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Ashville College

Report & Consolidated Financial Statements
Registered Charity: 529577

For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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Governors, Officers and Advisers

GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body of the charity during the year has been Ashville College Trustee Limited; the Directors of Ashville College Trustee Limited are referred to as 'Governors', or members of the Governing Body. The Directors who held office during the period were as follows:

James C. Search * #	Chair
Christopher Midgley	Resigned 31 August 2023
Simon Donkin	Resigned 29 June 2023
David Humphreys	
Paula Jackman ARB, RIBA	
Revd Leslie Newton	
Anne Vautrey	
J. Peter Whiteley FCA * #	
John Wood	
Jonathan Oxley	
Stephen Andrews#	
Greg Styles	
Beth Mottram*	
Holly Chaplin*	Appointed 1 September 2023
Nick Hair	Appointed 1 September 2023
Adrian Precious	Appointed 1 September 2023
Thomas Avere*	Appointed 1 September 2023

* Old Ashvillian

Director of Ashville Trading Ltd

None of the Directors had a beneficial interest in any contract to which the company was a party during the year, except as disclosed in note 24.

OFFICERS (Key management personnel)

Rhiannon Wilkinson MA (Oxon) MEd	Head
Richard Rooze	Clerk to the Governors & Bursar
Asa Firth	Head of Prep
Owen Hillier	Deputy Head (Academic)
Anna Wilby	Deputy Head (Enrichment)
Laura Jackson	Deputy Head (Staff)
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Annual Report of the Governing Body acting as trustee for the charity, Ashville College, for the year ended 31 August 2023

Ashville College Trustee Limited as the sole Trustee of Ashville College, presents its annual report for the year ended 31 August 2023, together with the audited financial statements for the year, and confirms that the latter comply with the requirements of the Charities Act, the Trust Deed and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

OBJECTS, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable Objects

The Charity's primary object, as set out in its Trust Deed, is the advancement of education, including the provision of boarding and day schooling for boys and girls within the context of its status as a Methodist School. The Charity also has to maintain its heritage endowment, which includes the College buildings and environment.

Aims and Intended Impact

Within these objects, Ashville College's aim is to be recognised as an excellent school in the Harrogate area to realise academic abilities, nurture individual talents and develop all-round character, in a climate of positive expectation and within the Methodist traditions of the College.

Principal Activities in the Year

The Charity principally provides education in Harrogate to boys and girls from the ages of 2 to 18.

Objectives

2022/23 was the second year of progress towards the 'New Ashville' vision and Strategic Intent, as laid out in the previous year by incoming Head Rhiannon Wilkinson and the Governing Body – see next section.

Strategic intents for the 'new' Ashville:

1. To be an excellent, all-through (2-18) school, with strong recruitment and retention. We wish to be a happy and rewarding place for children and staff to work in.
2. To offer academic excellence, innovation and opportunities for creativity, enabling every pupil to realise her or his academic potential to the full, with passionate and dynamic teachers delivering challenging and exciting lessons.
3. To be a vibrant, caring community where every individual has a strong sense of what it means to be an Ashvillian and is proud of that fact.
4. To be a warm, supportive, civilized community with strong moral values. We will seek to achieve this through self-discipline and pride rather than fear and punishment.
5. To have a proactive approach to pastoral care which develops positive, confident pupils who develop high levels of resilience. Our programme – Flourishing@Ashville – will equip pupils with the personal skills they need to navigate the challenges of adolescence and the pressures of the outside world.
6. To develop a programme which enables pupils to be Future Ready. Guided by the World Economic Forum Skills for the Workplace 2030, FutureReady@Ashville teaches enterprise, skills for the workplace, environmental and global awareness. It offers careers and higher education advice as well as leadership training and opportunities.
7. To promote physical literacy, not only through PE and Sport as enjoyable experiences, but also through an appreciation of the importance of achieving a sense of balance, wellbeing, and a healthy lifestyle.

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8. To provide a range of opportunities for Ashville pupils to learn about service. This applies to caring for others within the College, our local community and further afield. Looking after each other is at the heart of Ashville's values. We will seek active partnerships with local state schools.

9. To nurture a strong sense of community through personal and social development outside, as well as inside, the classroom, through a diverse and rich range of co-curricular activities and House activities. We will look to introduce the "Ashville Approach", a blueprint for enhancing the development of personal attributes for Ashvillians.

10. To have excellent relationships with parents and alumni through first-rate communications, events, forums and a host of community-based activities. Our philosophy is one of openness and we have a desire to learn from our partners to nurture a strong sense of community.

The fulfilment of this vision and strategic aims sits at the heart of Ashville's new five-year Strategic Plan drawn up by the new Executive Leadership Team and Governors.

Commentary against the Strategic Intent:

Pupil recruitment across the year indicates that Ashville is delivering against its pupil recruitment goals, with healthy pupil numbers in Year 7 in September 2022, and high levels of interest for September 2023 throughout the year, seen in Open and Taster Days, visits and tours. This is further supported by improvements in pupil and parent sentiment, captured through surveys and feedback ('Pupil Voice').

Building on the previous year's exceptional results in A Level and GCSE, the College has taken the opportunity to refresh and consolidate key areas of the curriculum, rolling out a new professional development system for teachers and a new set of standards in the 'Golden Rules for Teaching'. This groundwork paves the way for more significant development in September 2023, which will include new subjects and the introduction of digital curriculum and devices for pupils.

The College has made significant investments in pastoral support for pupils and staff this year, including an expanded role for the medical centre, which now provides much greater support for wellbeing and mental health issues; a new programme of support for staff wellbeing and morale, which includes needs analysis, training, and better support for particular issues such as menopause; and a clearer, stricter process for managing problematic pupil behaviour. This pupil behaviour process is built around a revised management structure and the appointment of Heads of School to oversee all elements of pastoral care within particular year-groups. These changes have been very positively received by the vast majority of pupils and families, who endorse the College's values and approach.

The Future Ready programme had an excellent first year, offering a broad programme of professional skills development and careers advice to pupils in the sixth form. Work experience in June 2023 was a particular highlight, with almost 100% of pupils undertaking placements across a range of sectors. The college plans to broaden the remit of Future Ready in the coming year to take in pupils in younger groups.

Sport remains a strength at Ashville, with considerable success at national level in both Hockey and Netball. A new Director of Sport has been appointed to start in September 2023, charged with carrying out a full-scale strategic review of sport provision.

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STRATEGIC REPORT

Overall, this has been a year of significant progress towards the vision set out by the new Head in September 2021, to be the 'independent school of first choice' in Harrogate. A refreshed leadership team has had a year or more to implement changes under the Head's direction, and the results are showing within the College and in the wider community.

In terms of the core business of the College – teaching and learning – we have adopted a new programme for teacher Professional Development and Review (PDR), designed to support colleagues in delivering exciting, creative lessons and a consistently excellent experience for pupils. This ties in with the 'Golden Rules for Teaching', a set of core standards for lessons, introduced in the previous year. The year has also seen extensive preparations for the introduction of pupil IPADs in September 2023, which will bring new ways of working and digitization of the curriculum.

The College has also seen the introduction of new approaches to skills development in the form of Outdoor Learning (Prep School) and Future Ready programmes (Sixth Form), both of which had a successful start during the year. The College is looking to expand the range of academic subjects on offer in September 2023 to include Law, Latin and Film Studies at A level.

The Prep school will see a new and experienced Head in Phil Soutar, joining in September 2023. Pupil recruitment has been strong across the College, and we head into 2023-24 with an additional Reception class and record numbers in Year 7: the first phases of transformation towards the 'new Ashville' are giving parents confidence and this is supported by their feedback.

Academic results were strong but – as in all schools in England under the post-Covid re-grading – lower overall than last year. One third of A-level and BTEC grades were A*-A, and two-thirds in the A*-B range, which has translated into excellent results in university admissions. Ashville pupils are heading off to an impressive range of universities and colleges, including Durham, Cornell, UCL, Colorado, Bristol, Manchester, Barcelona and Prague.

26% of GCSE pupils achieved grades 9-8 and two-thirds grade 9-6. As with A-levels, these are strong results in a year of tougher grading and the kind of outcomes that allow pupils to progress confidently to A-level or other sixth form options.

