

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

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<b>Members</b>	K Bawn S Sanger-Anderson L Stephan Georgina Stroud D Evans
<b>Trustees</b>	K Bawn, Principal <sup>1,2</sup> L Stephan <sup>2,3</sup> G Stroud, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016) <sup>2,3</sup> P Colin, Staff Trustee (resigned 31 July 2017) <sup>1,2</sup> S Sanger-Anderson, Chair (until 26 September 2016) <sup>1,4</sup> D Evans, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016) <sup>2,4</sup> M Prance, Staff Trustee (resigned 2 December 2016, appointed 20 March 2017) <sup>2</sup> T Grieve (resigned 3 February 2017) <sup>1,2</sup> B Brook <sup>1,3</sup> C Winlove <sup>2</sup> D Ruscoe C Johnson <sup>1</sup> M Davies <sup>1</sup> T White (appointed 20 March 2017)
	1 Finance and Premises 2 Curriculum, Learning and Teaching 3 Pay 4 Appeals Committee
<b>Company registered number</b>	07564519
<b>Company name</b>	Clyst Vale Academy Trust
<b>Principal and Registered office</b>	Station Road Broadclyst Exeter Devon EX5 3AJ
<b>Company secretary</b>	Deborah Custance Baker
<b>Accounting Officer</b>	Dr K Bawn
<b>Senior leadership team</b>	K Bawn, Principal A Green, Vice Principal - Curriculum C Dormand, Deputy Principal - Teaching D Walters, Deputy Principal - Teaching P Colin, Deputy Principal - Timetable, STEM P Sutton, Deputy Principal - Intervention A Hopkins, College Manager
<b>Independent auditors</b>	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter EX1 3QS

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**Advisers (continued)**

<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank High Street Exeter Devon
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 11 to 18 in East Devon. It has a pupil capacity of 1,121 and had a roll of 862 in the school census on 3 July 2017.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Constitution**

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy.

The Trustees of Clyst Vale Academy Trust are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on pages 1 to 2.

**Members' Liability**

Each member of the Charitable Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

**Trustees' Indemnities**

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £10,000 and this cover is provided by RPA.

**TRUSTEES**

**Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees**

The Academy's Board of Trustees comprises the Principal who is treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Governor, a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 Parent Trustees, up to 4 Staff Trustees (providing that the total number of Trustees, including the Principal, who are employees of the Academy Trust, does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees) 4 Member Appointed and 3 Co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development.

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**Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees**

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. As there are normally only two or three new Trustees a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority and other bodies.

There is a Trustees' away day organised each year which includes training sessions to keep the Trustees updated on relevant developments impacting on their roles and responsibilities.

**Organisational Structure**

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

In 2016/17 there were committees as follows;

- Finance and Premises Committee - this meets at least four times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, receiving reports from the Responsible Officer/internal audit and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels. This committee also considers Premises and Health & Safety matters on a regular basis. In 2016/17 the Audit Committee role was amalgamated so it will also incorporate the role of an audit committee.
- Curriculum Committee - this meets once a term to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues.
- Pay Committee. This meets once a year to consider/confirm recommendations for pay progression with regard to performance management and other pay matters which may be appropriate.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the Headteacher and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the Annual Development Plan and budget.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academy to the Principal and Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT comprises the Principal, Vice Principal, 4 Deputy Principals and the College Manager. The SLT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance.

The Principal, and College Manager are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Scheme of Delegation. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The Headteacher is responsible for the appointment of staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts always include a Governor.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer.

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**Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the senior leadership team comprise the key management personnel of the Academy in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of key management personnel is based on STPCD and JNC nationally negotiated salaries and reviewed annually.

The Trustees benchmark against pay levels in other Academies of a similar size.

**Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships**

Clyst Vale Academy has use of the Broadclyst Sports Hall leisure facilities and there is a shared use agreement between it and the Academy.

The Academy has strong collaborative links with 7 feeder primary schools which form part of the Clyst Vale Local Learning Community.

Clyst Vale belongs to the Jurassic Coast Teaching School Alliance, Clyst Vale is also in partnership with Ndururumo High School, Nyahururu, Kenya.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objects and Aims**

The principal object and activity of the Academy is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school, offering a broad range of curriculum for pupils of different abilities.

The principal object and activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of Clyst Vale Academy Trust to provide free education and care for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 18.

The aims of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2017 are summarised below:

- to continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils.
- to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra curricular activities.
- to develop students as more effective learners.
- to ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care.
- to improve the effectiveness of the Academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review.
- to provide value for money for the funds expended.
- to develop greater coherence, clarity and effectiveness in school systems.
- to comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements.
- to maintain close links with industry and commerce.
- to develop the Academy's capacity to manage change, and
- to conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.

At Clyst Vale Community College (Academy Trust) we aim to achieve the best for, and from, each child. We intend to enable each child to realise his or her full academic, creative and physical potential and to develop positive social and moral values. Our Academy is a community in which children, staff and parents should be part of a happy and caring environment.

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**Objectives, Strategies and Activities**

Key priorities for the year are contained in our College Improvement Plan which is available from the College website.

Improvement focuses identified for this year include:-

Improving Student Achievement

All subjects: Close gaps between disadvantaged students and others

All subjects: Improve outcomes for more able students

All subjects: Improve outcomes for boys.

All subjects: Improve outcomes for students categorised as SEN Support.

Sixth Form: All subjects: Focus on A2 progress.

Implementation of new system for tracking and monitoring

Improving Impact of Teaching and Learning

Develop Quality First Teaching and differentiation for all.

Improve feedback to students, quality of marking and marking for literacy.

Improve accuracy of assessment, especially in Years 7 – 9.

Improving Leadership

Improve monitoring/evaluating and focus on outcomes

SLT: more targeted analysis, monitoring and support.

Embedding a safeguarding culture.

Improving Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Improve Behaviour for Learning, including implementation of revised policy

Improve approaches to address the challenging minority of students

Improving Governance

Revisit vision and strategic direction

Continue exploration and engagement with MATs and local partnerships

Sustain Sixth Form provision

Support a reduced SLT

Explore additional funding streams

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

The Academy aims to advance for the public benefit, education in our designated catchment area and where appropriate beyond. The Academy Trust provides for recreational and other leisure time occupation for the community at large in the interests of social welfare and with the interest of improving the life of the said community. The Academy Trust supports a dual use Library and has a good working relationship with the shared use Sports Hall. Clyst Vale is committed to the success of the Broadclyst Traffic Group, as it impacts on students' safety.

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievements and Performance**

The Academy is in its seventh year of operation. The total number of students in the year as at the end of the summer term 2017 was 862. The Academy Trust currently admits up to 156 students each year although capacity is higher and for 2017-18 the Planned Admission Number has been restored to 182.

Examination results for 2017 represented improvement on 2016, especially at GCSE, although not as strong as in recent record years of 2014 and 2015.

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At GCSE, 70% of students achieved a standard pass in both English and Maths;  
The Attainment 8 Measure was 49.1;  
20% of students achieved a standard pass in the English Baccalaureate suite of subjects;  
The overall Progress 8 Measure was -0.13, well above the floor target;  
5 students achieved ten or more A\*-A grades (or 9-1 equivalents);  
20% of students achieved five or more A grades (or 7+);  
22% of all grades achieved were A\*-A or 7-9;  
70% of all grades achieved were a standard pass, C grade or better;  
All students left with at least one GCSE qualification.

A-Level results were broadly in line with expectations; the cohort achieved much better than expected at GCSE in 2015, which affected progress to A2 outcomes.  
38 % of grades achieved were at A\* - B, and the overall pass rate was 99.3%.  
The value-added score for A-levels was -0.49, which is a little below national outcomes;  
The value-added score for applied Level 3 qualifications (BTec) was +0.37, which is above national outcomes.

To ensure that standards are continually raised the Academy Trust operates a programme of self-evaluation including data monitoring, tracking and analysis; observation of lessons; reports from external visitors, for example the school Improvement Partner and subject reviews, which in turn include scrutiny of students' work and student interviews.

Continuing professional development for all staff has been very successful with a strong and narrower focus on teaching and learning.

The Academy prides itself on promoting citizenship and important human qualities of empathy and compassion. During the year the Academy's charity fundraising activities raised £1,361.52.  
All funds have been transferred to the relevant charities.

The Academy continues to be a member of the Jurassic Coast Teaching Schools' Alliance. The alliance is continuing to work on mutual staff development, with the primary aim of driving up standards. As noted above, Clyst Vale Governors are actively pursuing opportunities and engaging with local schools, both primary and secondary, to explore and develop a Multi-Academy Trust model.

**Key Performance Indicators**

The biggest determinant of income is pupil numbers, although the nature of local demographics means a 'target' is impossible to set. After a decline, pupil numbers in years 7-11 are recovering, although Post-16 numbers have declined although stabilised. Numbers are as follows:

	<b>2016/17 (Jan 17 Census)</b>	<b>2015/16 (Jan 16 Census)</b>	<b>2014/15 (Jan 15 Census)</b>
Student Numbers: Years 7-11	758	754	790
Student Numbers: Sixth Form	108	160	173
No. FSM Students	175	189	99

Headline Performance Measures were as follows. Statistically, due to changes in national accountability measures, year-on-year comparisons are only indicative.

	<b>2016/17 Actual</b>	<b>2015/16 Actual</b>
Attainment 8	49.1	50.72
Progress 8	-0.13	-0.14
% of Students with strong pass (G5+) in English & Maths	47	66
% Achieving EBacc	20	18

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**Going Concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Going concern policy.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial Review**

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the EFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2017 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE which are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the Fixed Asset Fund. The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned, as defined in the Academy's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2017, the Academy received total income of £4,911,841 and incurred total expenditure of £5,006,084 (excluding depreciation and pension charges), giving an operating deficit for the year of £94,243. Trustees took decisive action during the year to improve operating efficiencies and align the school's staffing structure with the school's roll to ensure that the Trust's finances are in a robust position to meet the challenges of the current educational funding environment. Without the restructuring costs, the Trust was in a breakeven position for the year.

At 31 August 2017 the net book value of fixed assets was £12,306,980 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The land, buildings and other assets were transferred to the Academy upon conversion. Land and buildings were professionally valued on 1st April 2011 at £10,934,500. Other assets have been included in the financial statements at a best estimate, taking into account purchase price and remaining useful lives.

The Academy has taken on the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff transferred on conversion. The deficit is incorporated within the Statement of Financial Activity with details in Note 21 to the financial statements.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Head Teacher, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and updated included Charges and Lettings, Asset Management and Insurance.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be a maximum of 5% of the General Annual Grant (GAG) which represents just over 50% of our current average monthly outgoings, with a minimum level of around 2% of GAG. The level of reserves held is monitored closely by the College Manager to ensure they are sufficient for the needs of the Academy and corrective action is taken where necessary. These are identified on the monthly budget monitors and the 3 year forecasts which are presented at Finance and Premises Committee. These reserves are taken into account when any budget planning or forecasts are produced.

