical training on the basis of Christian principles and by accepting pupils without distinction on the grounds of race, colour or creed to encourage the understanding and tolerance of different social and religious systems.
- To maintain its heritage endowment - the School with its Grade 2 listed buildings - within these objects.

Aims and Intended Impact

In both the Junior and Senior Schools the aim is to create a secure and happy environment in which each girl may realise her academic and personal potential and individuality. Our expectations of our pupils are high both in and out of the classroom. We encourage their intellectual development, their interest and involvement in extra-curricular activities as well as a concern for others through charitable work, enabling them to become responsible citizens in a small school and a larger world.

Public Benefit

The provision of education is of public benefit. In addition, the School serves the wider community by:

- Participating in and promoting joint activities with other local schools, both state and independent.
- Encouraging and supporting pupils and staff to be actively involved in local, national and international charities, for example a number of local and overseas projects are supported and provided with money to purchase equipment and to help with building programmes.
- Providing bursary assistance to needy pupils to the extent that School funds allow in line with the School's Bursary Policy.

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The School co-operates with many local charities in our ongoing endeavours to widen public access to the schooling we can provide and to awaken in our pupils an awareness of the social context of the all-round education they receive at the School. All girls are encouraged to become involved in charitable work and the Sixth Form are required to carry out community service in the locality as part of their education whilst at the School, for example, through Age UK, Foodbank Friday, a reading project with a local state school or in our own Junior School. Many girls also carry out charitable work and community service through the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Many also pursue charitable and community work in projects overseas.

In setting the objectives and planning activities, the Governors have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Grant Making Policy

The value of scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other awards made to the School's pupils in 2022/23 was £748,667 (2022: £730,066). These awards are in line with the School's policy to widen access, encourage talented pupils and to relieve hardship where existing pupils' education and future prospects would otherwise be at risk. The total value of all these awards represents over 6.5% of the gross fee income with the value of bursaries representing 5.2% of gross fee income which is in line with the School's Bursary Policy. It is the Governors' objective to sustain these levels by making resources available from both fund raising and internal generation of funds.

Policy for Setting SMT Remuneration

The Finance Committee sets pay levels for new members of the Senior Management Team. Proposed changes to SMT salaries are discussed by the Chairman and Chair of the Finance Committee and approved by the Finance Committee.

STRATEGIC REPORT

Review of Achievements and Performance for the Year

Objectives for the Year

The focus has continued to be on academic achievement, the pursuit of a love of learning, as well as the development of the extra-curricular programme including sport, music and clubs.

Strategies to Achieve the Year's Objectives

These included continuing to ensure that the School's academic results reflect the quality of teaching and the calibre of the cohorts, with academic achievements being balanced by a strong emphasis on extra-curricular opportunities and social skills; maintaining the expertise of teaching staff and ensuring successor planning and staff development; the further development of links with local junior schools in both the state and independent sectors and also facilitating wider community access to our School's facilities.

Operational Performance of the School

This year, Queen's Gate Senior School averaged 367 (2022: 378) pupils and Junior School averaged 126 pupils (2022: 115). Waiting lists exist and Open events are well attended, particularly in the Senior School. Applications at 11+ have been healthy, thus providing sufficient pupils for assessment to allow us to be academically selective and ensure that we maintain the academic standards for which the School has become renowned.

In the Public Examinations, the Boards continued to tighten the grade boundaries as they sought to return to pre-COVID levels. Despite this, results at both A Level and GCSE were excellent. At A level, 89% achieved A to C grades with 20% of the girls obtaining all A* grades. At GCSE, 67% of the results were graded A* to 7. We had girls taking early entry GCSEs and A Levels with a high number achieving top grades.

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As well as public examination results the School also takes part in MIDYIS, YELLIS and ALIS tests which produce predictions of GCSE and A Levels. The School completed the tests and the results continued to be used for internal purposes. The School uses these results to ensure that pupils are fulfilling their potential and to inform teaching and departmental programmes. Detailed analysis is carried out throughout the year by the Principal and the SMT both on a departmental basis and by individual pupil to inform future planning and to ensure that each girl is achieving at least her potential. We were delighted with our performance in the University of Durham value added tables, where we were placed in the top 15% at A Level and 9th at GCSE (this equates to adding almost one extra grade for every subject taken at GCSE). These are major achievements for the School and recognition of the excellent work carried out by staff and pupils.