In terms of the College's culture and the pastoral care of pupils, this has been an important year in which the new leadership team introduced stricter standards on behaviour, managed through a revised 'school' system. This has involved Heads and Assistant Heads of the different key-stages working closely with form tutors and safeguarding leads to ensure that the school has an accurate 360 view of each child. Development of our PSHE syllabus, Code of Conduct and a programme of visiting speakers have all supported the change, and feedback from the vast majority of families has been very positive that the new Ashville is becoming the kind of place where every child has the space to be able to 'be the best version of themselves'.

Co-curricular and enrichment activity has continued to be a strength, with more than a hundred senior school clubs available (and more than fifty for Prep and reception children). These clubs and societies fed into a full programme of public and community activity during the year, including drama productions (two versions of Romeo and Juliet, this year, one in the Prep school and one in Senior); large-scale music events such as House Music in Harrogate's Royal Hall, carol services in Ripon Cathedral and the Wesley Chapel, Ashville's Songs of Praise, and so on; Duke of Edinburgh expeditions at bronze and gold level.

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The College Estate has had a year of consolidation, addressing some areas of underinvestment during the Covid period and bringing weaker areas up to standard. Governors have identified priorities for investment over the next few years, and expect to launch an ambitious programme of development activity in 2023/24.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by its Trust Deed dating from 1903 and last amended in 2004.

Governing Body

Ashville College Trustee Ltd is the sole trustee of Ashville College. The Directors of Ashville College Trustee Ltd, as set out on page 3, are referred to as the 'Governors'. The College is an associate member of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (MIST); however, the Ashville College governing body is independent from MIST.

Appointment and Training of Governors

The Trust Deed allows for a maximum of 18 Governors:

Ex-Officio Directors

There are three ex-officio Directors:

- The Chair of the Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church;
- A representative of the Methodist Independent Schools Trust (currently the Trust's General Secretary); and
- The President of the Ashvillian Society.

Nominated Directors

There are twelve nominated Directors, whose appointment is confirmed by the Methodist Conference:

- Ten are nominated by the Board of Directors; and
- Two are nominated by the Methodist Independent Schools Trust.

Co-opted Directors

There are three co-opted Directors. The appointment of a co-opted Director is for a specific period, not exceeding three years.

On an annual basis, the make up on the Governing Body is considered by the Governance & Nominations Committee. Nominated and co-opted Directors are then appointed to the Board of Ashville College Trustee Limited on the basis of nominations and applications received from a wide range of sources. Eligibility, personal competence, specialist skills and availability are assessed by the Governance & Nominations Committee before being considered for election by the full Governing Body. New Governors are inducted into the workings of the Charity and its school, including policy and procedures, through visits to the school; meetings with the Head, Bursar and Chair of Governors; and, the provision of handbooks and similar literature. All Governors receive information on, and are encouraged to take up, training opportunities. A register of Governor training is maintained.

Governance

Ashville College Trustee Limited, through its Board of Directors, is legally responsible for the overall management and control of the entire College and meets at least three times a year. The work of implementing most of its policies is spread between three sub-committees. This structure is set out below.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee	<p>Meets twice per term to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monitor the non-teaching functions of the College, including estates, buildings and land, transport, cleaning, catering, human resources, IT and health & safety; • review the financial statements and performance against agreed budgets; • scrutiny of the annual accounts and the annual budget before presentation to the full Governing Body; • cash planning and control of assets; • overseeing borrowings, bank loans, and investments; • scrutiny of capital expenditure requests and financial projections regarding the strategic development plan; and • ensuring implementation of sound internal financial controls and procedures and review of all financial regulatory requirements.
Education, Enrichment & Welfare Committee	<p>Meets twice per term to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine, implement and sustain the formal and informal curriculum for the three schools making up the College; • maintain and, where possible, improve the standards of pupils' academic and other achievements; and • ensure the coherence of both the pastoral and curriculum philosophies throughout the school, to ease pupils' passage from key stages and from class to class throughout the College.
Governance & Nominations Committee	<p>Meets each term to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • review and approve pay rises and movements up the leadership scale for key management; • act as a nominations panel for new Governors; and • take the lead in the appointment of senior management as and when required.

All sub-committees are chaired by a Director, with membership embracing a combination of Governors and appropriate members of senior management. At every meeting Governors are asked to disclose any conflict of interest; every agenda also includes safeguarding as a standing item.

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Review of Governance

The Board undertakes annual self-review, including a review of the Board's skill mix and diversity. This self-review is undertaken by the Governance & Nominations Committee.

The Board has agreed to appoint an independent, external reviewer to evaluate the effectiveness of the Board on a five yearly basis. The first such review was undertaken by the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools ('AGBIS') in Summer 2018, with the next evaluation scheduled for 2024.

Charity Governance Code

Good governance in charities is fundamental to their success. A charity is best placed to achieve its ambitions and aims if it has effective governance and the right leadership structures. For this reason, the Governors are committed to achieving the recommended practices described in the Charity Governance Code. The Code is deliberately aspirational and it is not envisaged that charities will fulfil all of the principles immediately.

Having considered the Code, the Governors believe that they have not fully applied the following principles that are set out in the Code:

- a) **Size of Board:** The Governance Code suggests a board of between 5 and 12 trustees is considered best practice. As part of the review of governance undertaken in 2018, the Board considered its current membership and agreed that the size of board was appropriate for Ashville. A board of up to 18 people ensures that the board has a broad range of skills and expertise, and also is of sufficient size to represent the charity's various stakeholders.
- b) **Length of Service:** Governors are appointed for a period of three years, but are able to be re-elected at the end of their term. There are some Governors who have served for more than 9 years. The Board believes that having a small number of Governors who have served for more than 9 years provides useful 'institutional memory' for the Board without damaging the need to progressively refresh the Board. Where a Governor who has served for more than 9 years is re-elected their re-appointment is reviewed by the Governance & Nominations Committee.
- c) **Diversity:** While the Governors have taken informal steps to ensure that the Board is made up of individuals with a diverse range of skills and backgrounds, and also is representative of the College's various stakeholder groups (parents, Old Ashvillians, the Methodist Church) without losing its independence, the Board does not yet have a formal diversity plan. Such a plan will be drawn up by the Governance & Nominations Committee during the course of the year.

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Organisational Management

The day to day running of the schools is delegated to the Head and Bursar of Ashville College, who are supported by the Executive Leadership Team (ELT). The Head and/or the Bursar attend all Governor sub-committee meetings.

The key management personnel are defined as the Head, the Deputy Head (Pastoral), Deputy Head (Academic), Deputy Head (Enrichment), Deputy Head (Operations), Deputy Head (Staff Development) and the Bursar; all of whom have responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the school on a College-wide basis.

The remuneration of key management personnel is set by the Governing Body, with the policy objective of providing appropriate incentives to encourage enhanced performance and of rewarding them fairly and responsibly for their individual contributions to the College's success.

The appropriateness and relevance of the remuneration policy is reviewed annually by the Finance & General Purposes Committee including reference to comparisons with other independent schools to ensure that the College remains sensitive to the broader issues of pay and employment conditions elsewhere.

We aim to recruit, subject to experience, at the lower to medium point within a band, providing scope for rewarding excellence in future years. The Governing Body recognises that delivery of the College's charitable vision and purpose is primarily dependent on our key management personnel and staff costs are the largest single element of our charitable expenditure.

Group Structure and Relationships

The Charity has a wholly owned, non-charitable subsidiary, Ashville Trading Limited. The main activities of Ashville Trading Limited are operating Ashville Sports Centre; and managing residential and non-residential lettings of the College's facilities.

Ashville Foundation is a separate charity, whose purpose is to provide bursaries and other financial support to current and prospective pupils of Ashville who would not otherwise be able to attend the College. There is a close relationship between the College and the Foundation with a number of Governors also being Trustees of the Foundation.

The College also benefits from the generosity of a thriving network of former pupils, The Ashvillian Society. The Governors greatly appreciate and gladly acknowledge the close support of this body, and during the year the school has taken steps to refresh the relationship with the Society, which had become more distanced during the Covid period.

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PUBLIC BENEFIT

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Board has given careful consideration to Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education and fee-charging.

The College audits and reports on its public benefit both in terms of activity and monetary value on an annual basis; this report is considered by the Governing Body on an annual basis.

Admissions

The Charity's primary objective is the advancement of education for boys and girls in Harrogate; therefore, the main way that the Charity fulfils its public benefit is through admissions into the College. The Governors are cognisant of the fact that the financial cost of independent education is an impediment to some children attending Ashville, therefore the College strives to ensure that it remains accessible to as wide a range of families as possible; this is achieved through the provision of direct financial support by way of bursaries and a fair admissions process.