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The level of free reserves as at 31 August 2017 were £112,899 which is 2.6% of GAG

The defined benefit pension scheme has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Academy Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Academy Trust's budgeted annual income. Whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the funds, nor any direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy Trust.

**Investment Policy**

Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. All funds surplus to immediate requirements are invested to optimal effect, taking into account the period available, current interest rates and associated risks.

**Principal Risks And Uncertainties**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

Financial - the Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the EFA. In the last year 98% of the Academy's incoming resources were ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

Failures in governance and/or management – the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Demographic and Strategic – The combination of increased freedoms with respect to new schools, free schools, and UTCs with the uncertain rate of demographic growth in the local area exposes the Academy to financial and comparative reputational risk, should student numbers fall. To mitigate risk, Trustees strive to secure the latest information available and adopt the strategies indicated above.

Safeguarding and child protection - the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing - the success of the Academy is reliant upon the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning. With regard to staff consultation, the Governing Body is committed to ensuring that staff of the Academy Trust are consulted at all times on fundamental issues impacting on their employment and conditions of service.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds - The Academy has appointed a Responsible Officer/internal audit to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Academy has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

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The Academy has agreed a Risk Management Strategy, a Risk Register and a Risk Management Plan. These have been discussed by Trustees and include the financial risks to the Academy. The register and plan are regularly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover wherever possible.

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term. They review performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Board and Finance Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Academy had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors that would have a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit pension scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in Note 21 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However as the Trustees consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The Academy will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Academy will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives.

The Academy will continue to work with partner schools to improve the educational opportunities for students in the wider community.

The Academy is actively pursuing opportunities and engaging with local schools, both primary and secondary, to explore and develop a Multi-Academy Trust model.

**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS**

The Academy and its Trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other Charity.

**AUDITORS**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as company directors, on 14 December 2017 and signed on the board's behalf by:

**G Stroud**  
Co-Chair of Trustees

**D G Evans**  
Co-Chair of Trustees

## **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

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### **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Clyst Vale Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

### **GOVERNANCE**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 7 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
K Bawn, Principal	7	7
L Stephan, Chair	4	7
G Stroud, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016)	7	7
P Colin	7	7
S Sanger-Anderson, Chair (until 26 September 2016)	7	7
D Evans, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016)	7	7
M Prance, Staff Trustee (resigned 2 December 2016, appointed 20 March 2017)	2	4
T Grieve	3	3
B Brook	6	7
C Winlove	6	7
D Ruscoe	6	7
C Johnson	7	7
M Davies	4	7
T White	0	0

During the year Melanie Prance was reappointed as Staff Governor, and Tina White was elected as a new Parent Governor.

Co-Chairs of the Board (Gina Stroud and Greg Evans) were elected for the year 2016/17.

Clyst Vale Academy Trust is fortunate to have a dedicated number of Governors who are fully involved in the Governance of the College. Membership of the Board during 2016/2017 has been more stable than previous years though some parent vacancies are still unfilled. The Board is actively recruiting for new Governors with appropriate skillsets, particularly in financial skills. The Governing Body keeps its skillset under review. The Board continues to run a series of informal workshops to explore topics in depth and work on key issues as they arise.

The Audit Committee function was moved into the Finance & Premises Committee.

Discussions continued regarding MATs, identifying suitable/viable partners.

### **Governance Review**

The effectiveness of governance has been kept under constant review through the meeting cycle and Governor Workshops.

Care is taken to ensure that new Governors are fully trained and hold the required skillset in order to fulfil their

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role. The required skillsets are made clear when recruiting for vacancies, particular skillsets currently sought relate to finance and marketing skills. The Governing Body keeps its skillset under review, including conducting formal self-assessment. A Governance 'Action Plan' is in development following the latest skills audit.

REPORT: A Skills Audit and Self Evaluation of Governors is currently underway (October 2017) and will be reported on fully in the 2017-18 report.

The Board has maintained a Governor Link Programme, matching actions to the priorities outlined in the College Improvement/Strategic Plan, and seeks to develop this further.

Discussions on MATs have moved forward. Meetings are taking place with interested parties.

The Finance and Premises Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to ensure that the resources of the College are used to ensure the best provision for its students and to monitor, evaluate and review policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, reviewing and making recommendations to the Full Board of Trustees on the annual budget including setting staffing levels. The Committee operates in accordance with the Academies Financial Handbook to maintain effective deployment of College finances and resources. This committee also considers premises, health and safety matters on a regular basis.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
K Bawn	4	4
S Sanger-Anderson	2	4
M Davies	3	4
B Brook	4	4
C Johnson	4	4

The responsibility of the Audit Committee has been brought into the Finance and Premises Committee.

**REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY**

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Robust financial governance and budget management.
- Value for money purchasing.
- Reviewing controls and managing risk.
- Considering allocation/targeting/use of resources.
- Making comparisons with similar Academies using data provided by the EFA and the Government.
- Challenging proposals and examining their effectiveness and efficiency.
- Deploying staff effectively.
- Reviewing quality of curriculum provision and quality of teaching.
- Reviewing quality of children's learning to enable children to achieve nationally expected progress.
- Outlining procedures for accepting best value quotes, noting that this is not necessarily the cheapest quote.

The Trust consistently strives to achieve the best value for money, in all financial aspects of our activities. There are numerous specific examples which make up a much bigger picture. Examples of procurement efficiencies achieved this year include, Payroll has been brought in-house, delivering a saving of £8,000. During 2016-17 our catering was re-tendered to achieve better value for money; a new caterer has been appointed for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)**

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The appointment of a new Facilities Manager in 2016-17 has brought about many small procurement savings on cleaning materials, services and items such as toilet paper which are estimated at £5,000 p.a..

**THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Clyst Vale Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

**CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

**THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK**

The Academy Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance and Premises Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Griffin Chartered Accountants as internal auditor for 2016/17.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchase systems
- Testing of control account/bank account reconciliations

After each visit the reviewer reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Finance & Premises Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The audit function of the Finance and Premises Committee is primarily to provide assurance over the suitability of, and compliance with, the Academy's financial systems and operational controls, ensuring risks are being adequately identified and managed. To assist with this function it has engaged the services of Griffin Chartered Accountants which undertakes an agreed programme of checks on the internal systems and controls on their behalf. Findings are reported to and discussed with the Finance & Premises Committee, via the nominated Responsible Officer, who take appropriate action as necessary, as defined in the Terms of Reference. The Responsible Officer reports annually to the Board of Trustees' on the operation of the systems of control.

**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)**

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During the year ending 31 August 2017 the College worked closely with Griffin Chartered Accountants on financial matters and performed a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems and controls. The Accounting Officer and College Manager were responsible for overcoming any weaknesses identified. The Responsible Officer until January 2017 was Mrs T Grieve, and thereafter Mr S. Sanger-Anderson.

An agreed programme of 3 formal reviews was planned and carried out by the Finance and Premises Committee in conjunction with Griffin Chartered Accountants during the period. This covered in detail, an analysis of purchases, payroll procedures & systems, governance, contracts & leasing agreements, and risk management. The findings were analysed by the Finance and Premises Committee and recommendations agreed. These findings and recommendations were submitted by the Responsible Officer to the relevant committee to action as deemed appropriate.

A summary annual report was sent to the Full Governing Body detailing the scope of the reviews, findings, recommendations and action to date. The overall opinion is that the system of internal controls are good, only minor weaknesses were identified and resolved, therefore reasonable assurance can be provided. There were no material issues which arose during the reviews.

**REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS**

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 14 December 2017 and signed on their behalf, by:

**G Stroud**  
Trustee (Co-Chair)

**Dr Kevin Bawn**  
Accounting Officer

**D Evans**  
Trustee (Co-Chair)

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**STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE**

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As Accounting Officer of Clyst Vale Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.

**Dr K Bawn**  
**Accounting Officer**

Date: 14 December 2017

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

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The Trustees (who act as governors of Clyst Vale Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the Charitable Company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

**G Stroud**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

**Date: 14 December 2017**

**D Evans**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

**Date: 14 December 2017**

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**

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**OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Clyst Vale Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

This report is made solely to the Academy's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

**BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Academy Trust ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**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 Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**

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doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

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

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

**MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the 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 Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF CLYST  
VALE ACADEMY TRUST**

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**AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). The description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Tim Borton FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of  
**Bishop Fleming LLP**  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
2nd Floor Stratus House  
Emperor Way  
Exeter Business Park  
Exeter  
EX1 3QS  
Date:

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST  
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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 August 2013 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Clyst Vale Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Clyst Vale Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 28 March 2011, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2016, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

**APPROACH**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the Academy's income and expenditure.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the Academy Trust complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO CLYST VALE  
ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (continued)**

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**CONCLUSION**

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Tim Borton FCA DChA (Reporting Accountant)

**Bishop Fleming LLP**  
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Date:

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	2	2,645	45,229	-	47,874	24,314
Charitable activities	3	19,207	4,771,859	-	4,791,066	5,033,384
Other trading activities	4	72,504	-	-	72,504	77,140
Investments	5	397	-	-	397	728
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>94,753</b>	<b>4,817,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,911,841</b>	<b>5,135,566</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Raising funds		64,826	-	-	64,826	74,980
Charitable activities		87,093	5,128,165	297,015	5,512,273	5,377,193
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	6	<b>151,919</b>	<b>5,128,165</b>	<b>297,015</b>	<b>5,577,099</b>	<b>5,452,173</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>						
Transfers between Funds	17	(57,166)	(311,077)	(297,015)	(665,258)	(316,607)
		-	(49,466)	49,466	-	-
<b>NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>						
		(57,166)	(360,543)	(247,549)	(665,258)	(316,607)
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	704,000	-	704,000	(1,448,000)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(57,166)</b>	<b>343,457</b>	<b>(247,549)</b>	<b>38,742</b>	<b>(1,764,607)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		170,065	(3,523,457)	12,554,706	9,201,314	10,965,921
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>112,899</b>	<b>(3,180,000)</b>	<b>12,307,157</b>	<b>9,240,056</b>	<b>9,201,314</b>

The notes on pages 25 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13		<b>12,306,980</b>		12,554,529
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	<b>191,598</b>		92,220	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>240,274</b>		430,232	
			<b>431,872</b>	522,452	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	15	<b>(318,796)</b>		(265,667)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>113,076</b>		256,785
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>12,420,056</b>		12,811,314
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	21		<b>(3,180,000)</b>		(3,610,000)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>9,240,056</b>		9,201,314
<b>FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST</b>					
Restricted funds:					
General funds	17	-		86,543	
Fixed asset funds	17	<b>12,307,157</b>		12,554,706	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		<b>12,307,157</b>		12,641,249	
Pension reserve		<b>(3,180,000)</b>		(3,610,000)	
Total restricted funds			<b>9,127,157</b>		9,031,249
Unrestricted funds	17		<b>112,899</b>		170,065
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<b>9,240,056</b>		9,201,314

The financial statements on pages 22 to 45 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 14 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:

**G Stroud**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

**D Evans**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

The notes on pages 25 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	<u>(161,252)</u>	<u>(280,720)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received		397	728
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(49,466)	(93,403)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		<u>20,363</u>	<u>21,139</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(28,706)</u>	<u>(71,536)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>430,232</u>	<u>782,488</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	20	<u><u>240,274</u></u>	<u><u>430,232</u></u>

The notes on pages 25 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Clyst Vale Academy Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 GOING CONCERN**

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.3 INCOME**

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be reliably measured.