On completion of their studies at Queen's Gate all of the Sixth Form have proceeded to Higher Education either in the UK or overseas. All of the girls in the UVI who sought university entry were successful, with almost all to their first choice. This year, five gained places at American and Canadian Universities or Colleges and of the remainder, most went to Russell Group Universities or London Art Colleges. The Charity has thus achieved the year's objectives in this area: maintaining its high academic performance.

The School continues to work to widen access, a means tested bursary scheme has been available for some years and during 2022/23 £748,667 (2021: £730,066) was awarded in scholarships, bursaries and grants to 92 pupils.

The School's idea of education goes beyond the classroom and girls are encouraged to take an active part in a range of activities. Sixth Formers and staff-run clubs, before and after School and also at lunch-time open to all girls and these include Chess, Creative Writing, Keep Fit, Fencing, Running, Forensic Science, Zumba, Cosmetic Making and Jewellery Making. Debating is a popular activity with girls taking part in the Mace Debating Competition and others also take part in Public Speaking competitions including Model United Nations. New clubs are introduced on request from pupils and in line with staff expertise. The programme of early morning sporting clubs is well established; with around 300 pupils taking part in these each week. Residential and day trips provide an excellent extension to the curriculum, whilst also providing pupils with further sporting opportunities, for example in skiing and water sports.

Sport is encouraged throughout the School; the main sports in winter are hockey, netball and basketball and in summer, athletics, cricket, and tennis. Other activities such as kickboxing, spinning, wall climbing, rowing and fencing are also popular. The School has an extensive fixture list against both state and independent schools and continues to be successful in all sports. Teams take part on a regular basis in tournaments in hockey and netball and compete successfully in inter school swimming galas. Girls have been introduced to the biathlon and have competed successfully in these events at local and national level. Cross country running is another area of strength and girls win local competitions each year. Teams and Individuals have also competed in the London Youth Games. Others have participated in the Public Schools' Fencing Championships. The School runs an annual invitational cross-country championship which has been well supported by local schools. Girls have earned national or international recognition in disciplines including ice-skating, biathlon, cross-country, fencing and rowing.

The Arts continue to thrive. The production of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* by the Junior School was very successful and was enjoyed by staff and parents alike. The Senior School play was postponed until October 2023. Regular concerts are held in both the Junior and Senior Schools and the Christmas Carol Service is an excellent opportunity for girls of all ages to work together on their musical contributions. We were again invited to take part in the *Kids for Kids* Christmas concert. Smaller recitals for parents and School Assemblies are valuable opportunities for girls to gain experience in public performance. Over one third of the School take instrumental lessons and a similar number take LAMDA classes. Almost all these pupils take examinations, either LAMDA or ABRSM, and meet with much success with some girls achieving Grade 8. Sixth Form pupils also gained gold medals in LAMDA examinations.

School trips offer an important extension to the school curriculum. Very good use is made of our excellent location with groups visiting the French Institute, the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum the V&A as well as galleries and theatres. Day trips are organised on a regular basis for all years and residential trips went to the Isle of Wight, Dorset, Canada and Southwest USA. All of these trips have provided our girls with some wonderful experiences.

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Pupils are encouraged to take an active part in charitable work, both locally and overseas. Sixth Form pupils assist with Age UK. They organise weekly lunches in School, followed by activities such as art, dancing and Keep Fit, as well as tea dances. They also assist in our own Junior School. Numerous charities are supported in the Junior and Senior Schools, with girls choosing charities inspired by personal interest or curriculum issues. They enjoy researching the work of such charities and often representatives are invited to Assembly to explain the work of the chosen charity. *Foodbank Friday* has been introduced with girls collecting donations of food for the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation and this has continued successfully again this year. Girls show considerable initiative in organising fundraising events which have included Jeans Days as well as the ever-popular cake sales. In both the Junior and Senior Schools girls are keen to become involved in environmental issues and environmental monitors oversee and organise recycling and environmental awareness. Regular suggestions are made through the School Council for school improvement. Our Outreach Programme continues to expand through reading groups, educational research and Age UK. A partnership has been formed with A List education, in which a US Scholars Programme has been put in place to support students who are applying to US universities.