Ashville College welcomes pupils from all backgrounds. The Governors want to ensure that potential pupils will benefit from the education the College provides and can cope with the pace of learning; hence entrance interviews and assessments are undertaken prior to a place being offered. However, an individual's economic status, gender, ethnicity, race, religion or disability do not form part of this assessment process.

The Governors are also committed to broadening access to the College by offering means-tested financial support to eligible parents/guardians. Such support is known as a bursary and these are awarded in the form of a discount on fees depending on the financial, compassionate or other pertinent circumstances of applicants. The bursary awards range from 10 percent to 100 percent remission of fees.

Our bursary awards are available to all who meet our general entry requirements and information about bursaries is made available to all applying to the College and information on bursaries is available on the College website. However, the College does not have a large endowment and must ensure that there is a balance between fee-paying parents, many of whom make considerable personal sacrifices to fund their child's education, and those benefiting from the awards.

Five Ukrainian refugee children were given places at Ashville via the foundation while they are hosted by families in the local area.

In addition to bursaries, scholarships are awarded to recognise high academic potential or the ability to excel in other areas of the College, including sport, drama and music. The Governors have a deliberate policy of reducing the financial discount associated with scholarships and directing this saving into bursary funding.

Community Access

Ashville College aims to be the heart of the community and works in various ways to open its doors to the public.

- Sporting Influence completed their first year of children's camps and activity programmes at Ashville with record numbers: over 125 children per day attended over the Summer. Sporting Influence have also become a main sponsorship partner to provide children and families in need of extra support during the holiday period. Both Ashville and the SI team work with over 35 schools each week, predominantly working alongside the school's teaching team to improve their skill set and confidence. Ashville offers our facilities monthly for mini festivals which brings each primary school onsite forming long standing partnerships in the hope of Ashville becoming the feeder school of choice through Primary teacher recommendations.

- As ever, our on-site Sports Centre is open to the public and has increased its membership numbers to c.650. As part of the membership of the centre comes a schedule of fitness classes to suit all types of members. The facilities themselves are in good condition and the affordable membership allows a variety of members.
- There were several high-level sports training camps in the academic year 22/23, led by a range of UK Olympians
- The College's Director of US International Studies continued to work closely with American pupils at Ashville and in the local community. Ashville provides information to families moving to the UK about the education system, and offers advice about how to best navigate the transition from the US system.
- The College opens its doors to various performances and services which the local community can engage with. Concerts and productions are events which are publicly available and pupils from various local schools came to watch the production of Romeo and Juliet. Both the town Carol Service and the Songs of Praise service are open to the public and Songs of Praise was especially designed to involve the local circuit of Methodist Churches. Each year the Harrogate Easier Living Project are invited into the College for an afternoon tea with entertainment provided by musicians and with pupils hosting and engaging with the guests. This is usually for around 40 people.

Charitable Giving & Activities

In line with the Charity's Methodist ethos, all pupils across the College are encouraged to take part in charitable activities. During the year, the pupils raised money for local, national and international charities, specifically: Yorkshire Air Ambulance, The Red Cross and Edukid. In addition to these set charities we raised money for Guide Dogs (£3,016), Children in Need (£1,206) and DEC Syria Earthquake appeal (£2,409) during their annual fundraising days.

- Many Ashville pupils complete the Duke of Edinburgh award both at Bronze and Gold level and complete a great many hours of volunteering.
- Several members of staff took part in the Harrogate 10k race to raise money for Teenage Cancer Trust (one of our current charities) under the tag line 'Run for Rowan' in honour of one of our sixth formers.
- The Prep School Charity Club led on the Guide Dogs for the Blind and raised enough money for Ashville to sponsor, and name, a dog.
- Pupils at Ashville wrote Christmas cards which were distributed to local care homes.
- There was a food bank collection, organised by 6th form pupils.
- Regular fair trade stalls took place throughout the year in both Prep and Senior Schools.
- The Prep School held a harvest festival with food donations for Harrogate Food Bank.
- Two members of staff travelled to Peru to work with Hilo Rojo, a project supporting vulnerable women and children in the very poorest communities through education and food programmes. A collection of stationary and art materials was made by members of the Ashville community, staff and pupils.
- Christmas shoe box gifts were made by the charities committee with each year group donating a different item. Over 60 boxes were made. One of our sixth formers also worked with a local shop who donated socks and shoe boxes for the project.
- Ashville had a one off fundraising campaign for DEC Syria Earthquake following the terrible disaster and raised £2,409.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW AND RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Fee income

Fee income this year increased by 9.7%, moving to £14.12m from £12.87m in the prior year. Normal fee discounts increased in % terms to 7.2% of gross fee income, from 5.7% in the prior year – the increase relates to the transfer of the means tested bursaries (£199k) to the Ashville Foundation in 2021/22. On a like for like basis, fee discounts remained consistent at 7.2% for the year ending 2022/23.

Other income

Other income relates to rental income on owned properties, income from the Sixth Form Centre Cafe, and small incidental recharges such as musical instrument hire and travel income. Trading income and expenditure will be covered later in this section.

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities Increased by 2.8% in the year to £13.7m (2022: £13.3m).

- Teaching costs dropped by 5.6%, to £6.8m (2022: £7.2m), mostly as a result from the exit from TPS and consequent savings. Additionally, the College implemented a more efficient approach to timetabling and consolidated some historically poorly-attended classes.
- Some aspects of pastoral care have moved from teachers to support staff – this is most notable in boarding where the College has recruited more dedicated boarding staff as opposed to using teacher hours
- Welfare costs increased by £211k (11.2%) to £2.09m, largely driven by food-price inflation impacting catering budgets and staffing cost increases at the lower end of the pay scale
- Premises costs increased by 26.4% to £1.32m, as the College carried out overdue maintenance works that had been delayed due to Covid-19.
- Support costs have increased by 12% to £2.20m vs. £1.96m in prior year, as the College has professionalized some pastoral and administrative functions that were previously carried out by teaching staff.
- Depreciation fell by £74k (9.6%)
- The school was not in a position to make a donation to Foundation this year.

Fee debt

Fee debt decreased to £96k from £100k in the prior year, a good result considering the difficult economic environment and the school's efforts to retain families. Bad debt provision is more prudent, with 100% provision for fees in lieu, increasing from £82.5k to £93.2k.

Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure was £462k in the year. This included new digital devices for staff, various upgrades to sports equipment, and a number of smaller premises projects.

Borrowings

At the year-end total borrowing was £1.02m (2022: £1.27m) with Lloyds Bank plc. The loan with Lloyds is repayable to March 2027 and is on a fixed rate of 3.49%. It is secured on two residential properties owned by the College.

The College's other borrowings/obligations relate to:

- A £100k loan from Holroyd Howe, completely repaid within the year.
- An obligation against a capital draw down of £272k from Holroyd Howe. As part of the contract between Holroyd Howe and the College, Holroyd Howe will make a £500k capital contribution to the College. The College has drawn down £430k against this, but is obliged to remain in the contract with Holroyd Howe until the contract end date in March 2028, therefore the draw down has been recognised as a liability on the balance sheet and will be released to the SOFA in accordance with the terms of the contract; the balance at year end was £272k (2022: £353k).
- £351k (2022: £33k) finance lease obligation for the investment in IT equipment.

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Ashville Trading Limited

Ashville Trading Ltd made a profit of £232k in 2022/23. The increase reflects a full year of operation post-Covid.

Sports Centre

The Sports Centre membership has increased to around 650 members over the year.

Lettings

Lettings also enjoyed a full year of operation compared to the prior year.

At 31 August 2023 Ashville Trading has reserves of £283k. Trading is prudently budgeted to achieve a profit in excess of £200k in 23/24. Therefore, Trading will continue to be in positive reserve position in 23/24 and able to make a gift aid donation to College next year.

Purpose of Ashville Trading

The purpose of Ashville Trading Limited is to utilise the facilities and intellectual property of Ashville College in order to enhance lives in the wider community through education and enrichment. At Ashville and around Harrogate many people appreciate the excellent educational and enrichment work that helps pupils thrive at Ashville College. Outside the daily school life, Ashville Trading engages in a variety of activities which open the facilities and opportunity for learning and enjoyment to a much wider audience at home and abroad.