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

**1.4 EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations, including support costs and those costs relating to the governance of the Academy apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

On conversion the academy trust was granted a 125 year lease from the Local Authority for the land and buildings previously occupied by the local authority school. On conversion the long term leasehold property was recognised as a donation from the Local Authority and was valued using the depreciated replacement cost method.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long term leasehold land	-	Over the length of the lease
Long term leasehold buildings	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% straight line
Computer equipment	-	20% straight line

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

**1.6 DEBTORS**

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

**1.7 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

**1.8 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS**

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Academy anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Academy only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy and their measurement basis are as follows:

*Financial assets* - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

*Financial liabilities* - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised costs as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instruments.

**1.10 TAXATION**

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.11 PENSIONS**

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

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

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to net income / expenditure are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of financial activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

**1.12 FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder and include grants from the Department for Education.

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.13 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT**

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgment:

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease required an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

**1.14 OPERATING LEASES**

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**1.15 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Academy Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Academy Trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy Trust can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The funds received, paid and any balances held at period end are disclosed in note 26.

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**2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Donations	2,645	24,866	-	27,511	3,175
Capital Grants	-	20,363	-	20,363	21,139
	<u>2,645</u>	<u>45,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,874</u>	<u>24,314</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>21,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,314</u>	

**3. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General Annual Grant	-	4,416,339	4,416,339	4,606,064
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	220,183	220,183	194,460
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,636,522</u>	<u>4,636,522</u>	<u>4,800,524</u>
<b>Other Government grants</b>				
High Needs	-	135,337	135,337	161,490
	<u>-</u>	<u>135,337</u>	<u>135,337</u>	<u>161,490</u>
<b>Other funding</b>				
Sales to students	9,103	-	9,103	8,528
Other	10,104	-	10,104	62,842
	<u>19,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,207</u>	<u>71,370</u>
	<u>19,207</u>	<u>4,771,859</u>	<u>4,791,066</u>	<u>5,033,384</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>71,370</u>	<u>4,962,014</u>	<u>5,033,384</u>	

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Lettings	3,826	-	3,826	5,144
Trip Income	68,678	-	68,678	71,996
	<u>72,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,504</u>	<u>77,140</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>77,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,140</u>	

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Bank interest	397	-	397	728
	<u>728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>728</u>	
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>728</u>	

**6. EXPENDITURE**

	Staff costs 2017 £	Premises 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading	-	-	64,826	64,826	74,980
Education:					
Direct costs	3,661,845	196,751	363,525	4,222,121	4,078,026
Support costs	749,298	284,388	256,466	1,290,152	1,299,167
	<u>4,411,143</u>	<u>481,139</u>	<u>684,817</u>	<u>5,577,099</u>	<u>5,452,173</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>4,247,814</u>	<u>468,893</u>	<u>735,466</u>	<u>5,452,173</u>	

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**7. DIRECT COSTS**

	<b>Total 2017 £</b>	<b>Total 2016 £</b>
Pension finance costs	<b>80,000</b>	79,000
Educational supplies	<b>87,428</b>	77,839
Examination fees	<b>68,246</b>	93,607
Staff development	<b>18,750</b>	18,139
Other costs	<b>61,672</b>	43,521
Supply teachers	<b>4,924</b>	3,242
Wages and salaries	<b>2,780,111</b>	2,755,430
National insurance	<b>266,712</b>	241,886
Pension cost	<b>610,098</b>	515,854
Depreciation	<b>244,180</b>	249,508
	<b>4,222,121</b>	<b>4,078,026</b>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<i>4,078,026</i>	

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Total 2017 £</b>	<b>Total 2016 £</b>
Bad debts	-	6
Recruitment and support	<b>11,635</b>	22,981
Maintenance of premises and equipment	<b>108,358</b>	97,808
Cleaning	<b>7,636</b>	7,352
Rent and rates	<b>66,899</b>	74,260
Energy costs	<b>58,933</b>	59,280
Insurance	<b>18,700</b>	25,225
Security and transport	<b>11,045</b>	11,596
Catering	<b>37,769</b>	35,549
Office overheads	<b>57,669</b>	66,871
Legal and professional	<b>89,460</b>	94,276
Bank interest and charges	<b>216</b>	177
Governance	<b>19,699</b>	19,383
Wages and salaries	<b>598,470</b>	589,944
National insurance	<b>42,363</b>	36,097
Pension cost	<b>108,465</b>	105,361
Depreciation	<b>52,835</b>	53,001
	<b>1,290,152</b>	<b>1,299,167</b>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<i>1,299,167</i>	

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**9. NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE PERIOD**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the Academy Trust	<b>297,015</b>	302,509
Auditors' remuneration - audit	<b>6,650</b>	6,650
Auditors' remuneration - other services	<b>2,750</b>	2,900
Operating lease rentals	<b>25,307</b>	14,965
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**10. STAFF COSTS**

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	3,213,746	3,345,374
Social security costs	309,075	277,983
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	718,563	621,215
	<u>4,241,384</u>	<u>4,244,572</u>
Supply teacher costs	4,924	3,242
Staff restructuring costs	164,835	-
	<u><u>4,411,143</u></u>	<u><u>4,247,814</u></u>

The average number of persons employed by the Academy during the year was as follows:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	67	73
Administration and support	58	58
Management	7	7
	<u>132</u>	<u>138</u>

Average headcount expressed as a full time equivalent:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	52	56
Administration and support	37	37
Management	7	7
	<u>96</u>	<u>100</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer's National Insurance contributions and employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	1

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for the role as Trustees) and the Senior Leadership Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £547,999 (2016: £536,738).

As staff trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a trustee, where staff trustees do not form part of the key management personnel other than in their role as trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 11 has not been included in the total benefits received by key management personnel above.

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**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2016: £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2017, expenses totalling £271 (2016: £521) were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2016: 1).

The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Academy Trust in respect of their roles as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: Kevin Bawn: Remuneration £80,000 - £85,000 (2016: £80,000 - £85,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2016: £10,000 - £15,000); Paul Colin: Remuneration £55,000 - £60,000 (2016: £55,000 - £60,000), Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000), Contractual redundancy pay £60,000 - £65,000; Melanie Prance: Remuneration £40,000 - £45,000 (2016: £40,000 - £45,000), Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 25.

**12. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE**

The Academy Trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2016	13,465,861	347,783	420,213	14,233,857
Additions	4,152	18,858	26,456	49,466
At 31 August 2017	<u>13,470,013</u>	<u>366,641</u>	<u>446,669</u>	<u>14,283,323</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2016	1,119,520	182,007	377,801	1,679,328
Charge for the year	239,324	30,728	26,963	297,015
At 31 August 2017	<u>1,358,844</u>	<u>212,735</u>	<u>404,764</u>	<u>1,976,343</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2017	<u>12,111,169</u>	<u>153,906</u>	<u>41,905</u>	<u>12,306,980</u>
At 31 August 2016	<u>12,346,341</u>	<u>165,776</u>	<u>42,412</u>	<u>12,554,529</u>

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**14. DEBTORS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	85,909	11,590
VAT recoverable	34,271	28,145
Other debtors	28,781	2,475
Prepayments and accrued income	42,637	50,010
	<u>191,598</u>	<u>92,220</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	73,731	8,796
Other taxation and social security	103,665	81,041
Other creditors	69,668	71,713
Accruals and deferred income	71,732	104,117
	<u>318,796</u>	<u>265,667</u>

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>DEFERRED INCOME</b>		
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	79,026	46,638
Resources deferred during the year	28,967	79,026
Amounts released from previous years	(79,026)	(46,638)
	<u>28,967</u>	<u>79,026</u>

At the balance sheet date the school had deferred income in relation to trips and reimbursement of rates expenditure for the 2017/18 year.

**16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	<u>389,477</u>	<u>472,109</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>(120,210)</u>	<u>(35,448)</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, trade debtors, other debtors & accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors & accrued expenditure.

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**17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried forward £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Funds	170,065	94,753	(151,919)	-	-	112,899
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	86,543	4,416,339	(4,470,096)	(32,786)	-	-
High Needs	-	135,337	(135,337)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	203,392	(203,392)	-	-	-
Devolved Formula Capital	-	20,363	(20,363)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	16,791	(16,791)	-	-	-
Donations	-	24,866	(8,186)	(16,680)	-	-
Pension reserve	(3,610,000)	-	(274,000)	-	704,000	(3,180,000)
	<u>(3,523,457)</u>	<u>4,817,088</u>	<u>(5,128,165)</u>	<u>(49,466)</u>	<u>704,000</u>	<u>(3,180,000)</u>
<b>RESTRCITED FIXED ASSET FUNDS</b>						
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	9,947,599	-	(198,459)	-	-	9,749,140
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	102,236	-	(35,578)	32,786	-	99,444
DfE/EFA capital grants	2,504,871	-	(61,310)	-	-	2,443,561
Donations	-	-	(1,668)	16,680	-	15,012
	<u>12,554,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(297,015)</u>	<u>49,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,307,157</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>9,031,249</u>	<u>4,817,088</u>	<u>(5,425,180)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704,000</u>	<u>9,127,157</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>9,201,314</u></u>	<u><u>4,911,841</u></u>	<u><u>(5,577,099)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>704,000</u></u>	<u><u>9,240,056</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried forward £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Funds	115,141	152,413	(97,489)	-	-	170,065
	<u>115,141</u>	<u>152,413</u>	<u>(97,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,065</u>

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**17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

General Annual Grant (GAG)	740	4,606,064	(4,518,299)	(1,962)	-	86,543
High Needs	-	161,490	(161,490)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	177,285	(177,285)	-	-	-
Devolved Formula Capital	-	21,139	(28,926)	7,787	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	17,175	(17,175)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,013,000)	-	(149,000)	-	(1,448,000)	(3,610,000)
	<u>(2,012,260)</u>	<u>4,983,153</u>	<u>(5,052,175)</u>	<u>5,825</u>	<u>(1,448,000)</u>	<u>(3,523,457)</u>

**RESTRCITED FIXED ASSET FUNDS**

Fixed assets transferred on conversion	10,152,142	-	(204,543)	-	-	9,947,599
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	137,559	-	(37,285)	1,962	-	102,236
DfE/ESFA capital grants	2,573,339	-	(60,681)	(7,787)	-	2,504,871
	<u>12,863,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(302,509)</u>	<u>(5,825)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,554,706</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>10,850,780</u>	<u>4,983,153</u>	<u>(5,354,684)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,448,000)</u>	<u>9,031,249</u>
Total of funds	<u>10,965,921</u>	<u>5,135,566</u>	<u>(5,452,173)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,448,000)</u>	<u>9,201,314</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

**Restricted Funds**

General Annual Grant - Income from the ESFA which is to be use for the normal running costs of the Academy Trust, including education and support costs. During the year £32,786 (2016: £1,962) was transferred to the restricted fixed asset fund to represent fixed assets purchased from GAG.