The School Premises

The Governors' objective is to provide the best possible environment for the education of girls. During the year, the School invested in a new visitor management system for both premises and also installed glass doors in the key entranceways. Work over the Summer included refurbishments to the dining room and entranceway in the 133 building as well as improvements to the Preliminary classroom. In addition, the new caterers oversaw a substantial refurbishment of the kitchen, and the communal areas the Senior and Junior Schools were repainted as necessary. This was part of the continuous programme of refurbishment throughout all the buildings which together with the constant upgrade and expansion of our technology, ensures that we have the very best environment possible.

Volunteers

Parents helped with School trips and fundraising activities during the year, as well as offering career interviews, work experience and offering their expertise through Wider World talks; the Governors would like to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate their continuing and valuable support for our work.

Financial Review

The School had a financial surplus for the year of £508,306 compared to a surplus of £215,621 the previous year. Gross fee income increased by 4.7% which reflected the increase in fees. The School also benefitted from the rising interest rates which meant it generated income of £164,355 from its cash reserves. The increase in total costs largely reflects additional salary costs although the enhanced expenditure on the fabric of the buildings was also a factor. It is the policy of the Governors to continue to bear down on costs wherever possible whilst maintaining and enhancing the quality of education afforded to the pupils.

Reserves Policy

Over the medium term it is the policy of the Governors to build up reserves to cover the interest and capital repayments on the Barclays Bank loan relating to 125-126 Queen's Gate as well as provide funds for the future development of the School. The increase in reserves of £508,306 during the year is in line with this policy.

Investment Performance against Objectives

The Charity's funds which are not required for its operation in the short term are held on deposit with the bank or invested in short term treasury deposits.

Fundraising Performance

In 2022/23 £20,499 (2021/22 £16,089) was raised for the School from donations. This comprised donations to the Queen's Gate Foundation's Bursary Fund. The generosity, enthusiasm and commitment among the parent body and alumnae remain high and the level of donations is expected to hold up well.

Risk Management

The Governors are responsible for the management of the risks faced by the School. Detailed considerations of risk are delegated to the SMT. The School's Risk Register records the risks that have been identified and assessed together with the controls put in place to mitigate these risks.

The Risk Register is reviewed annually by the Governors and changes made as necessary.

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The key controls used by the Charity include:

- formal agendas for all committee and Board activity;
- comprehensive strategic planning, budgeting and management accounting;
- established organisational structure and lines of reporting;
- formal written policies including Safeguarding;
- clear authorisation and approval levels; and
- vetting procedures as required by law for the protection of the vulnerable.

Through the risk management processes established for the School, the Governors are satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated where necessary. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed.

The Governors have identified the following risks as medium to high risks for the forthcoming year:

- Reduction in current pupil numbers
- Potential breach of bank lending covenant
- Loss/ bankruptcy of a major supplier
- Staff stress and ill-health
- Impact on reputation of adverse PR event
- Future increases in employer contributions to the Teachers' Pension Scheme
- Abolition of Mandatory Business Rates Relief
- Imposition of VAT/levy on fees
- Loss of charitable status
- Data Protection breaches
- Health & Safety and Regulations
- Poor performance and academic results

Strategies have been put in place by the Governors and SMT to monitor and manage the risks identified.

Future Plans

The Governors have identified the following key objectives which form the core of the current Strategic Plan:

Governance, Leadership and Management

To ensure that Queen's Gate has effective leadership and management at all levels and that suitable and ongoing training and opportunities for development are provided, as well as succession planning.

Staffing

Queen's Gate will continue to invest in and advance a talented, well-qualified and committed staff, both teaching and non-teaching.