These activities not only benefit the participants but Ashville as a whole by raising the profile of the College to support recruitment, particularly of boarders, and raise funding to support investment in College resources. Some also provide personal development opportunities for College staff.

For the very youngest

- Ashville swim schools – vital life skills for children
- Children's parties in a fun and safe environment

Building confidence, teamwork and individuality

- Introduction to and building skills in a wide range of sports
- Summer camps – day and residential activities.

Promoting Health and Wellbeing

- Sports centre membership for staff and the public
- Range of group exercise classes for all abilities
- On-site access to physio and personal trainers
- Hosting community and sporting events

Auditorium for special events for up to 600

- Guest presenters
- Dance, choral and stage performance groups
- Book launches

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Risk Management

Ashville College Trustee Limited, via its Board, is responsible for the management of the strategic and operational risks faced by the College. The full Governing Body review the risk register at the December board meeting, and this risk register informs the strategic and operational plans for the year ahead and the next 3 to 5 years.

The major risks identified by the Governors were:

- Rising utilities costs;
- Academic underperformance and its impact on the school's reputation;
- Dependence on US pupils and the wider relationship with US customers;
- Potential change of taxation of independent schools under a Labour Government;
- Cyber-security and data-protection breaches;
- Building failure; and
- A failure of the College's safeguarding policies and procedures.

Having identified these as the major risks, the Governors and College management have put strategies in place to either eliminate these risks, or to minimise their potential impact. The measures put in place to mitigate the identified risks include:

- Comprehensive planning and budgeting process to ensure resources are appropriately allocated;
- Monthly review of financial statements by College management and Governors;
- Formal written policies, including thorough policies and procedures relating to safeguarding and data protection;
- On-going programme of professional development, including safeguarding and data protection training for all staff;
- Well defined and agreed targets and objectives for senior management and staff;
- Appointment of professional advisers as required;
- Appointment of an external data protection officer;
- Comprehensive insurance coverage;
- Formal disaster recovery policies and procedures (which are periodically tested);
- Frequent financial 'what-if' modelling considered by College management and Governors;
- Well-developed plans to increase the number of boarders and 6th Form pupils; and
- Process of continual self-review and strategy review by the College management and Governors.

Through the risk management processes established for the College, the Board is satisfied that the major risks identified have been adequately mitigated. It is recognised that systems can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance that major risks have been adequately managed. The Governors regularly review the effectiveness of current plans and strategies for managing all identified major risks for both the College and its subsidiaries.

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Reserves Policy

At the year end the College had unrestricted funds of £16.6m (2022: £16.5m). As the value of tangible fixed assets is £20.0m (2022: £20.3m) the College technically does not have any free reserves. The Governors aim to reduce this shortfall over time; but, having reviewed the College's funding position, the Governors do not believe the shortfall represents a significant risk and are confident that the College has adequate resources to maintain the day-to-day operation of the charity.

It is the Governors' policy to generate a modest surplus of income over expenditure each year to safeguard the future of the College and to fund working capital movements. The Governors aim to generate an "investment surplus" (defined as surplus on unrestricted funds before depreciation but excluding the profit or loss on the disposal of fixed assets) in excess of 10% of net fee income.

This year the College made a surplus of £122k and therefore the surplus target was not met. Governors are reassured that pupil numbers for September 2023 are strong, with robust entry at Year 7, and this will allow the College to improve surplus generation year on year to safeguard the future of the College.

The College aims to continue to provide facilities of an excellent standard to enhance the educational, boarding and sporting life of the pupils. The Governors aim to achieve this through a programme of on-going capital investment in existing and new facilities, which inevitably increases the value of tangible fixed assets at the expense of free reserves. This programme will be financed from the proceeds of fund-raising activities, available unrestricted funds and further bank borrowing, should the Governors feel that debt servicing could be prudently covered by fee income and the surplus on trading activities. However, the desire for continued investment in the College will be balanced against the need to ensure that the College has adequate and appropriate free and liquid reserves at all times; to that end the College intends to build up an investment fund over the next 5 to 10 years.

During the year the College had a small number of unrestricted, designated funds:

- In August 2012 the College received a £10k donation to be used to support pupils applying to either Cambridge or Oxford University, the 'Homerton Fund'. At the year end the fund had a value of £9,269

The Charity had three restricted funds in the year:

- The College has a fund of £5k for three prizes to be awarded to pupils at the annual Speech Day.
- The Annual Fund was established for donations received from Old Ashvillians and in relation to the 140th Anniversary, for specific purposes related to the purchase of books and musical instruments. The value of the fund at year end was £19,385.
- A fund of £450 was donated during 2022/23 for debating prizes, solar outdoor lights and Old Ashvillian events. This was not spent in the year. This is carried forward along with the £1,000 donated in the prior year for the purpose of developing the School's amateur radio broadcasting club.

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Going Concern

One of the responsibilities of Directors in approving the accounts is to determine that the College can and will continue as a going concern for the next 12 months. Presented below is the evidence to support this assessment.

Re-forecast budget for 23/24.

The budget for 23/24 has been re-forecast on a line by line basis, using October YTD actuals as a starting point. The student numbers driving the forecast are based only on actuals (765 at time of writing) and known joiners and leavers. The College also traditionally experiences new students joining throughout the year, any possible upside from this has also not been factored into the re-forecast budget for the sake of prudence. The re-forecast for 23/24 is £216k surplus, which is £962k EBITDA (7.2% surplus and 339% bank covenant coverage).

Cash and capital commitment

As at 2nd November 2023 there is £1.5m cash in the bank. The cash flow forecast (which is based on the re-forecast budget discussed above) for the year suggests that the College will be able to sustain all of its outgoings, both monthly expenditure and capital spend, from incoming fee and other income over the course of the year. There are expected to be pinch points around the traditional cash low points in the year, i.e. just before termly bills are paid. A temporary overdraft with Lloyds is in place to cover these pinch points. It is not anticipated that anything beyond this or more long-term will be required.

Cashflow and working capital are monitored and managed very closely within the finance department, as is spend against budget.

Capital commitments for the remainder of this year are:

- Re-development of several areas of the College into networked social spaces for self-study using the new IPADs. Cost expected to be up to £400k of which half will be covered by donated funds.
- Replacement of 2 x boilers in the main school building at £50k and 1 in the Science block at £40k (includes refurbishment of boiler room)
- Fencing, gates and CCTV – phase one of developing a more secure perimeter around the school. (c.£40k)

Additional sources of revenue/cash not included in the budget or forecast

There are a number of further sources of income/cash that are not included in either the budget or the forecast, which provide further reassurance of the College's ability to continue as a going concern for the next 12 months.

Ashville Trading – At 31 August 2023 Ashville Trading had reserves of £272k. Trading is prudently budgeted to achieve a profit in excess of £200k in 23/24. Therefore, Trading will continue to be in positive reserves in 23/24 and able to make a gift aid donation to College. There are also significant further revenue opportunities in Trading, with demand for lettings and the sports centre being very significant compared to what we have previously seen. Trading has £355k cash at 2nd November 2023 and intercompany debt is minimal.

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Holroyd Howe investment – Currently we have £70k remaining of the £500k investment from Holroyd Howe, which we have set aside to use for capital kitchen equipment as it reaches the end of its usable life. This further reduces the capex burden on the College over the next few years.

Looking ahead to 2023 and beyond

The overdraft facility with Lloyds is anticipated to be a short-term solution to help smooth cash pinch points during a short-term period of re-growth within the College. Pupil recruitment for Sept-2024 is buoyant, with strong attendance at the whole-school Open Day in early October and excellent take-up for Year 7 'Taster day' 12th November.

The cashflow for September 2023 onwards reflects a prudent assumption of 760 students, which is still well below the capacity of the school and the level of pupils the College has sustained in the past: the recruitment goal will be to hit the 800 mark in September 2024.

The College is developing a longer-term strategy leading to its 150-year anniversary in 2027. This is likely to involve investment in a replacement for the prefabricated Bowick building. This would increase capacity considerably and enable the school to accommodate up to 900 pupils.

Funds are expected to come from a combination of donations, sale of land and / or loans, as well as the cash surpluses the College generates during the period 2023-27.

Based on the above evidence, there is a reasonable expectation that the College will continue as a going concern for the next 12 months.

FUNDRAISING REVIEW

As a registered charity the Charity is required to report on its fundraising activities in the financial year.

In the year to 31 August 2023, Ashville did not undertake any direct fundraising and has not engaged any professional fundraisers to work on its behalf.