High Needs - Funding received by the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Pupil Premium - Income from the ESFA which is to be used to address the current inequalities by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Devolved formula capital - This represents funding from the ESFA to cover the maintenance and purchase of the Acadmy's assets.

Pension reserve – This represents the Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy Trust. The Academy Trust is following the recommendations of the actuary to reduce the deficit by making additional contributions over a number of years.

**Fixed Asset Funds**

Fixed assets transferred on conversion – This represent the buildings and equipment donated to the school from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy Trust.

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**17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

Fixed assets purchased from GAG - This represents fixed assets which were purchased from GAG funding. The balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets.

Capital Grants – These funds were received for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Donations - This represents fixed assets which were purchased from other restricted funds. The balance at the year end represents the NBV of these assets.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2017.

**18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	12,306,980	12,306,980
Current assets	112,899	318,796	177	431,872
Creditors due within one year	-	(318,796)	-	(318,796)
Pension scheme liability	-	(3,180,000)	-	(3,180,000)
	<u>112,899</u>	<u>(3,180,000)</u>	<u>12,307,157</u>	<u>9,240,056</u>

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	12,554,529	12,554,529
Current assets	170,065	352,209	177	522,451
Creditors due within one year	-	(265,666)	-	(265,666)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(3,610,000)	-	(3,610,000)
	<u>170,065</u>	<u>(3,523,457)</u>	<u>12,554,706</u>	<u>9,201,314</u>

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**19. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2017 £	2016 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>(665,258)</b>	(316,607)
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>297,015</b>	302,509
Interest received	<b>(397)</b>	(728)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	<b>(99,378)</b>	14,498
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>53,129</b>	(408,253)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	<b>(20,363)</b>	(21,139)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	<b>194,000</b>	70,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	<b>80,000</b>	79,000
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(161,252)</b>	(280,720)

**20. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>240,274</b>	430,232
	<b>240,274</b>	430,232

**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS**

The Academy's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teacher's Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Devon County Council. Both are Multi-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £64,287 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 (2016: £68,740) and are included within creditors.

**Teachers' Pension Scheme**

**Introduction**

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

**Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS

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**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay, including a 0.08% employer administration charge
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £382,198 (2016: £408,156).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website ([www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx](http://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx)).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

**Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £178,000 (2016: £195,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £138,000 (2016: £148,000) and employees' contributions totalled £40,000 (2016: £47,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 15.4% for employers and 5.5-7.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	<b>2017</b>	2016
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	<b>2.60 %</b>	2.20 %
Rate of increase in salaries	<b>4.20 %</b>	4.10 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	<b>2.70 %</b>	2.30 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	<b>2.70 %</b>	2.30 %

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**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2017	2016
Retiring today		
Males	23.4	22.9
Females	25.5	26.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	25.7	25.2
Females	27.9	28.6

<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>	<b>At 31 August 2017</b>	<b>At 31 August 2016</b>
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	131,000	141,000
Discount rate -0.1%	(134,000)	(144,000)
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	(187,000)	(147,000)
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	181,000	143,000
CPI rate +0.1%	(104,000)	(113,000)
CPI rate -0.1%	102,000	109,000

The Academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	<b>Fair value at 31 August 2017</b>	<b>Fair value at 31 August 2016</b>
	£	£
Equities and gilts	1,535,000	1,296,000
Debt instruments	61,000	55,000
Property	215,000	206,000
Cash	58,000	35,000
Target return portfolio	366,000	296,000
Infrastructure and alternative assets	229,000	204,000
Total market value of assets	<u>2,464,000</u>	<u>2,092,000</u>

The actual return on scheme assets was £261,000 (2016: £246,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Current service cost	(332,000)	(218,000)
Interest income	46,000	70,000
Interest cost	(126,000)	(149,000)
Total	<u>(412,000)</u>	<u>(297,000)</u>

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**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	5,702,000	3,741,000
Current service cost	332,000	218,000
Interest cost	126,000	149,000
Employee contributions	40,000	47,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(544,000)	1,623,000
Benefits paid	(12,000)	(76,000)
	<u>5,644,000</u>	<u>5,702,000</u>

Movements in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	2,092,000	1,728,000
Interest income	48,000	71,000
Actuarial gains	160,000	175,000
Employer contributions	138,000	148,000
Employee contributions	40,000	47,000
Benefits paid	(12,000)	(76,000)
Administration expenses	(2,000)	(1,000)
	<u>2,464,000</u>	<u>2,092,000</u>

**22. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 August 2017 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>AMOUNTS PAYABLE:</b>		
Within 1 year	25,307	25,307
Between 1 and 5 years	14,966	40,273
	<u>40,273</u>	<u>65,580</u>

**23. MEMBERS' LIABILITY**

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

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**24. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Clyst Vale Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon, EX5 3AJ.

**25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from the local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the Board of Trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

A Ruscoe, daughter of D Ruscoe, a trustee, is employed by the Academy. A Ruscoe's appointment was made in open competition and D Ruscoe was not involved in the decision making process. A Ruscoe is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and she receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship with a Trustee.

J Colin, spouse of P Colin, a trustee, is employed by the Academy. J Colin's appointment was made in open competition and P Colin was not involved in the decision making process. J Colin is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and she receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship with a Trustee.

**26. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Academy Trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ended 31 August 2017 the Academy trust received £12,829 and disbursed £10,660 from the fund. An amount of £3,548 is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that is repayable to ESFA.

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<b>Members</b>	K Bawn S Sanger-Anderson L Stephan Georgina Stroud D Evans
<b>Trustees</b>	K Bawn, Principal <sup>1,2</sup> L Stephan <sup>2,3</sup> G Stroud, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016) <sup>2,3</sup> P Colin, Staff Trustee (resigned 31 July 2017) <sup>1,2</sup> S Sanger-Anderson, Chair (until 26 September 2016) <sup>1,4</sup> D Evans, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016) <sup>2,4</sup> M Prance, Staff Trustee (resigned 2 December 2016, appointed 20 March 2017) <sup>2</sup> T Grieve (resigned 3 February 2017) <sup>1,2</sup> B Brook <sup>1,3</sup> C Winlove <sup>2</sup> D Ruscoe C Johnson <sup>1</sup> M Davies <sup>1</sup> T White (appointed 20 March 2017)
	1 Finance and Premises 2 Curriculum, Learning and Teaching 3 Pay 4 Appeals Committee
<b>Company registered number</b>	07564519
<b>Company name</b>	Clyst Vale Academy Trust
<b>Principal and Registered office</b>	Station Road Broadclyst Exeter Devon EX5 3AJ
<b>Company secretary</b>	Deborah Custance Baker
<b>Accounting Officer</b>	Dr K Bawn
<b>Senior leadership team</b>	K Bawn, Principal A Green, Vice Principal - Curriculum C Dormand, Deputy Principal - Teaching D Walters, Deputy Principal - Teaching P Colin, Deputy Principal - Timetable, STEM P Sutton, Deputy Principal - Intervention A Hopkins, College Manager
<b>Independent auditors</b>	Bishop Fleming LLP Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors 2nd Floor Stratus House Emperor Way Exeter Business Park Exeter EX1 3QS

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**Advisers (continued)**

<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank High Street Exeter Devon
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT  
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements and auditors' report of the Charitable Company for the year ended 31 August 2017. The annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report, and a Directors' report under company law.

The Trust operates an academy for pupils aged 11 to 18 in East Devon. It has a pupil capacity of 1,121 and had a roll of 862 in the school census on 3 July 2017.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Constitution**

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association are the primary governing documents of the Academy.

The Trustees of Clyst Vale Academy Trust are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law.

Details of the Trustees who served throughout the year, except as noted, are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on pages 1 to 2.

**Members' Liability**

Each member of the Charitable Company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of it being wound up while he/she is a member, or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £10, for the debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a member.

**Trustees' Indemnities**

Trustees benefit from indemnity insurance purchased at the Academy Trust's expense to cover the liability of the Trustees which by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to them in respect of any negligence, default or breach of trust or breach of duty of which they may be guilty in relation to the Academy Trust, provided that any such insurance shall not extend to any claim arising from any act or omission which the Trustees knew to be a breach of trust or breach of duty or which was committed by the Trustees in reckless disregard to whether it was a breach of trust or breach of duty or not and provided also that any such insurance shall not extend to the costs of any unsuccessful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against the Trustees in their capacity as Directors of the Academy Trust. The limit of this indemnity is £10,000 and this cover is provided by RPA.

**TRUSTEES**

**Method of Recruitment and Appointment or Election of Trustees**

The Academy's Board of Trustees comprises the Principal who is treated for all purposes as being an ex officio Governor, a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 Parent Trustees, up to 4 Staff Trustees (providing that the total number of Trustees, including the Principal, who are employees of the Academy Trust, does not exceed one third of the total number of Trustees) 4 Member Appointed and 3 Co-opted Trustees.

Trustees are appointed for a four year period, except that this time limit does not apply to the Headteacher. Subject to remaining eligible to be a particular type of Trustee, any Trustee can be re-appointed or re-elected.

When appointing new Trustees, the Board will give consideration to the skills and experience mix of existing Trustees in order to ensure that the Board has the necessary skills to contribute fully to the Academy's development.

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**Policies and Procedures Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees**

The training and induction provided for new Trustees will depend upon their existing experience but would always include a tour of the Academy and a chance to meet staff and pupils. All Trustees are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Trustees. As there are normally only two or three new Trustees a year, induction tends to be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual. Advantage is taken of specific courses offered by the Local Authority and other bodies.

There is a Trustees' away day organised each year which includes training sessions to keep the Trustees updated on relevant developments impacting on their roles and responsibilities.