Academic

For many years, Queen's Gate has been respected for its academic results achieved in a nurturing environment where confidence is built and a lifelong love of learning is inspired. Inspired by our traditions, we will continue to offer an excellent academic programme for all our girls preparing them on all levels to be effective and global citizens.

Pastoral

Inspired by its tradition of excellent pastoral care, Queen's Gate will continue to develop its provision to ensure that girls feel valued and supported and develop into confident young women, ready to become responsible citizens in the world.

Technology

We recognise the importance of technology today and for the foreseeable future. Queen's Gate will continue to upgrade and expand its technology to ensure that the curricular and administrative goals of the School are met.

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Admissions

Queen's Gate will continue to build and maintain its enrolment at all levels. Its intake will continue to reflect and benefit from the richness and diversity of its community by admitting pupils with a broad range of backgrounds, talents and interests but who share a common goal of commitment to learning in all its forms.

Extra-curricular Activities

Queen's Gate recognises the importance of extra-curricular opportunities in enhancing the educational experience it offers and will continue to provide an excellent, well-defined range of clubs, trips and other opportunities.

Facilities

Queen's Gate will continue to offer a warm and caring environment which is well maintained and provides suitable facilities commensurate with the high calibre of the academic provision and of the community. The School will continue to nurture its buildings, to use them effectively to provide the necessary facilities for a 21st century education, whilst maintaining their elegance and charm.

Financial Matters

Queen's Gate will continue to strengthen and diversify its financial resources and ensure that these are managed effectively to guarantee the School's long term financial stability, thus enabling the School to fulfil the goals of this and subsequent strategic plans.

Alumnae Relations

Queen's Gate will aim to develop relations with its alumnae through improved communication and the organisation of events and to ensure that former pupils are fully aware of their value to the School community.

Communication

Queen's Gate will have effective, open and clear lines of communication with constituents which makes full use of the technology available.

Outreach to the Community

Queen's Gate recognises the need to work with its community and will continue to foster both individual and collective responsibility for the environment by incorporating sustainability practices into teaching and practice. Our Outreach programme has been developed to harness the opportunities for partnerships in our local community. The School wishes to promote itself as an inclusive and diverse community.

AUDITORS

Disclosure of information to the auditors

Each of the Governors has confirmed that there is no information to which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of such information.

Reappointment

A resolution proposing that TC Group be reappointed auditors of the Charity will be put to the members.

Approved by the Board of Governors of Queen's Gate School on 20 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Reica Gray
Chairman of Governors

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governors, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Governors' Report (including the Strategic Report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements the Governors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities' SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will not continue in operation.

The Governors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements of Queen's Gate School Trust Ltd ('the charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Charity Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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.

Conclusion relating to going concern

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

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast doubt on the charitable company'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 Governor's with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The Governors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Governors' Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether 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.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Governors' Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Governors' Report (incorporating the Strategic Report) has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Governors' Report (incorporating the Strategic Report).

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Governors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Governors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Governors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of the Governors

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

The objectives of our audit, in respect to fraud, are: to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses; and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and its management.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general sector experience, and through discussion with the Governors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the Governors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations (see below);
- We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety; General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); fraud; bribery and corruption, school inspections, DBS checks, and employment law. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the Governors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. The identified actual or suspected non-compliance was not sufficiently significant to our audit to result in our response being identified as a key audit matter.
- We considered the legal and regulatory frameworks directly applicable to the financial statements reporting framework (FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK.
- We considered the nature of the charitable company's operations, the control environment and financial performance.
- We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.
- We considered the procedures and controls that the charitable company has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how senior management monitors those programmes and controls.

Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. These procedures included: testing manual journals; reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation; performing analytical procedures; and enquiring of management, and were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

Use of our report

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



Mark Cummins FCCA

Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of TC Group
Statutory Auditor
Office: Steyning, West Sussex

Date:....25 March 2024...