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STATEMENT OF GOVERNING BODY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Governing Body, as the trustee of the Charity, is responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the group and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity and the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Governing Body is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS102);
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Governing Body is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, applicable accounting regulations and the provisions of the trust deed.

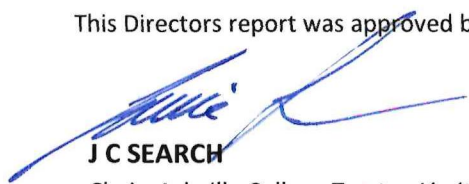
They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Governing Body is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Charity and financial information included on the Charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

AUDITORS

Saffery LLP have expressed their willingness to remain in office as auditors of the Charity.

This Directors report was approved by the Governing Body on 15 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


J C SEARCH
Chair, Ashville College Trustee Limited

Independent auditor's report to the Governing Body (as trustee) of Ashville College

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ashville College (the 'parent charity') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise consolidated statement of financial activity, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including 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 group and parent charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of the group's and the parent charity's incoming resources and application of resources 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 Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our 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.

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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independent auditor's report to the Governing Body (as trustee) of Ashville College (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the parent charity has not kept sufficient accounting records; or
- the parent charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 20, 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 group and the parent charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the group and parent 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 specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the group and parent charity's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the group and parent charity by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the group and parent charity operate.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the group and parent charity include the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Further the charity is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, through significant fine, litigation or restrictions on the charity's operations. We identified the most significant laws and regulations to be the Independent School Standards as found in the Education and Skills Act 2008 and guidance issued by the Department for Education.

Independent auditor's report to the Governing Body (as trustee) of Ashville College (continued)

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the parent charity's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the parent charity's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.

During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and 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.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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

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Saffery LLP
Chartered Accountants
Mitre House
North Park Road
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Statutory Auditors

Date:

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Ashville College Consolidated statement of financial activities
for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Fees receivable	2	14,117,387	-	14,117,387	12,869,918
Less: Scholarships and bursaries	2	(1,016,623)	(103,487)	(1,120,110)	(989,847)
Net fees receivable		13,100,764	(103,487)	12,997,277	11,880,071
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Trading income	4	670,512	-	670,512	545,258
Bank and other interest		58	-	58	67
Sundry income	3	45,742	-	45,742	28,658
Donations / Grants	5	-	103,937	103,937	254,237
Total incoming resources		13,817,076	450	13,817,526	12,708,291
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Trading expenditure	7	(398,919)	-	(398,919)	(323,235)
Depreciation	7	(769)	-	(769)	(105)
		(399,688)	-	(399,688)	(323,340)
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Teaching costs		(6,819,866)	(5,933)	(6,825,799)	(7,233,957)
Welfare		(2,090,285)	-	(2,090,285)	(1,879,222)
Premises		(1,323,371)	-	(1,323,371)	(1,047,090)
Support costs		(2,197,551)	-	(2,197,551)	(1,961,108)
Depreciation		(689,444)	-	(689,444)	(763,053)
Finance and other costs		(90,330)	-	(90,330)	(86,775)
Governance costs		(16,900)	-	(16,900)	(23,587)
Loss on disposal of tangible assets		(61,952)	-	(61,952)	-
Total resources expended	6/7	(13,689,387)	(5,933)	(13,695,320)	(13,318,132)
Net incoming resources		127,689	(5,483)	122,206	(609,841)
Net movement in funds		127,689	(5,483)	122,206	(609,841)
Transfer between reserves		-	-	-	-
Balances as at 1 September 2022		16,530,291	31,318	16,561,609	17,171,449
Balances carried forward at 31 August 2023		16,657,980	25,835	16,683,815	16,561,608

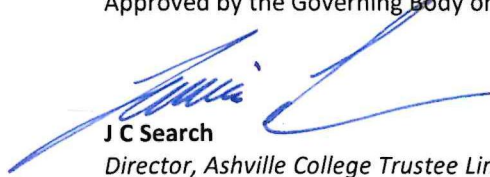
The notes on pages 29 to 45 form part of these financial statements. The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the net movement in funds for the year. All activities relate to continuing operations.

Ashville College Balance Sheets

as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	Consolidated		College	
		2023	2022	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible	9	-	-	-	-
Tangible	10	20,036,465	20,341,963	20,033,388	20,338,118
Investments	11	-	-	10,000	10,000
		<u>20,036,465</u>	<u>20,341,963</u>	<u>20,043,388</u>	<u>20,348,118</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		13,510	14,211	13,203	13,909
Debtors	12	349,072	386,018	310,613	326,383
Cash at bank and in hand		1,301,609	1,408,001	1,028,811	1,257,696
		<u>1,664,190</u>	<u>1,808,230</u>	<u>1,352,627</u>	<u>1,597,988</u>
Creditors amounts falling due within one year					
Payments received on account	15	(2,431,919)	(2,725,632)	(2,428,644)	(2,722,357)
Trade creditors		(108,331)	(229,119)	(104,740)	(224,317)
Other creditors	13	(941,773)	(968,080)	(905,767)	(932,973)
Bank loan	14	(273,217)	(261,872)	(273,217)	(261,872)
		<u>(3,755,239)</u>	<u>(4,184,703)</u>	<u>(3,712,367)</u>	<u>(4,141,520)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(2,091,049)</u>	<u>(2,376,473)</u>	<u>(2,359,740)</u>	<u>(2,543,531)</u>
Creditors amounts falling due after one year					
Advance fee payments	15	(36,392)	(101,068)	(36,392)	(101,068)
Other creditors		(481,514)	(294,657)	(481,514)	(294,656)
Bank loan	14	(743,695)	(1,008,156)	(743,695)	(1,008,156)
Total net assets		<u>16,683,815</u>	<u>16,561,609</u>	<u>16,422,048</u>	<u>16,400,706</u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds <i>un-designated</i>	16/18	(16,648,711)	(16,521,022)	(16,386,944)	(16,360,119)
Unrestricted funds <i>designated</i>	17	(9,269)	(9,269)	(9,269)	(9,269)
Restricted funds	17	(25,835)	(31,318)	(25,835)	(31,318)
Total funds		<u>(16,683,815)</u>	<u>(16,561,609)</u>	<u>(16,422,048)</u>	<u>(16,400,706)</u>

Approved by the Governing Body on 15 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


J C Search
 Director, Ashville College Trustee Limited

Ashville College Consolidated cash flow statement
for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	19	351,376	84,223
Return on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received	58		67
Interest payable	(47,666)		(50,028)
		(47,608)	(49,961)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(93,372)		(522,646)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	15,647		-
		(77,725)	(522,646)
Financing			
Repayment of capital element of bank loan	(253,116)		(247,212)
Repayment of finance leases	(50,658)		(132,642)
Capital financing	(28,661)		23,319
		(332,435)	(356,535)
Increase/(decrease) in cash during the period		(106,392)	(844,919)
Cash balance brought forward		1,408,001	2,252,920
Movement		(106,392)	(844,919)
Cash balance carried forward		1,301,609	1,408,001

Ashville College Notes for the year ended 31 August 2023

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP (FRS102)") and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments at market value.

Preparation of financial statements – going concern basis

See Going Concern statement above.

As in previous years, the principal uncertainty facing the College is pupil numbers. Increasingly, pressures on costs are becoming a concern, including the cost of living pressures on families. However, enrolment numbers over 770 in the current academic year 2023/24 and high participation in marketing events for 24/25 give the Governors reassurance that the College will maintain current income levels.

The charity's financial position and performance has been outlined in the financial review above. The Governors have assessed projected future income, expenditure and cash flows over the period to December 2024, and analysed the strength of the charity's reserves and liquid assets and its ability to withstand a material fall in incoming resources. Consideration has been given to projected pupil numbers, pupil: teacher ratios and all known and projected costs in making this assessment.

The financial performance of the College is reviewed monthly, and the cash flow is reviewed termly, by the Finance and General Purpose Committee. This level of scrutiny and the prudence built into the forecasts minimises the risks relating to the cash flow forecasts.

In the light of all available evidence, the Governors have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that Ashville College and its subsidiary have adequate resources to continue their activities for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds represent grants, donations and legacies which are allocated by the donor for specific purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Governors for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General undesignated funds represent unrestricted income which is expendable at the discretion of the Governors in furtherance of the objects of the Charity.