**Organisational Structure**

The Board of Trustees normally meets once each term. The Board establishes an overall framework for the governance of the Academy and determines membership, terms of reference and procedures of Committees and other groups. It receives reports including policies from its Committees for ratification. It monitors the activities of the Committees through the minutes of their meetings. The Board may from time to time establish Working Groups to perform specific tasks over a limited timescale.

In 2016/17 there were committees as follows;

- Finance and Premises Committee - this meets at least four times a year and is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and reviewing policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, receiving reports from the Responsible Officer/internal audit and drafting the annual budget including setting staffing levels. This committee also considers Premises and Health & Safety matters on a regular basis. In 2016/17 the Audit Committee role was amalgamated so it will also incorporate the role of an audit committee.
- Curriculum Committee - this meets once a term to monitor, evaluate and review Academy policy, practice and performance in relation to curriculum planning, communications, target setting and assessment, examinations and all pastoral issues.
- Pay Committee. This meets once a year to consider/confirm recommendations for pay progression with regard to performance management and other pay matters which may be appropriate.

The following decisions are reserved to the Board of Trustees: to consider any proposals for changes to the status or constitution of the Academy and its committee structure, to appoint or remove the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman, to appoint the Headteacher and Clerk to the Trustees, to approve the Annual Development Plan and budget.

The Trustees are responsible for setting general policy, adopting an annual plan and budget, approving the statutory accounts, monitoring the Academy by the use of budgets and other data, and making major decisions about the direction of the Academy, capital expenditure and staff appointments.

The Trustees and Board of Trustees have devolved responsibility for day to day management of the Academy to the Principal and Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The SLT comprises the Principal, Vice Principal, 4 Deputy Principals and the College Manager. The SLT implement the policies laid down by the Trustees and report back to them on performance.

The Principal, and College Manager are responsible for the authorisation of spending within agreed budgets; a summary of this is in the Scheme of Delegation. Some spending control is devolved to Budget Holders which must be authorised in line with the Scheme of Delegation. The Headteacher is responsible for the appointment of staff, though appointment panels for teaching posts always include a Governor.

The Principal is the Accounting Officer.

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**Arrangements for Setting Pay and Remuneration of Key Management Personnel**

The Trustees consider the Board of Trustees and the senior leadership team comprise the key management personnel of the Academy in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the Trust on a day to day basis. All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee received remuneration in the year.

Details of Trustees' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in the notes to the accounts.

The pay of key management personnel is based on STPCD and JNC nationally negotiated salaries and reviewed annually.

The Trustees benchmark against pay levels in other Academies of a similar size.

**Connected Organisations, including Related Party Relationships**

Clyst Vale Academy has use of the Broadclyst Sports Hall leisure facilities and there is a shared use agreement between it and the Academy.

The Academy has strong collaborative links with 7 feeder primary schools which form part of the Clyst Vale Local Learning Community.

Clyst Vale belongs to the Jurassic Coast Teaching School Alliance, Clyst Vale is also in partnership with Ndururumo High School, Nyahururu, Kenya.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objects and Aims**

The principal object and activity of the Academy is to advance for the public benefit education in the United Kingdom, in particular by establishing, maintaining, carrying on, managing and developing a school, offering a broad range of curriculum for pupils of different abilities.

The principal object and activity of the Charitable Company is the operation of Clyst Vale Academy Trust to provide free education and care for pupils of different abilities between the ages of 11 and 18.

The aims of the Academy during the year ended 31 August 2017 are summarised below:

- to continue to raise the standard of educational attainment and achievement of all pupils.
- to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, including extra curricular activities.
- to develop students as more effective learners.
- to ensure that every child enjoys the same high quality education in terms of resourcing, tuition and care.
- to improve the effectiveness of the Academy by keeping the curriculum and organisational structure under continual review.
- to provide value for money for the funds expended.
- to develop greater coherence, clarity and effectiveness in school systems.
- to comply with all appropriate statutory and curriculum requirements.
- to maintain close links with industry and commerce.
- to develop the Academy's capacity to manage change, and
- to conduct the Academy's business in accordance with the highest standards of integrity, probity and openness.

At Clyst Vale Community College (Academy Trust) we aim to achieve the best for, and from, each child. We intend to enable each child to realise his or her full academic, creative and physical potential and to develop positive social and moral values. Our Academy is a community in which children, staff and parents should be part of a happy and caring environment.

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**Objectives, Strategies and Activities**

Key priorities for the year are contained in our College Improvement Plan which is available from the College website.

Improvement focuses identified for this year include:-

Improving Student Achievement

All subjects: Close gaps between disadvantaged students and others

All subjects: Improve outcomes for more able students

All subjects: Improve outcomes for boys.

All subjects: Improve outcomes for students categorised as SEN Support.

Sixth Form: All subjects: Focus on A2 progress.

Implementation of new system for tracking and monitoring

Improving Impact of Teaching and Learning

Develop Quality First Teaching and differentiation for all.

Improve feedback to students, quality of marking and marking for literacy.

Improve accuracy of assessment, especially in Years 7 – 9.

Improving Leadership

Improve monitoring/evaluating and focus on outcomes

SLT: more targeted analysis, monitoring and support.

Embedding a safeguarding culture.

Improving Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

Improve Behaviour for Learning, including implementation of revised policy

Improve approaches to address the challenging minority of students

Improving Governance

Revisit vision and strategic direction

Continue exploration and engagement with MATs and local partnerships

Sustain Sixth Form provision

Support a reduced SLT

Explore additional funding streams

**Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties. They have referred to this guidance when reviewing the Academy's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities.

The Academy aims to advance for the public benefit, education in our designated catchment area and where appropriate beyond. The Academy Trust provides for recreational and other leisure time occupation for the community at large in the interests of social welfare and with the interest of improving the life of the said community. The Academy Trust supports a dual use Library and has a good working relationship with the shared use Sports Hall. Clyst Vale is committed to the success of the Broadclyst Traffic Group, as it impacts on students' safety.

**STRATEGIC REPORT**

**Achievements and Performance**

The Academy is in its seventh year of operation. The total number of students in the year as at the end of the summer term 2017 was 862. The Academy Trust currently admits up to 156 students each year although capacity is higher and for 2017-18 the Planned Admission Number has been restored to 182.

Examination results for 2017 represented improvement on 2016, especially at GCSE, although not as strong as in recent record years of 2014 and 2015.

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At GCSE, 70% of students achieved a standard pass in both English and Maths;  
The Attainment 8 Measure was 49.1;  
20% of students achieved a standard pass in the English Baccalaureate suite of subjects;  
The overall Progress 8 Measure was -0.13, well above the floor target;  
5 students achieved ten or more A\*-A grades (or 9-1 equivalents);  
20% of students achieved five or more A grades (or 7+);  
22% of all grades achieved were A\*-A or 7-9;  
70% of all grades achieved were a standard pass, C grade or better;  
All students left with at least one GCSE qualification.

A-Level results were broadly in line with expectations; the cohort achieved much better than expected at GCSE in 2015, which affected progress to A2 outcomes.  
38 % of grades achieved were at A\* - B, and the overall pass rate was 99.3%.  
The value-added score for A-levels was -0.49, which is a little below national outcomes;  
The value-added score for applied Level 3 qualifications (BTec) was +0.37, which is above national outcomes.

To ensure that standards are continually raised the Academy Trust operates a programme of self-evaluation including data monitoring, tracking and analysis; observation of lessons; reports from external visitors, for example the school Improvement Partner and subject reviews, which in turn include scrutiny of students' work and student interviews.

Continuing professional development for all staff has been very successful with a strong and narrower focus on teaching and learning.

The Academy prides itself on promoting citizenship and important human qualities of empathy and compassion. During the year the Academy's charity fundraising activities raised £1,361.52.  
All funds have been transferred to the relevant charities.

The Academy continues to be a member of the Jurassic Coast Teaching Schools' Alliance. The alliance is continuing to work on mutual staff development, with the primary aim of driving up standards. As noted above, Clyst Vale Governors are actively pursuing opportunities and engaging with local schools, both primary and secondary, to explore and develop a Multi-Academy Trust model.

**Key Performance Indicators**

The biggest determinant of income is pupil numbers, although the nature of local demographics means a 'target' is impossible to set. After a decline, pupil numbers in years 7-11 are recovering, although Post-16 numbers have declined although stabilised. Numbers are as follows:

	<b>2016/17 (Jan 17 Census)</b>	<b>2015/16 (Jan 16 Census)</b>	<b>2014/15 (Jan 15 Census)</b>
Student Numbers: Years 7-11	758	754	790
Student Numbers: Sixth Form	108	160	173
No. FSM Students	175	189	99

Headline Performance Measures were as follows. Statistically, due to changes in national accountability measures, year-on-year comparisons are only indicative.

	<b>2016/17 Actual</b>	<b>2015/16 Actual</b>
Attainment 8	49.1	50.72
Progress 8	-0.13	-0.14
% of Students with strong pass (G5+) in English & Maths	47	66
% Achieving EBacc	20	18

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**Going Concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Board of Trustees has a reasonable expectation that the Academy has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason it continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Going concern policy.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial Review**

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE via the EFA in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants received from the DfE during the year ended 31 August 2017 and the associated expenditure are shown as Restricted Funds in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Academy also receives grants for fixed assets from the DfE which are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities as restricted income in the Fixed Asset Fund. The Restricted Fixed Asset Fund balance is reduced by annual depreciation charges over the useful life of the assets concerned, as defined in the Academy's accounting policies.

During the year ended 31 August 2017, the Academy received total income of £4,911,841 and incurred total expenditure of £5,006,084 (excluding depreciation and pension charges), giving an operating deficit for the year of £94,243. Trustees took decisive action during the year to improve operating efficiencies and align the school's staffing structure with the school's roll to ensure that the Trust's finances are in a robust position to meet the challenges of the current educational funding environment. Without the restructuring costs, the Trust was in a breakeven position for the year.

At 31 August 2017 the net book value of fixed assets was £12,306,980 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 13 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

The land, buildings and other assets were transferred to the Academy upon conversion. Land and buildings were professionally valued on 1st April 2011 at £10,934,500. Other assets have been included in the financial statements at a best estimate, taking into account purchase price and remaining useful lives.

The Academy has taken on the deficit in the Local Government Pension Scheme in respect of its non-teaching staff transferred on conversion. The deficit is incorporated within the Statement of Financial Activity with details in Note 21 to the financial statements.

Key financial policies adopted or reviewed during the year include the Finance Policy which lays out the framework for financial management, including financial responsibilities of the Board, Head Teacher, managers, budget holders and other staff, as well as delegated authority for spending. Other policies reviewed and updated included Charges and Lettings, Asset Management and Insurance.

**Reserves Policy**

The Trustees review the reserve levels of the Academy annually. This review encompasses the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match income with commitments and the nature of reserves. The Trustees take into consideration the future plans of the Academy, the uncertainty over future income streams and other key risks identified during the risk review.