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
INCOME FROM:					
Donations and legacies	6	5,112	15,387	20,499	16,089
Investments	7	164,355	-	164,355	22,807
Charitable activities	8	11,491,157	-	11,491,157	10,935,073
Other income		3,225	-	3,225	1,575
Total income		11,663,849	15,387	11,679,236	10,975,544
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds		-	3,126	3,126	1,330
Charitable activities		11,167,804	-	11,167,804	10,758,593
Total expenditure	9	11,167,804	3,126	11,170,930	10,759,923
Net income		496,045	12,261	508,306	215,621
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		496,045	12,261	508,306	215,621
Fund balances brought forward		8,209,653	150,784	8,360,437	8,144,816
Fund balances at carried forward	20	8,705,698	163,045	8,868,743	8,360,437

All income and gains for the year are recognised above. All of the School's activities are classed as continuing.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	<u>12,332,324</u>		<u>12,525,524</u>	
			12,332,324		12,525,524
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	362,897		462,902	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>5,211,238</u>		<u>4,738,692</u>	
		5,574,135		5,201,594	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors due within one year	14	<u>(4,400,740)</u>		<u>(4,147,326)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,173,395</u>		<u>1,054,268</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			13,505,719		13,579,792
LONG TERM LIABILITIES					
Creditors due after one year	15		<u>(4,636,976)</u>		<u>(5,219,355)</u>
			<u>8,868,743</u>		<u>8,360,437</u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
	19		163,045		150,784
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	19	8,679,554		8,183,509	
Designated funds		<u>26,144</u>		<u>26,144</u>	
			8,705,698		8,209,653
			<u>8,868,743</u>		<u>8,360,437</u>

The accounts were approved by the Board, and signed on their behalf on 20/03/2024 by:



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Mrs Reica Gray



.....
Mr Peter Trueman

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income for the year		508,306		215,621	
Adjustments for:					
Depreciation charges	12	431,214		430,671	
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	7	(164,355)		(22,807)	
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	13	100,005		(268,946)	
Increase in creditors	14	224,267		364,995	
Net cash provided by operating activities			1,099,437		719,534
Cash flows from investing activities					
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		164,355		22,807	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	12	(238,014)		(192,853)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(73,659)		(170,046)
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Repayments of bank loan		(553,232)		(397,642)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(553,232)		(397,642)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		472,546		151,846	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,738,692		4,586,846	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		5,211,238		4,738,692	
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents					
Cash at bank and in hand		5,211,238		4,738,692	
Total cash and cash equivalents		5,211,238		4,738,692	

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

1 STATUTORY INFORMATION

The School is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The registered office, company number and charity number are detailed in the Legal and Administrative Information.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

There are no material uncertainties about the School's ability to continue as a going concern.

After reviewing the School's forecasts and projections, the Governors have a reasonable expectation that the School has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The School therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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

2.2 Income

Fees receivable and charges for services, less any allowances, scholarships and bursaries granted by the School against those fees are accounted for in the period in which the service is provided. Where fees are received for a future service period they are included in deferred income, including those fees received under an advance fee payment scheme.

Investment income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Donations, legacies, grants and other voluntary income are accounted for as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably measured and the economic benefit is considered probable.

Where a donor or an appeal has imposed restrictions the income is credited to a restricted fund.

Other income/other trading income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with irrecoverable VAT included with the item to which it relates.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories and departments on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold land is not depreciated	
Freehold property	- 2% straight line (excluding land of £4.25m)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% straight line

Capital expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with irrecoverable VAT included with the item to which it relates. Minor items of capital expenditure of up to £500 are written off to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

2.5 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2.6 Pensions

Teaching staff are members of the Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS), a defined benefit scheme administered by the Teachers' Pension Agency. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they fall due. The TPS is an unfunded scheme. Contributions on a 'pay as you go' basis are credited to the Exchequer under arrangements governed by the Superannuation Act 1972. Actuarial valuations are carried out by the Government's Actuary Department. Under the definitions set out in FRS 102 the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The charity is unable to identify its share of the underlying (notional) assets and liabilities of the scheme. Accordingly, under FRS 102 the scheme is accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The charity also contributes to personal pension schemes for its non-teaching staff.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Governors seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognized at the settlement amount due.