Basis of consolidation

The accounts have been consolidated to include the College's trading subsidiary, Ashville Trading Ltd. Income and expenditure from the trading subsidiary are consolidated into the financial statements on a line by line basis. No separate SOFA has been presented for the Charity alone, as permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006. All financial statements are made up to 31 August 2023.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Incoming resources

All income is recognised in the statement of financial activities when the conditions for receipt have been met and there is reasonable assurance of receipt. Where a claim for repayment of income tax has or will be made, such income is grossed up for the tax recoverable. The following accounting policies are applied to income.

- Fee income represents fees for tuition and boarding provided to pupils during the year. Fees are accounted for on a receivable basis. Any fees received in advance are deferred.
- Investment income is accounted for when receivable. Tax recoverable relating to investment income is accounted for in the same period as the related income.
- Legacy income is included when the charity is advised by the personal representative of an estate that payment will be made, and the amount involved can be quantified.

Expenditure

All costs are allocated directly according to their function within the charity as follows:

- Charitable costs are those incurred in the day-to-day running of the college;
- Costs of generating funds are incurred in the raising and management of funds from other sources, or funds segregated for specific, designated purposes; and
- governance costs are those incurred in fulfilling the charity's statutory obligations.

Cash and liquid resources

Cash, for the purposes of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits payable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost less provision for obsolescence and net realisable value.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or revalued amount less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by instalments over the estimated useful economic life as follows:

Plant and fixtures	-	10 - 20% per annum
Vehicles	-	20% per annum
Computer equipment	-	10-20% per annum
Land	-	Nil
Buildings	-	2% per annum

Freehold land and buildings were revalued at open market value for existing use at 31 August 1993 and have not been updated since. The charity has frozen the valuation of these assets as the equivalent cost.

Investments

All investments are valued at market value at the balance sheet date, except the investment in the subsidiary company which is disclosed at cost. Any changes in value in the year are reported in the Statement of Financial Activities, and historical costs are disclosed separately by way of a note.

Notes *(continued)*

1 **Accounting policies** *(continued)*

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the directors 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, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

Leases

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Financial Instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

Government grants relating to income are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The charity contributes to group personal pension schemes for staff. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the college in independently administered funds. The amount charged in the yearly financial statements represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

The College also contributed to the Teachers' Pension Agency superannuation scheme until 31 August 2022, a defined benefit scheme for its teaching staff.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

As the College is a registered charity no provision is required for Corporation Taxation on the College's charitable activities. The College's subsidiary, Ashville Trading Ltd, is liable to corporation tax. Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

2. Fees receivable

	2023 £	2022 £
Tuition fees	11,892,562	10,751,749
Boarding fees	1,349,819	1,336,866
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	13,242,381	12,088,615
Music tuition	198,438	156,628
Day pupils meals	649,180	581,784
Other fees and charges	27,388	42,891
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	14,117,387	12,869,918
Less: Scholarships and bursaries *	(1,120,110)	(989,847)
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	12,997,277	11,880,071

* £103,487 funded via restricted funds (2022: £251,527)

3. Sundry income

	2023 £	2022 £
Rent receivable	18,800	4,800
Tuckshop trading profit	18,049	22,616
Other income	8,893	1,242
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	45,741	28,658

Notes (continued)

4. Trading income

The college owns 100% of the issued share capital of Ashville Trading Limited (company registration number 0261749) which provides sports centre facilities and lettings during holiday periods. The trading results extracted from its audited financial statements were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	670,512	545,257
Cost of sales	(342,714)	(278,199)
Other Income	-	-
Gross profit	327,798	267,058
Administrative expenses	(94,972)	(95,139)
Government Grants	-	-
Operating profit	232,826	173,361
Loss on disposal of tangible asset	-	-
Interest payable & similar charges	-	(1,443)
Net profit before taxation	232,826	171,919
Taxation charge	-	-
Retained profit for the financial year	232,826	171,919
Capital and reserves at year end	283,768	170,905

The aggregate of the assets, liabilities and funds was:

	2023 £	2022 £
Assets	351,735	241,287
Liabilities	(71,046)	(70,382)
Funds	283,768	170,905

A gift aid payment of £119,963 was made to Ashville College during the year.

5. Donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations				
Other	-	103,637	103,637	254,237
Prize Fund	-	300	300	
	-	103,937	103,937	254,237

Notes (continued)

6. Expenditure

	2023 £	2022 £
Charitable expenditure includes:		
Indemnity insurance for Governors	4,037	2,440
Operating lease expense in year	83,498	88,473
Governance costs includes:		
Auditor's remuneration		
Fees payable to the charity's auditor for the audit of the charity's financial statements	18,000	16,500
Staff costs of the college		
Wages and salaries	7,104,307	7,001,820
Social security costs	656,471	675,774
Apprentice levy	19,879	17,821
Pension contribution	863,869	1,082,036
Healthcare	-	2,873
	8,644,526	8,780,324
Key Management Personnel:		
	2023 £	2022 £
Aggregate salaries of key management personnel (inc. pension contributions)	740,921	610,900

Notes (continued)

6. Expenditure (continued)

The number of employees whose emoluments exceeded £60k was:

	Number		Pension contributions	
	2023	2022	2023 £	2022 £
£60,000 - £70,000	6	2	99,927	29,496
£70,000 - £80,000	1	1	4,000	18,470
£80,000 - £90,000	-	-	-	-
£90,000 - £100,000	-	-	-	-
£100,000 - £110,000	-	-	-	-
£110,000 - £120,000	-	-	-	-
£120,000 - £130,000	-	-	-	-
£130,000 - £140,000	-	-	-	-
£140,000 - £150,000	1	1	35,000	-
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Pension contributions are paid into a defined contribution occupational pension scheme.

Neither the Governors nor persons connected with them received any remuneration or other benefits from the College or any connected organisation, in the current or prior year, other than reimbursement of out of pocket expenses, which totalled £nil in the year (2022: £80).

Included in wages and salaries above are redundancy payments of £43,931 (2022: £200,006).

The average number of employees during the year was:

	Headcount	
	2023	2022
Teaching	174	171
Welfare	28	32
Premises	10	13
Support	42	35
Trading	40	37
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	294	288
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Notes (continued)

7. Analysis of total resources expended

	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation and amortisation	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating funds					
Trading expenditure	282,529	116,390	769	399,688	323,340
	282,529	116,390	769	399,688	323,340
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Teaching costs	6,342,069	483,730	-	6,825,799	7,233,957
Welfare	740,035	1,350,250	-	2,090,285	1,879,222
Premises	361,834	961,537	-	1,323,371	1,047,090
Support costs	1,200,588	996,962	-	2,197,551	1,961,108
Depreciation	-	-	689,444	689,444	763,053
	8,644,526	3,792,480	689,444	13,126,450	12,884,429
Governance costs	-	16,900	-	16,900	23,587
Finance and other costs	-	90,330	-	90,330	86,775
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Loss on disposal of tangible assets	-	61,952	-	61,952	-
	-	169,182	-	169,182	110,362
Total resources expended	8,927,055	4,078,052	690,213	13,695,320	13,318,131

Prior Year Comparative:

	Staff costs	Other	Depreciation and amortisation	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Costs of generating funds					
Trading expenditure	222,794	100,441	105	323,340	201,020
	222,794	100,441	105	323,340	201,020
Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects					
Teaching costs	6,807,551	426,406	-	7,233,957	6,837,004
Welfare	623,512	1,255,710	-	1,879,222	1,680,070
Premises	391,617	655,473	-	1,047,090	961,742
Support costs	957,644	1,003,464	-	1,961,108	1,581,071
Depreciation	-	-	763,053	763,053	780,587
	8,780,324	3,341,052	763,053	12,884,429	11,840,474
Governance costs	-	23,587	-	23,587	11,517
Finance and other costs	-	86,775	-	86,775	52,157
Donation	-	-	-	-	100,000
	-	110,362	-	110,362	163,674
Total resources expended	9,003,118	3,551,855	763,158	13,318,131	12,205,168

Notes (continued)

8. Corporation Taxation

The corporation taxation charge and year-end liability relates to the non-charitable trading activities of the trading subsidiary, Ashville Trading Ltd.

	2022 £	2022 £
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior years		
UK corporation tax	-	-
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The rate of current tax for the year, based on UK standard rate of corporation tax for small companies is 19% (2022: 19%). The actual tax charge for the current year and the previous year differs from the standard rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation.