The Trustees have determined that the appropriate level of free reserves should be a maximum of 5% of the General Annual Grant (GAG) which represents just over 50% of our current average monthly outgoings, with a minimum level of around 2% of GAG. The level of reserves held is monitored closely by the College Manager to ensure they are sufficient for the needs of the Academy and corrective action is taken where necessary. These are identified on the monthly budget monitors and the 3 year forecasts which are presented at Finance and Premises Committee. These reserves are taken into account when any budget planning or forecasts are produced.

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The level of free reserves as at 31 August 2017 were £112,899 which is 2.6% of GAG

The defined benefit pension scheme has a negative balance. The effect of the deficit position of the pension scheme is that the Academy Trust is paying higher employers' pension contributions over a period of years. The higher employers' pension contributions will be met from the Academy Trust's budgeted annual income. Whilst the deficit will not be immediately eliminated, there should be no actual cash flow deficit on the funds, nor any direct impact on the free reserves of the Academy Trust.

**Investment Policy**

Trustees are committed to ensuring that all funds under their control are managed in such a way as to maximise return whilst minimising risk. All funds surplus to immediate requirements are invested to optimal effect, taking into account the period available, current interest rates and associated risks.

**Principal Risks And Uncertainties**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the major risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the Academy are as follows:

Financial - the Academy has considerable reliance on continued Government funding through the EFA. In the last year 98% of the Academy's incoming resources were ultimately Government funded and whilst this level is expected to continue, there is no assurance that Government policy or practice will remain the same or that public funding will continue at the same levels or on the same terms.

Failures in governance and/or management – the risk in this area arises from potential failure to effectively manage the Academy's finances, internal controls, compliance with regulations and legislation, statutory returns, etc. The Trustees continue to review and ensure that appropriate measures are in place to mitigate these risks.

Reputational - the continuing success of the Academy is dependent on continuing to attract applicants in sufficient numbers by maintaining the highest educational standards. To mitigate this risk Trustees ensure that student success and achievement are closely monitored and reviewed.

Demographic and Strategic – The combination of increased freedoms with respect to new schools, free schools, and UTCs with the uncertain rate of demographic growth in the local area exposes the Academy to financial and comparative reputational risk, should student numbers fall. To mitigate risk, Trustees strive to secure the latest information available and adopt the strategies indicated above.

Safeguarding and child protection - the Trustees continue to ensure that the highest standards are maintained in the areas of selection and monitoring of staff, the operation of child protection policies and procedures, health & safety and discipline.

Staffing - the success of the Academy is reliant upon the quality of its staff and so the Trustees monitor and review policies and procedures to ensure continued development and training of staff as well as ensuring there is clear succession planning. With regard to staff consultation, the Governing Body is committed to ensuring that staff of the Academy Trust are consulted at all times on fundamental issues impacting on their employment and conditions of service.

Fraud and mismanagement of funds - The Academy has appointed a Responsible Officer/internal audit to carry out checks on financial systems and records as required by the Academy Financial Handbook. All finance staff receive training to keep them up to date with financial practice requirements and develop their skills in this area.

The Academy has continued to strengthen its risk management process throughout the year by improving the process and ensuring staff awareness. A risk register is maintained and reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

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The Academy has agreed a Risk Management Strategy, a Risk Register and a Risk Management Plan. These have been discussed by Trustees and include the financial risks to the Academy. The register and plan are regularly reviewed in light of any new information and formally reviewed annually.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to its finances, teaching, facilities and other operational areas. The Trustees have implemented a number of systems to assess and minimise those risks, including internal controls described elsewhere. Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover wherever possible.

The Trustees examine the financial health formally every term. They review performance against budgets and overall expenditure by means of regular update reports at all Board and Finance Committee meetings. The Trustees also regularly review cash flow forecasts and ensure sufficient funds are held to cover all known and anticipated commitments.

At the year end, the Academy had no significant liabilities arising from trade creditors or debtors that would have a significant effect on liquidity.

The Board of Trustees recognises that the defined benefit pension scheme deficit (Local Government Pension Scheme), which is set out in Note 21 to the financial statements, represents a significant potential liability. However as the Trustees consider that the Academy is able to meet its known annual contribution commitments for the foreseeable future, this risk from this liability is minimised.

**PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS**

The Academy will continue to strive to provide outstanding education and improve the levels of performance of its pupils at all levels. The Academy will continue to aim to attract high quality teachers and support staff in order to deliver its objectives.

The Academy will continue to work with partner schools to improve the educational opportunities for students in the wider community.

The Academy is actively pursuing opportunities and engaging with local schools, both primary and secondary, to explore and develop a Multi-Academy Trust model.

**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS**

The Academy and its Trustees do not act as the Custodian Trustees of any other Charity.

**AUDITORS**

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

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

The auditors, Bishop Fleming LLP, are willing to continue in office and a resolution to appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Trustees' Report, incorporating a strategic report, approved by order of the Board of Trustees, as company directors, on 14 December 2017 and signed on the board's behalf by:

**G Stroud**  
Co-Chair of Trustees

**D G Evans**  
Co-Chair of Trustees

## **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

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### **SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

As Trustees, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Clyst Vale Academy Trust has an effective and appropriate system of control, financial and otherwise. However such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Board of Trustees has delegated the day-to-day responsibility to the Principal, as Accounting Officer, for ensuring financial controls conform with the requirements of both propriety and good financial management and in accordance with the requirements and responsibilities assigned to it in the funding agreement between Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Board of Trustees any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

### **GOVERNANCE**

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Trustees' Report and in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities. The Board of Trustees has formally met 7 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Board of Trustees was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
K Bawn, Principal	7	7
L Stephan, Chair	4	7
G Stroud, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016)	7	7
P Colin	7	7
S Sanger-Anderson, Chair (until 26 September 2016)	7	7
D Evans, Co-Chair (from 26 September 2016)	7	7
M Prance, Staff Trustee (resigned 2 December 2016, appointed 20 March 2017)	2	4
T Grieve	3	3
B Brook	6	7
C Winlove	6	7
D Ruscoe	6	7
C Johnson	7	7
M Davies	4	7
T White	0	0

During the year Melanie Prance was reappointed as Staff Governor, and Tina White was elected as a new Parent Governor.

Co-Chairs of the Board (Gina Stroud and Greg Evans) were elected for the year 2016/17.

Clyst Vale Academy Trust is fortunate to have a dedicated number of Governors who are fully involved in the Governance of the College. Membership of the Board during 2016/2017 has been more stable than previous years though some parent vacancies are still unfilled. The Board is actively recruiting for new Governors with appropriate skillsets, particularly in financial skills. The Governing Body keeps its skillset under review. The Board continues to run a series of informal workshops to explore topics in depth and work on key issues as they arise.

The Audit Committee function was moved into the Finance & Premises Committee.

Discussions continued regarding MATs, identifying suitable/viable partners.

### **Governance Review**

The effectiveness of governance has been kept under constant review through the meeting cycle and Governor Workshops.

Care is taken to ensure that new Governors are fully trained and hold the required skillset in order to fulfil their

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role. The required skillsets are made clear when recruiting for vacancies, particular skillsets currently sought relate to finance and marketing skills. The Governing Body keeps its skillset under review, including conducting formal self-assessment. A Governance 'Action Plan' is in development following the latest skills audit.

REPORT: A Skills Audit and Self Evaluation of Governors is currently underway (October 2017) and will be reported on fully in the 2017-18 report.

The Board has maintained a Governor Link Programme, matching actions to the priorities outlined in the College Improvement/Strategic Plan, and seeks to develop this further.

Discussions on MATs have moved forward. Meetings are taking place with interested parties.

The Finance and Premises Committee is a sub-committee of the main Board of Trustees. Its purpose is to ensure that the resources of the College are used to ensure the best provision for its students and to monitor, evaluate and review policy and performance in relation to financial management, compliance with reporting and regulatory requirements and reporting, reviewing and making recommendations to the Full Board of Trustees on the annual budget including setting staffing levels. The Committee operates in accordance with the Academies Financial Handbook to maintain effective deployment of College finances and resources. This committee also considers premises, health and safety matters on a regular basis.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Trustee	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
K Bawn	4	4
S Sanger-Anderson	2	4
M Davies	3	4
B Brook	4	4
C Johnson	4	4

The responsibility of the Audit Committee has been brought into the Finance and Premises Committee.

**REVIEW OF VALUE FOR MONEY**

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for ensuring that the Academy Trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. The Accounting Officer understands that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

The Accounting Officer considers how the Academy Trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during each academic year, and reports to the Board of Trustees where value for money can be improved, including the use of benchmarking data where appropriate. The Accounting Officer for the Academy Trust has delivered improved value for money during the year by:

- Robust financial governance and budget management.
- Value for money purchasing.
- Reviewing controls and managing risk.
- Considering allocation/targeting/use of resources.
- Making comparisons with similar Academies using data provided by the EFA and the Government.
- Challenging proposals and examining their effectiveness and efficiency.
- Deploying staff effectively.
- Reviewing quality of curriculum provision and quality of teaching.
- Reviewing quality of children's learning to enable children to achieve nationally expected progress.
- Outlining procedures for accepting best value quotes, noting that this is not necessarily the cheapest quote.

The Trust consistently strives to achieve the best value for money, in all financial aspects of our activities. There are numerous specific examples which make up a much bigger picture. Examples of procurement efficiencies achieved this year include, Payroll has been brought in-house, delivering a saving of £8,000. During 2016-17 our catering was re-tendered to achieve better value for money; a new caterer has been appointed for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

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The appointment of a new Facilities Manager in 2016-17 has brought about many small procurement savings on cleaning materials, services and items such as toilet paper which are estimated at £5,000 p.a..

**THE PURPOSE OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL**

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of Academy Trust policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in Clyst Vale Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

**CAPACITY TO HANDLE RISK**

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy Trust is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Board of Trustees is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy Trust's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

**THE RISK AND CONTROL FRAMEWORK**

The Academy Trust's system of internal financial control is based on a framework of regular management information and administrative procedures including the segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability. In particular, it includes:

- comprehensive budgeting and monitoring systems with an annual budget and periodic financial reports which are reviewed and agreed by the Board of Trustees;
- regular reviews by the Finance and Premises Committee of reports which indicate financial performance against the forecasts and of major purchase plans, capital works and expenditure programmes;
- setting targets to measure financial and other performance;
- clearly defined purchasing (asset purchase or capital investment) guidelines.
- delegation of authority and segregation of duties;
- identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Griffin Chartered Accountants as internal auditor for 2016/17.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems. In particular the checks carried out in the current period included:

- Testing of payroll systems
- Testing of purchase systems
- Testing of control account/bank account reconciliations

After each visit the reviewer reports to the Board of Trustees, through the Finance & Premises Committee on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Board of Trustees' financial responsibilities.