2.9 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in a transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

2.10 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised. The Governors do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL TRUST LIMITED (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.11 Fund accounting

Unrestricted general funds comprise those funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Governors.

Designated funds comprise reserves which have been allocated by Governors' to be used for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are those funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes in accordance with the wishes of the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

3 TURNOVER

The turnover of the School is wholly attributable to the objects of the Charity as stated in the Governors' Report and is earned entirely within the UK.

4 NET INCOME

This is stated after charging:

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Depreciation	431,214	430,671
Auditors' remuneration – audit services	16,800	16,000
Auditors' remuneration – non-audit services	13,332	14,298

5 TAXATION

The charitable company is registered as a charity and all of its income falls within the exemptions under Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010.

6 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	5,112	15,387	20,499	16,089
	<u>5,112</u>	<u>15,387</u>	<u>20,499</u>	<u>16,089</u>

During the year Governors made donations to the school through various events and activities, the nature of which could not be quantified.

7 INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Interest	164,355	-	164,355	22,807
	<u>164,355</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>164,355</u>	<u>22,807</u>

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8 INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023 £	2022 £
Gross School fees	11,483,305	10,964,697
Less:		
Bursaries and allowances	(748,667)	(730,066)
Net School fees	10,734,638	10,234,631
Add:		
Registration fees	46,351	44,531
Extras income	710,168	655,911
	<u>11,491,157</u>	<u>10,935,073</u>

9 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Other costs £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Cost of raising funds:					
Fundraising activities	-	-	3,126	3,126	1,330
Total cost of raising funds	-	-	3,126	3,126	1,330
Charitable expenditure					
Education					
Teaching	6,379,692	216,786	386,761	6,983,239	6,921,785
Welfare	107,373	-	683,794	791,167	714,067
Premises	60,984	214,428	1,144,913	1,420,325	1,232,060
Support and governance	977,451	-	995,622	1,973,073	1,890,681
Total charitable expenditure	7,525,500	431,214	3,211,090	11,167,804	10,758,593
Total expenditure	<u>7,525,500</u>	<u>431,214</u>	<u>3,214,216</u>	<u>11,170,930</u>	<u>10,759,923</u>

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9 ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE (continued)

Analysis of support and governance costs:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration for audit services	16,800	16,000
Other governance costs	-	-
Total governance costs	16,800	16,000
Support costs:		
Auditors' remuneration for non audit services	13,332	14,298
Legal and professional fees relating to support	112,970	118,351
Support staff wages, national insurance and pension	977,451	850,376
Loan interest	314,391	352,182
Other support costs	538,129	538,974
	1,973,073	1,890,681

10 STAFF COSTS

The average monthly head count was 113 staff (2022: 109 staff) and the average monthly number of full time equivalent employees during the year was:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Teaching	83	83
Premises	3	3
Support	11	11
	97	97

The aggregate payroll costs for the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	5,845,707	5,641,767
Social security costs	610,453	600,822
Pension costs	1,069,340	991,913
	7,525,500	7,234,502

None of the Governors received any remuneration or other benefits from the School of any connected body. Governors expenses of £Nil (2022: £Nil) were reimbursed this year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

10 STAFF COSTS (continued)

Staff earning in excess of £60,000 per annum in the following bands are:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
£60,000 - £69,999	11	4
£70,000 - £79,999	5	3
£80,000 - £89,999	4	2
£100,000 - £109,999	1	1
£120,000 - £129,999	1	-
£160,000 - £169,999	-	1

Of the employees whose emoluments exceed £60,000, 20 (2022: 9) have retirement benefits accruing under defined benefits schemes and 2 (2022: 2) has benefits accruing under a defined contribution scheme. Contributions payable by the School to those schemes for higher paid employees were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Defined contribution schemes	12,344	17,909
Defined benefits schemes	318,043	153,182
	330,387	171,091

The key management personnel of the School are detailed in the Governors' Report and Legal and Administrative Information.