	2023 £	2022 £
Profit on ordinary activities chargeable to corporation tax	232,826	171,919
Expected tax charge at 19% (2022: 19%)	44,237	32,664
Factors affecting the charge for the year:		
Depreciation in excess of Capital Allowances	(27)	(974)
Short term timing differences	-	-
Losses carried forward	-	(8,839)
Movement in pension provision	(22)	-
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Corporation Tax payable pre-gift aid donation	44,188	22,851
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Tax effect of Gift aid Distribution to be made	(44,188)	(22,851)
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Corporation Tax payable post-gift aid donation	-	-
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9. Intangible Fixed Assets

All intangible fixed assets are held in the trading subsidiary:

	Teaching Resources £
Cost	
At beginning of the year	7,000
Additions	-
At end of the year	7,000
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Amortisation	
At beginning of the year	7,000
Charge for the year	-
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At end of the year	7,000
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Net book value	
At 31 August 2023	-
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At 31 August 2022	-
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Notes (continued)

10. Tangible fixed assets

CONSOLIDATED	Asset under course of construction	Freehold land and buildings	Computer Equipment	Fixtures And Fittings	Plant And Machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation							
At beginning of year	25,334	26,669,885	2,487,810	2,146,892	642,842	59,650	32,032,413
Additions	2,726	4,113	347,587	61,140	46,747	-	462,313
Disposals	(15,567)	-	(195,452)	(6,242)	-	-	(217,261)
Transfer to other category	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	12,493	26,673,998	2,639,945	2,201,790	689,589	59,650	32,277,465
Depreciation							
At beginning of year	-	7,056,754	2,110,963	1,859,210	612,402	51,120	11,690,449
Charge for year	-	441,406	173,057	65,826	8,218	1,706	690,213
Disposals	-	-	(136,816)	(2,846)	-	-	(139,662)
Transfer to other category	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	7,498,160	2,147,204	1,922,190	620,620	52,826	12,241,000
Net book value							
At 31 August 2023	12,493	19,175,838	492,741	279,600	68,969	6,824	20,036,465
At 31 August 2022	25,334	19,613,131	376,846	287,682	30,440	8,530	20,341,963

Assets under construction include initial scoping for development of the Greenholme boarding house. All tangible fixed assets are used for direct charitable purposes with the exception of the assets within the trading subsidiary. These are analysed as follows:

Net book value at 31 August 2023

	Asset under course of construction	Freehold land and buildings	Computer Equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Plant And Machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Charitable purposes							
College	12,493	19,175,838	492,741	276,523	68,969	6,824	20,033,388
Other							
Trading	-	-	-	3,077	-	-	3,077
	12,493	19,175,838	492,741	279,600	68,969	6,824	20,036,465

All freehold land is included within Ashville College. No depreciation has been provided on freehold land, which has been included at a valuation of £4,367,144 (2022: £4,367,144).

Notes (continued)

10 Tangible fixed Assets (continued)

COLLEGE	Asset under course of construction	Freehold land and buildings £	Computer Equipment £	Fixtures And Fittings £	Plant And Machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation							
At beginning of year	25,334	26,669,885	2,486,005	2,125,042	642,842	59,650	32,008,758
Additions	2,726	4,113	347,587	61,140	46,747	-	462,313
Disposals	(15,567)	-	(195,452)	(6,242)	-	-	(217,261)
Transfer to other category	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	12,493	26,673,998	2,638,140	2,179,940	689,589	59,650	32,253,810
Depreciation							
At beginning of year	-	7,056,754	2,109,158	1,841,208	612,402	51,120	11,670,641
Charge for year	-	441,406	173,057	65,055	8,218	1,706	689,444
Disposals	-	-	(136,816)	(2,846)	-	-	(139,662)
Transfer to other category	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	7,498,160	2,145,399	1,903,417	620,620	52,826	12,220,422
Net book value							
At 31 August 2023	12,493	19,175,838	492,741	276,523	68,969	6,824	20,033,388
At 31 August 2022	25,334	19,613,132	376,846	283,834	30,440	8,530	20,338,118

The historical cost of revalued freehold land and buildings within College is:

	2023 £	2022
Historical cost	2,077,929	2,077,929
Accumulated depreciation	(877,911)	(836,353)
Historical cost net book value	1,200,018	1,241,576

The net carrying amount of assets held under finance leases at year end is £343,464 (2022: £161,212)

11. Investments

	Consolidated Total £	College Total £
Market value at 1 September 2022	-	10,000
Market value at 31 August 2023	-	10,000
Analysed as Investment in subsidiary	-	10,000
Total	-	10,000

Notes (continued)

12. Debtors

	Consolidated		College	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fee and trade debtors	84,371	106,602	17,864	20,766
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	-	28,174	27,200
Taxation and Social Security	14,376	24,740	14,376	24,740
Other debtors	86,307	105,605	86,180	104,607
Prepayments	164,018	149,071	164,018	149,071
	<u>349,072</u>	<u>386,018</u>	<u>310,613</u>	<u>326,383</u>

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Consolidated		College	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Other creditors due within 1 year comprise:				
Taxation and social security	182,601	195,215	164,421	176,617
Other creditors	365,016	313,920	352,237	302,798
Lease	80,797	27,329	80,797	27,329
Accruals	313,360	431,616	308,312	426,230
	<u>941,773</u>	<u>968,080</u>	<u>905,767</u>	<u>932,973</u>

14. Bank loans

In 2012/13 the Board approved a £1.2m loan facility with HSBC in order to part finance the refurbishment of the Soothill Hall. In 2014/15 in addition to the standard monthly payments, £400k of the principal was repaid, following the sale of one of the College's residential properties. The loan was initially for a term of ten years. On 9th October 2018 this loan was refinanced with Lloyds Bank and the HSBC loan was repaid in full. The HSBC loan was secured on two residential properties owned by the College; on 9th October HSBC released their charge over the properties and Lloyds were granted a new charge over the same two residential buildings. At the time of refinancing the loan balance was £320k.

In 2016/17 the Board approved a £2.0m loan facility with Lloyds Bank in order to finance part of the contract to refurbish the sports centre. The loan is repayable over 10 years from initial drawdown in March 2017. Interest on the loan is on a variable rate of 1.95% above the Lloyds Bank Base Rate until January 2019; at that point the loan converted to a fixed interest rate of 3.49% until the balance is fully repaid.

The following bank loan security is in place:

- An unlimited all monies guarantee from Ashville College Trustee Ltd.
- An all monies guarantee from Ashville Trading Ltd for a principal amount of £2m plus interest and other costs.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Repayable		
Within one year	273,217	261,872
Between one and two years	281,127	269,438
Between two and five years	462,568	738,718
In more than five years	-	-
	<u>1,016,912</u>	<u>1,270,028</u>

Notes (continued)

15. Payments received in advance

	Consolidated 2023 £	2022 £	College 2023 £	2022 £
Advance fees				
After 5 years	-	-	-	-
Within 2 to 5 years	247	34,584	247	34,584
Within 1 to 2 years	36,145	66,485	36,145	66,485
	<u>36,392</u>	<u>101,069</u>	<u>36,392</u>	<u>101,068</u>
Within 1 year				
Advance fees	66,035	96,579	66,035	96,579
Payments on account	2,128,639	2,383,388	2,128,639	2,383,388
Deposits	237,245	245,665	233,970	242,390
	<u>2,431,919</u>	<u>2,725,632</u>	<u>2,428,644</u>	<u>2,722,357</u>
	<u>2,468,311</u>	<u>2,826,700</u>	<u>2,465,036</u>	<u>2,823,425</u>

Payments received in advance includes fee deposits, payments on account in respect of the following term's fees and advance fees where parents enter into a contract to pay to the school several years' fees in advance. The money relating to advance fees may be returned subject to specific conditions on the receipt of one term's notice. The above assumes these pupils will remain in the school.