The audit function of the Finance and Premises Committee is primarily to provide assurance over the suitability of, and compliance with, the Academy's financial systems and operational controls, ensuring risks are being adequately identified and managed. To assist with this function it has engaged the services of Griffin Chartered Accountants which undertakes an agreed programme of checks on the internal systems and controls on their behalf. Findings are reported to and discussed with the Finance & Premises Committee, via the nominated Responsible Officer, who take appropriate action as necessary, as defined in the Terms of Reference. The Responsible Officer reports annually to the Board of Trustees' on the operation of the systems of control.

**GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (continued)**

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During the year ending 31 August 2017 the College worked closely with Griffin Chartered Accountants on financial matters and performed a range of checks on the Academy Trust's financial systems and controls. The Accounting Officer and College Manager were responsible for overcoming any weaknesses identified. The Responsible Officer until January 2017 was Mrs T Grieve, and thereafter Mr S. Sanger-Anderson.

An agreed programme of 3 formal reviews was planned and carried out by the Finance and Premises Committee in conjunction with Griffin Chartered Accountants during the period. This covered in detail, an analysis of purchases, payroll procedures & systems, governance, contracts & leasing agreements, and risk management. The findings were analysed by the Finance and Premises Committee and recommendations agreed. These findings and recommendations were submitted by the Responsible Officer to the relevant committee to action as deemed appropriate.

A summary annual report was sent to the Full Governing Body detailing the scope of the reviews, findings, recommendations and action to date. The overall opinion is that the system of internal controls are good, only minor weaknesses were identified and resolved, therefore reasonable assurance can be provided. There were no material issues which arose during the reviews.

**REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS**

As Accounting Officer, the Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. During the year in question the review has been informed by:

- the work of the internal auditor;
- the work of the external auditors;
- the financial management and governance self-assessment process;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy Trust who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

The Accounting Officer has been advised of the implications of the result of their review of the system of internal control by the and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees on 14 December 2017 and signed on their behalf, by:

**G Stroud**  
Trustee (Co-Chair)

**Dr Kevin Bawn**  
Accounting Officer

**D Evans**  
Trustee (Co-Chair)

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**STATEMENT ON REGULARITY, PROPRIETY AND COMPLIANCE**

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As Accounting Officer of Clyst Vale Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the academy trust Board of Trustees and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with ESFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the academy trust and the Secretary of State for Education. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that I and the academy trust Board of Trustees are able to identify any material irregular or improper use of funds by the academy trust, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the academy trust's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook 2016.

I confirm that no instances of material irregularity, impropriety or funding non-compliance have been discovered to date. If any instances are identified after the date of this statement, these will be notified to the Board of Trustees and ESFA.

**Dr K Bawn**  
**Accounting Officer**

Date: 14 December 2017

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES  
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The Trustees (who act as governors of Clyst Vale Academy Trust and are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that in its conduct and operation the Charitable Company applies financial and other controls, which conform with the requirements both of propriety and of good financial management. They are also responsible for ensuring grants received from ESFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by order of the members of the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

**G Stroud**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

**Date: 14 December 2017**

**D Evans**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

**Date: 14 December 2017**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO THE MEMBERS OF CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**

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**OPINION**

We have audited the financial statements of Clyst Vale Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2017 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

This report is made solely to the Academy's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Academy's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Academy and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Academy's affairs as at 31 August 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, the Charities SORP 2015 and the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the Education and Skills Funding Agency.

**BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Academy in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Academy Trust ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**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 Auditors' report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in

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doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**OPINION ON OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

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

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

**MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Academy Trust and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the Academy for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the 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 Academy Trust'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 Academy Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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**AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). The description forms part of our Auditors' report.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY**

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In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 August 2013 and further to the requirements of the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Clyst Vale Academy Trust during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have been applied to the purposes identified by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

This report is made solely to Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the ESFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the ESFA those matters we are required to state in a report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Clyst Vale Academy Trust and the ESFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST'S ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND THE REPORTING ACCOUNTANT**

The Accounting Officer is responsible, under the requirements of Clyst Vale Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 28 March 2011, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2016, for ensuring that expenditure disbursed and income received is applied for the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions conform to the authorities which govern them.

Our responsibilities for this engagement are established in the United Kingdom by our profession's ethical guidance and are to obtain limited assurance and report in accordance with our engagement letter and the requirements of the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017. We report to you whether anything has come to our attention in carrying out our work which suggests that in all material respects, expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament or that the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

**APPROACH**

We conducted our engagement in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by the ESFA. We performed a limited assurance engagement as defined in our engagement letter.

The objective of a limited assurance engagement is to perform such procedures as to obtain information and explanations in order to provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express a negative conclusion on regularity.

A limited assurance engagement is more limited in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express a positive opinion.

Our engagement includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the regularity and propriety of the Academy's income and expenditure.

Our work on regularity included a review of the internal controls policies and procedures that have been implemented and an assessment of their design and effectiveness to understand how the Academy Trust complied with the framework of authorities. We also reviewed the reports commissioned by the trustees to assess the internal controls throughout the year.

We performed detailed testing based on our assessment of the risk of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance. This work was integrated with our audit on the financial statements where appropriate and included analytical review and detailed substantive testing of transactions.

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**INDEPENDENT REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' ASSURANCE REPORT ON REGULARITY TO CLYST VALE  
ACADEMY TRUST AND THE EDUCATION AND SKILLS FUNDING AGENCY (continued)**

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**CONCLUSION**

In the course of our work, nothing has come to our attention which suggests that in all material respects the expenditure disbursed and income received during the year 1 September 2016 to 31 August 2017 have not been applied to purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Tim Borton FCA DChA (Reporting Accountant)

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Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
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Date:

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
<b>INCOME FROM:</b>						
Donations and capital grants	2	2,645	45,229	-	47,874	24,314
Charitable activities	3	19,207	4,771,859	-	4,791,066	5,033,384
Other trading activities	4	72,504	-	-	72,504	77,140
Investments	5	397	-	-	397	728
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>94,753</b>	<b>4,817,088</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,911,841</b>	<b>5,135,566</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>						
Raising funds		64,826	-	-	64,826	74,980
Charitable activities		87,093	5,128,165	297,015	5,512,273	5,377,193
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	6	<b>151,919</b>	<b>5,128,165</b>	<b>297,015</b>	<b>5,577,099</b>	<b>5,452,173</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE TRANSFERS</b>						
Transfers between Funds	17	(57,166)	(311,077)	(297,015)	(665,258)	(316,607)
		-	(49,466)	49,466	-	-
<b>NET EXPENDITURE BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES</b>						
		(57,166)	(360,543)	(247,549)	(665,258)	(316,607)
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	21	-	704,000	-	704,000	(1,448,000)
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>(57,166)</b>	<b>343,457</b>	<b>(247,549)</b>	<b>38,742</b>	<b>(1,764,607)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>						
Total funds brought forward		170,065	(3,523,457)	12,554,706	9,201,314	10,965,921
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>112,899</b>	<b>(3,180,000)</b>	<b>12,307,157</b>	<b>9,240,056</b>	<b>9,201,314</b>

The notes on pages 25 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST**  
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**REGISTERED NUMBER: 07564519**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	£	2017 £	£	2016 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	13		<b>12,306,980</b>		12,554,529
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	14	<b>191,598</b>		92,220	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>240,274</b>		430,232	
			<b>431,872</b>	522,452	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	15	<b>(318,796)</b>		(265,667)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<b>113,076</b>		256,785
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<b>12,420,056</b>		12,811,314
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	21		<b>(3,180,000)</b>		(3,610,000)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<b>9,240,056</b>		9,201,314
<b>FUNDS OF THE ACADEMY TRUST</b>					
Restricted funds:					
General funds	17	-		86,543	
Fixed asset funds	17	<b>12,307,157</b>		12,554,706	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		<b>12,307,157</b>		12,641,249	
Pension reserve		<b>(3,180,000)</b>		(3,610,000)	
Total restricted funds			<b>9,127,157</b>		9,031,249
Unrestricted funds	17		<b>112,899</b>		170,065
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>			<b>9,240,056</b>		9,201,314

The financial statements on pages 22 to 45 were approved by the Trustees, and authorised for issue, on 14 December 2017 and are signed on their behalf, by:

**G Stroud**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

**D Evans**  
**Co-Chair of Trustees**

The notes on pages 25 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

**CLYST VALE ACADEMY TRUST  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	<u>(161,252)</u>	<u>(280,720)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Interest received		397	728
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(49,466)	(93,403)
Capital grants from DfE/ESFA		<u>20,363</u>	<u>21,139</u>
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<u>(28,706)</u>	<u>(71,536)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		<b>(189,958)</b>	<b>(352,256)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		<u>430,232</u>	<u>782,488</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	20	<u><u>240,274</u></u>	<u><u>430,232</u></u>

The notes on pages 25 to 45 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

**1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the Academy Trust, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Academies Accounts Direction 2016 to 2017 issued by ESFA, the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006.

Clyst Vale Academy Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

**1.2 GOING CONCERN**

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Academy Trust to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of authorisation for issue of the financial statements and have concluded that the Academy Trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and there are no material uncertainties about the academy trust's ability to continue as a going concern, thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.3 INCOME**

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

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of meeting any performance-related conditions there is not unconditional entitlement to the income and its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income until the performance-related conditions are met. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

General Annual Grant is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year for which it is receivable and any abatement in respect of the period is deducted from income and recognised as a liability.

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

Sponsorship income provided to the Academy Trust which amounts to a donation is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it is receivable (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised on a receivable basis (where there are no performance-related conditions), where the receipt is probable and it can be reliably measured.

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

**1.4 EXPENDITURE**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Academy to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities are costs incurred on the Academy's educational operations, including support costs and those costs relating to the governance of the Academy apportioned to charitable activities.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION**

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with the aid of specific grants, either from the government or from the private sector, they are included in the Balance Sheet at cost and depreciated over their expected useful economic life. Where there are specific conditions attached to the funding requiring the continued use of the asset, the related grants are credited to a restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities and carried forward in the Balance Sheet. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged directly to the restricted fixed asset fund in the Statement of financial activities. Where tangible fixed assets have been acquired with unrestricted funds, depreciation on such assets is charged to the unrestricted fund.

On conversion the academy trust was granted a 125 year lease from the Local Authority for the land and buildings previously occupied by the local authority school. On conversion the long term leasehold property was recognised as a donation from the Local Authority and was valued using the depreciated replacement cost method.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost of these assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Long term leasehold land	-	Over the length of the lease
Long term leasehold buildings	-	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	10% straight line
Computer equipment	-	20% straight line

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

**1.6 DEBTORS**

Trade and other debtors with no stated interest rate and due within one year are recorded at the amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be received. Prepayments are valued at the amount paid.