	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate employee benefits of key management personnel (including employer's national insurance, employers pension contributions and settlements (the terms of which are confidential)).	818,835	926,835

11 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES – YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
INCOME FROM:			
Donations and legacies	6,559	9,530	16,089
Investments	22,807	-	22,807
Charitable activities	10,95,073	-	10,935,073
Other income	1,575	-	1,575
	10,966,014	9,530	10,975,544
 Raising funds	 1,330	 -	 1,330
Charitable activities	10,757,280	1,313	10,758,593
Total expenditure	10,758,610	1,313	10,759,923
 Net income	 207,404	 8,217	 215,621
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	207,404	8,217	215,621
Fund balances brought forward	8,002,249	142,567	8,144,816
Fund balances at carried forward	8,209,653	150,784	8,360,437

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

12 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Fittings £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 September 2022	15,129,447	969,293	1,075,220	17,173,960
Additions	43,892	30,101	164,021	238,014
At 31 August 2023	15,173,339	999,394	1,239,241	17,411,974
Depreciation				
At 1 September 2022	3,231,816	634,024	782,596	4,648,436
Charge for the year	214,428	54,806	161,980	431,214
At 31 August 2023	3,446,244	688,830	944,576	5,079,650
Net book value				
At 31 August 2023	11,727,095	310,564	294,665	12,332,324
At 31 August 2022	11,897,631	335,269	292,624	12,525,524

A periodic valuation of the total freehold property owned by the School, carried out in November 2020 valued the properties at £39 million. The School does not adopt a revaluation policy and this valuation was not included in the figures above.

13 DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Fee debtors	140,728	180,383
Prepayments and accrued income	215,422	247,637
Other debtors	6,747	34,882
	362,897	462,902

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

14 CREDITORS: due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	464,890	435,743
Trade creditors	95,569	219,749
Other creditors	157,434	123,721
Accruals and deferred income	708,294	463,108
Fees in advance	1,227,136	1,196,209
Deposits	1,589,441	1,547,920
Other taxes and social security	157,976	160,876
	<u>4,400,740</u>	<u>4,147,326</u>

Fees in advance represent fees received for the Autumn term 2023.

15 CREDITORS: due after one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans	<u>4,636,976</u>	<u>5,219,355</u>
	<u>4,636,976</u>	<u>5,219,355</u>

16 BANK LOANS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans are wholly repayable in instalments as follows:		
Less than one year	464,890	435,743
In more than one year but less than two years	495,741	464,890
In more than two years but less than five years	1,690,917	1,587,104
In more than two years but less than five years	<u>2,450,318</u>	<u>3,167,361</u>
	<u>5,101,866</u>	<u>5,655,098</u>

The long-term loan of £5,101,866 is secured by a first legal charge over part of the freehold property of the School. The period of the loan from Barclays Bank is 25 years, repayments of the capital commenced in January 2010. Interest on the loan has been fixed at a rate of 5.85%.

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17 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The School participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff. The pension charge for the year includes contributions payable to the TPS of £988,452 (2022: £919,253) and at the year-end £119,893 (2022 - £106,614) was accrued in respect of contributions to this scheme.

The TPS is an unfunded multi-employer defined benefits pension scheme governed by The Teachers' Pensions Regulations 2010 (as amended) and The Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014 (as amended). Members contribute on a "pay as you go" basis with contributions from members and the employer being credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

The employer contribution rate is set by the Secretary of State following scheme valuations undertaken by the Government Actuary's Department. The most recent actuarial valuation of the TPS was prepared as at 31 March 2016 and the Valuation Report, which was published in March 2019, confirmed that the employer contribution rate for the TPS would increase from 16.4% to 23.6% from 1 September 2019. Employers are also required to pay a scheme administration levy of 0.08% giving a total employer contribution rate of 23.68%.

The 31 March 2016 Valuation Report was prepared in accordance with the benefits set out in the scheme regulations and under the approach specified in the Directions, as they applied at 5 March 2019. However, the assumptions were considered and set by the Department for Education prior to the ruling in the 'McCloud/Sargeant case'. This case has required the courts to consider cases regarding the implementation of the 2015 reforms to Public Service Pensions including the Teachers' Pensions.