The payments received in advance balance represents the accrued liability under the contracts. The movements during the year were:

	£
Balance at 1 September 2022	2,823,425
Fees in advance for 2022/23	2,194,673
Fees in advance for after 2022/23	36,392
Movement on deposits	(8,420)
Amounts utilised in payment of fees	(2,581,036)
Balance at 31 August 2023	<u>2,465,036</u>

16. Undesignated funds

Consolidated	Revaluation reserve £	Retained surpluses account £	Total £
Balance at 1 September 2022	5,257,392	11,263,632	16,521,024
Surplus from statement of financial activities	-	127,689	127,689
Transfer between funds	(102,568)	102,568	-
Balance at 31 August 2023	<u>5,154,824</u>	<u>11,493,887</u>	<u>16,648,711</u>

Notes (continued)

16. Undesignated funds (continued)

College	Revaluation reserve	Retained surpluses account	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 September 2022	5,257,392	11,102,728	16,360,119
Surplus from statement of financial activities	-	26,825	26,825
Transferred from designated reserves	-	-	-
Transfer between funds	(102,567)	102,567	-
Balance at 31 August 2023	5,154,825	11,232,120	16,386,944

17. Other funds

Consolidated	Balance 31-Aug-22	Net incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer to/ from other reserve	Balance 31-Aug-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted income funds					
Prize Fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Annual Fund	25,318	-	(5,933)	-	19,385
Foundation	-	103,487	(103,487)	-	-
Other	1,000	450	-	-	1,450
	<u>31,318</u>	<u>103,937</u>	<u>(109,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,835</u>
Unrestricted income funds					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Homerton fund	9,269	-	-	-	9,269
Designated funds	<u>9,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,269</u>
Undesignated funds	<u>16,521,023</u>	<u>127,688</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,648,712</u>
Total funds	<u>16,561,610</u>	<u>231,626</u>	<u>(109,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,683,816</u>

Notes (continued)

17. Other funds (continued)

College	Balance 31-Aug-22	Net incoming resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer to/ from other reserve	Balance 31-Aug-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted income funds					
Prize Fund	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Annual Fund	25,318	-	(5,933)	-	19,385
Foundation	-	103,487	(103,487)	-	-
Other	1,000	450	-	-	1,450
	<u>31,318</u>	<u>103,937</u>	<u>(109,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,835</u>
Unrestricted income funds					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Homerton fund	9,269	-	-	-	9,269
	<u>9,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,269</u>
Designated funds					
	<u>9,269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,269</u>
Undesignated funds	16,360,119	26,825	-	-	16,386,944
	<u>16,360,119</u>	<u>26,825</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,386,944</u>
Total funds	16,400,706	130,762	(109,420)	-	16,422,048
	<u>16,400,706</u>	<u>130,762</u>	<u>(109,420)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,422,048</u>

The purposes of these funds are:

- The Prize Fund includes donations to the College to fund speech-day prizes;
- The Annual Fund is made up of numerous small donations received during the year from the Friends of Ashville and from alumni. The Annual Fund will fund the purchase of various items for use across the College; and
- The Homerton fund comprises a donation to the charity which has been set aside for the specific purpose of encouraging pupils to apply to Oxford or Cambridge Universities.
- Other – A donation of £450 was made towards an annual debating prize, solar outdoor lights and Old Ashvillian events.

Notes (continued)

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Consolidated

	Unrestricted funds <i>un-designated</i> £	Unrestricted funds <i>designated</i> £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Funds balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by				
Tangible fixed assets	20,036,465	-	-	20,036,465
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	1,629,086	9,269	25,835	1,664,190
Liabilities	(5,016,840)	-	-	(5,016,842)
Total net assets	16,648,711	9,269	25,835	16,683,813

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	Unrestricted funds <i>un-designated</i> £	Unrestricted funds <i>designated</i> £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Funds balances at 31 August 2023 are represented by				
Tangible fixed assets	20,033,388	-	-	20,033,388
Investments	10,000	-	-	10,000
Current assets	1,317,523	9,269	25,835	1,352,627
Liabilities	(4,973,967)	-	-	(4,973,967)
Total net assets	16,386,944	9,269	25,835	16,422,048

Prior Year Comparative:

Consolidated

	Unrestricted funds <i>un-designated</i> £	Unrestricted funds <i>designated</i> £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Funds balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by				
Tangible fixed assets	20,341,963	-	-	20,341,963
Intangible fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current assets	1,767,643	9,269	31,318	1,808,230
Liabilities	(5,588,584)	-	-	(5,588,584)
Total net assets	16,521,022	9,269	31,318	16,561,609

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	Unrestricted funds <i>un-designated</i> £	Unrestricted funds <i>designated</i> £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Funds balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by				
Tangible fixed assets	20,338,117	-	-	20,338,117
Investments	10,000	-	-	10,000
Current assets	1,557,402	9,269	31,318	1,597,989
Liabilities	(5,545,400)	-	-	(5,545,400)
Total net assets	16,360,119	9,269	31,318	16,400,706

Notes (continued)

19. Reconciliation of revenue surplus to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net incoming resources for the year	122,206	(609,839)
Interest received	(58)	(67)
Interest paid	47,666	50,028
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	690,213	763,158
(Profit) / Loss on disposal of fixed assets	61,952	634
(Increase) / Decrease in stock	702	(6,133)
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	37,471	(118,158)
Increase /(Decrease) in creditors	(608,776)	4,600
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>351,376</u>	<u>84,223</u>

20. Lease commitments

At the year end, the Charity had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases and finance leases which fall due as follows:

Operating Leases	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	80,317	70,379
Between one and five years	96,068	108,873
After five years	-	-
	<u>176,385</u>	<u>179,252</u>
Finance Leases	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	80,797	27,329
Between one and five years	270,744	5,928
After five years	-	-
	<u>351,541</u>	<u>33,257</u>

21. Financial Instruments

	2023 £	2022 £
Carrying amount of financial assets measured at amortised cost	<u>84,371</u>	<u>107,127</u>
Carrying amount of financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>1,438,602</u>	<u>1,930,764</u>

Notes (continued)

22. Pensions

The College fully exited the Teachers' Pension Scheme as at the 31st August 2022 and has now enrolled all teaching staff into MIST group defined contribution scheme administered by Legal and General insurers. This is expected to generate savings of more than £250k per annum on employer contributions based on the TPS current rate of 28.68%

23. Consolidated statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
<i>Income from charitable activities</i>					
Fees receivable	2	12,869,918	-	12,869,918	12,716,246
Less: Scholarships and bursaries	2	(738,320)	(251,527)	(989,847)	(913,649)
Net fees receivable		12,131,598	(251,527)	11,880,071	11,802,597
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>					
Trading income	4	545,258	-	545,258	313,756
Bank and other interest		67	-	67	441
Sundry income	3	28,658	-	28,658	123,889
Donations / Grants	5	1,710	252,527	254,237	38,322
Total incoming resources		12,707,292	1,000	12,708,292	12,279,005
Resources expended					
<i>Costs of generating funds</i>					
Trading expenditure	7	(323,235)	-	(323,235)	(200,371)
Depreciation	7	(105)	-	(105)	(649)
		(323,340)	-	(323,340)	(201,020)
<i>Charitable activities</i>					
Teaching costs		(7,233,957)	-	(7,233,957)	(6,837,004)
Welfare		(1,879,222)	-	(1,879,222)	(1,680,070)
Premises		(1,047,090)	-	(1,047,090)	(961,742)
Support costs		(1,961,108)	-	(1,961,108)	(1,581,071)
Depreciation		(763,053)	-	(763,053)	(780,587)
Finance and other costs		(86,775)	-	(86,775)	(52,157)
Governance costs		(23,587)	-	(23,587)	(11,517)
Grant		-	-	-	(100,000)
(Loss)/Profit on disposal of tangible a		-	-	-	(3,958)
Total resources expended	6/7	(13,318,131)	-	(13,318,131)	(12,209,126)
Net incoming resources		(610,839)	1,000	(609,839)	69,879
Net movement in funds		(610,839)	1,000	(609,839)	69,879
Transfer between reserves		-	-	-	-
Balances as at 1 September 2020		17,141,131	30,318	17,171,449	17,101,570
Balances carried forward at 31 August 2021		16,530,292	31,318	16,561,610	17,171,449

Notes *(continued)*

24. Related party transactions

At the end of the year the College was owed £28,174 (2022: £27,200) from Ashville Trading Ltd

In the year the College spent £1,014 with William G Search (2022: £1,690), a company of which one of the Governors is a director.

Governors' expenses in the year were £nil (2022: £nil).

The College received £103,487 (2022: £251,527) from The Ashville Foundation; this was used to fund bursaries for current pupils.

The balance with Ashville Foundation at the year-end was £nil (2022: £8,341), included in other creditors.

25. Registered Address

The registered address of the Charity and Ashville College Trustee Limited is Ashville College, Green Lane, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 9JP. Ashville College Trustee Limited is registered in England and Wales with the company number 4552232.