The TPS is subject to a cost cap mechanism which was put in place to protect taxpayers against unforeseen changes in scheme costs. The Chief Secretary to the Treasury, having in 2018 announced that there would be a review of this cost cap mechanism, in January 2019 announced a pause to the cost cap mechanism following the Court of Appeal's ruling in the McCloud/Sargeant case and until there is certainty about the value of pensions to employees from April 2015 onwards. The pause was lifted in July 2020, and following a public consultation in 2021 the Government have accepted three key proposals recommended by the Government Actuary, and are aiming to implement these changes in time for the 2020 valuations.

The 2016 cost control valuations were completed in January 2022, and the results indicated that there would be no changes to benefits or member contributions required. The results of the cost cap valuation are not used to set the employer contribution rate, and HM Treasury has indicated that any changes to the employer contribution rate resulting from the 2020 valuations will take effect in April 2024.

Until the 2020 valuation is completed it is not possible to conclude on any financial impact or future changes to the contribution rates of the TPS. Accordingly, no provision for any additional past benefit pension costs is included in these financial statements.

The school also contributes to defined contribution schemes on behalf of its other staff. Employer contributions payable to these schemes were £78,193 (2022: £75,960) and at the year end £nil (2022: £nil) was accrued in respect of contributions due to these schemes.

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18 SHARE CAPITAL AND CONTROL

The charity is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. In the event of a winding up each member guarantees to contribute an amount of no more than £1.

19 SUMMARY OF FUND MOVEMENTS

	Balance at 1 Sept 2022	Income	Expenses	Transfers	Balance at 31 Aug 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	8,183,509	11,663,849	(11,167,804)	-	8,679,554
Designated funds	26,144	-	-	-	26,144
	8,209,653	11,663,849	(11,167,804)	-	8,705,698
Restricted funds					
Queen's Gate Foundation - Capital	47,961	-	-	-	47,961
Queen's Gate Foundation - Bursaries	102,823	15,387	(3,126)	-	115,084
	150,784	15,387	(3,126)	-	163,045
Total funds	8,360,437	11,679,236	(11,170,930)	-	8,868,743

Designated funds

Designated funds comprise the remaining amount of the legacy from Miss Elizabeth de Leeuw received in 2016 which was reduced by a transfer of funds to the General Funds equivalent to the costs of the stained-glass window amounting to £59,031 which were capitalised in 2020 and 2021.

Restricted funds

Restricted funds comprise donations received less expenses incurred in relation to the Queen's Gate Foundation, which was launched in 2007 to raise funds for capital projects and the provision of bursaries.

20 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

31 AUGUST 2023

	Unrestricted general funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	12,332,324	-	-	12,332,324
Current assets	5,384,946	163,045	26,144	5,574,135
Creditors : less than one year	(4,400,740)	-	-	(4,400,740)
Creditors : over one year	(4,636,976)	-	-	(4,636,976)
	8,679,554	163,045	26,144	8,868,743

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20 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued) 31 AUGUST 2022

	Unrestricted general funds	Restricted funds	Designated funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	12,525,524	-	-	12,525,524
Current assets	5,024,666	150,784	26,144	5,201,594
Creditors : less than one year	(4,147,326)	-	-	(4,147,326)
Creditors : over one year	(5,219,355)	-	-	(5,219,355)
	<u>8,183,509</u>	<u>150,784</u>	<u>26,144</u>	<u>8,360,437</u>

21 RELATED PARTIES

The School has taken advantage of the exemptions under the Charities' Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP (FRS 102)) not to disclose services provided on a voluntary basis by Governors, contracts of employment between the School and its employees, and the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses where the Governors have acted as agent for the school.

There were no related party transactions in 2023. During the prior year Mr Michael Cumming, a former Governor, donated a sum of £100,000 to the school for future bursaries.

22 LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 August 2023 the school had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	4,428	-
Between one and five years	14,021	-
	<u>18,449</u>	<u>-</u>