**1.7 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account and cash on deposit that has a notice period of less than 30 days.

**1.8 LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS**

Liabilities and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Academy anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Academy only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS 102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the Academy and their measurement basis are as follows:

*Financial assets* - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in note 14. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

*Financial liabilities* - trade creditors, accruals and other creditors are financial instruments, and are measured at amortised costs as detailed in note 15. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments disclosure definition. Deferred income is not deemed to be a financial liability, as the cash settlement has already taken place and there is an obligation to deliver services rather than cash or another financial instruments.

**1.10 TAXATION**

The Academy is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Academy is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.11 PENSIONS**

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

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

The LGPS is a funded scheme and the assets are held separately from those of the academy trust in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each Balance Sheet date. The amounts charged to net income / expenditure are the current service costs and the costs of scheme introductions, benefit changes, settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs as incurred. Net interest on the net defined benefit liability/asset is also recognised in the Statement of financial activities and comprises the interest cost on the defined benefit obligation and interest income on the scheme assets, calculated by multiplying the fair value of the scheme assets at the beginning of the period by the rate used to discount the benefit obligations. The difference between the interest income on the scheme assets and the actual return on the scheme assets is recognised in other recognised gains and losses.

Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in other recognised gains and losses.

**1.12 FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted income funds represent those resources which may be used towards meeting any of the charitable objects of the Academy at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted fixed asset funds are resources which are to be applied to specific capital purposes imposed by funders where the asset acquired or created is held for a specific purpose.

Restricted general funds comprise all other restricted funds received with restrictions imposed by the funder and include grants from the Department for Education.

Transfers are made between restricted funds and restricted fixed asset funds where restricted funds are used to purchase fixed assets.

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**1.13 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGMENT**

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Academy Trust makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

The present value of the Local Government Pension Scheme defined benefit liability depends on a number of factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a variety of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost (income) for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions, which are disclosed in note 21, will impact the carrying amount of the pension liability. Furthermore a roll forward approach which projects results from the latest full actuarial valuation performed at 31 March 2016 has been used by the actuary in valuing the pensions liability at 31 August 2017. Any differences between the figures derived from the roll forward approach and a full actuarial valuation would impact on the carrying amount of the pension liability.

Critical areas of judgment:

The Academy Trust obtains use of fixed assets as a lessee. The classification of such leases as operating or finance lease requires the Academy Trust to determine, based on an evaluation of the terms and conditions of the arrangements, whether it retains or acquires the significant risks and rewards of ownership of these assets and accordingly whether the lease required an asset and liability to be recognised in the Balance Sheet.

**1.14 OPERATING LEASES**

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

**1.15 AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Academy Trust acts as an agent in distributing 16-19 bursary funds from ESFA. Payments received from ESFA and subsequent disbursements to students are excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities as the Academy Trust does not have control over the charitable application of the funds. The Academy Trust can use up to 5% of the allocation towards its own administration costs and this is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities. The funds received, paid and any balances held at period end are disclosed in note 26.

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**2. INCOME FROM DONATIONS AND CAPITAL GRANTS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Donations	2,645	24,866	-	27,511	3,175
Capital Grants	-	20,363	-	20,363	21,139
	<u>2,645</u>	<u>45,229</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,874</u>	<u>24,314</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>3,175</u>	<u>21,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,314</u>	

**3. FUNDING FOR ACADEMY TRUST'S EDUCATIONAL OPERATIONS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
<b>DfE/ESFA grants</b>				
General Annual Grant	-	4,416,339	4,416,339	4,606,064
Other DfE/ESFA grants	-	220,183	220,183	194,460
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,636,522</u>	<u>4,636,522</u>	<u>4,800,524</u>
<b>Other Government grants</b>				
High Needs	-	135,337	135,337	161,490
	<u>-</u>	<u>135,337</u>	<u>135,337</u>	<u>161,490</u>
<b>Other funding</b>				
Sales to students	9,103	-	9,103	8,528
Other	10,104	-	10,104	62,842
	<u>19,207</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,207</u>	<u>71,370</u>
	<u>19,207</u>	<u>4,771,859</u>	<u>4,791,066</u>	<u>5,033,384</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>71,370</u>	<u>4,962,014</u>	<u>5,033,384</u>	

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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Lettings	3,826	-	3,826	5,144
Trip Income	68,678	-	68,678	71,996
	<u>72,504</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,504</u>	<u>77,140</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>77,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>77,140</u>	

**5. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £	Total funds 2016 £
Bank interest	397	-	397	728
	<u>728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>728</u>	
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>728</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>728</u>	

**6. EXPENDITURE**

	Staff costs 2017 £	Premises 2017 £	Other costs 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Expenditure on fundraising trading	-	-	64,826	64,826	74,980
Education:					
Direct costs	3,661,845	196,751	363,525	4,222,121	4,078,026
Support costs	749,298	284,388	256,466	1,290,152	1,299,167
	<u>4,411,143</u>	<u>481,139</u>	<u>684,817</u>	<u>5,577,099</u>	<u>5,452,173</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>4,247,814</u>	<u>468,893</u>	<u>735,466</u>	<u>5,452,173</u>	

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**7. DIRECT COSTS**

	<b>Total 2017 £</b>	<b>Total 2016 £</b>
Pension finance costs	<b>80,000</b>	79,000
Educational supplies	<b>87,428</b>	77,839
Examination fees	<b>68,246</b>	93,607
Staff development	<b>18,750</b>	18,139
Other costs	<b>61,672</b>	43,521
Supply teachers	<b>4,924</b>	3,242
Wages and salaries	<b>2,780,111</b>	2,755,430
National insurance	<b>266,712</b>	241,886
Pension cost	<b>610,098</b>	515,854
Depreciation	<b>244,180</b>	249,508
	<b>4,222,121</b>	<b>4,078,026</b>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>4,078,026</u>	

**8. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>Total 2017 £</b>	<b>Total 2016 £</b>
Bad debts	-	6
Recruitment and support	<b>11,635</b>	22,981
Maintenance of premises and equipment	<b>108,358</b>	97,808
Cleaning	<b>7,636</b>	7,352
Rent and rates	<b>66,899</b>	74,260
Energy costs	<b>58,933</b>	59,280
Insurance	<b>18,700</b>	25,225
Security and transport	<b>11,045</b>	11,596
Catering	<b>37,769</b>	35,549
Office overheads	<b>57,669</b>	66,871
Legal and professional	<b>89,460</b>	94,276
Bank interest and charges	<b>216</b>	177
Governance	<b>19,699</b>	19,383
Wages and salaries	<b>598,470</b>	589,944
National insurance	<b>42,363</b>	36,097
Pension cost	<b>108,465</b>	105,361
Depreciation	<b>52,835</b>	53,001
	<b>1,290,152</b>	<b>1,299,167</b>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<u>1,299,167</u>	

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**9. NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE PERIOD**

This is stated after charging:

	<b>2017</b>	2016
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned by the Academy Trust	<b>297,015</b>	302,509
Auditors' remuneration - audit	<b>6,650</b>	6,650
Auditors' remuneration - other services	<b>2,750</b>	2,900
Operating lease rentals	<b>25,307</b>	14,965
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**10. STAFF COSTS**

Staff costs were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	3,213,746	3,345,374
Social security costs	309,075	277,983
Operating costs of defined benefit pension schemes	718,563	621,215
	<u>4,241,384</u>	<u>4,244,572</u>
Supply teacher costs	4,924	3,242
Staff restructuring costs	164,835	-
	<u><u>4,411,143</u></u>	<u><u>4,247,814</u></u>

The average number of persons employed by the Academy during the year was as follows:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	67	73
Administration and support	58	58
Management	7	7
	<u>132</u>	<u>138</u>

Average headcount expressed as a full time equivalent:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
Teachers	52	56
Administration and support	37	37
Management	7	7
	<u>96</u>	<u>100</u>

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer's National Insurance contributions and employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2017 No.	2016 No.
In the band £60,001 - £70,000	1	1
In the band £80,001 - £90,000	1	1

The key management personnel of the Academy Trust comprise the Trustees (who do not receive remuneration for the role as Trustees) and the Senior Leadership Team as listed on page 1. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received by key management personnel for their services to the Academy Trust was £547,999 (2016: £536,738).

As staff trustees are not remunerated in respect of their role as a trustee, where staff trustees do not form part of the key management personnel other than in their role as trustee, their remuneration as set out in note 11 has not been included in the total benefits received by key management personnel above.

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**11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

During the year, no Trustees received any benefits in kind (2016: £NIL).

During the year ended 31 August 2017, expenses totalling £271 (2016: £521) were reimbursed to 1 Trustee (2016: 1).

The Principal and other staff Trustees only receive remuneration in respect of services they provide undertaking the roles of Principal and staff under their contracts of employment, and not in respect of their services as Trustees. Other Trustees did not receive any payments, other than expenses, from the Academy Trust in respect of their roles as Trustees. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows: Kevin Bawn: Remuneration £80,000 - £85,000 (2016: £80,000 - £85,000), Employer's pension contributions £10,000 - £15,000 (2016: £10,000 - £15,000); Paul Colin: Remuneration £55,000 - £60,000 (2016: £55,000 - £60,000), Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000), Contractual redundancy pay £60,000 - £65,000; Melanie Prance: Remuneration £40,000 - £45,000 (2016: £40,000 - £45,000), Employer's pension contributions £5,000 - £10,000 (2016: £5,000 - £10,000).

Other related party transactions involving the trustees are set out in note 25.

**12. TRUSTEES' AND OFFICERS' INSURANCE**

The Academy Trust has opted into the Department for Education's risk protection arrangement (RPA), an alternative to insurance where UK government funds cover losses that arise. This scheme protects Trustees and officers from claims arising from negligent acts, errors or omissions occurring whilst on academy business, and provides cover up to £10,000,000. It is not possible to quantify the Trustees and officers indemnity element from the overall cost of the RPA scheme.

**13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Long-term leasehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2016	13,465,861	347,783	420,213	14,233,857
Additions	4,152	18,858	26,456	49,466
At 31 August 2017	<u>13,470,013</u>	<u>366,641</u>	<u>446,669</u>	<u>14,283,323</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2016	1,119,520	182,007	377,801	1,679,328
Charge for the year	239,324	30,728	26,963	297,015
At 31 August 2017	<u>1,358,844</u>	<u>212,735</u>	<u>404,764</u>	<u>1,976,343</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2017	<u>12,111,169</u>	<u>153,906</u>	<u>41,905</u>	<u>12,306,980</u>
At 31 August 2016	<u>12,346,341</u>	<u>165,776</u>	<u>42,412</u>	<u>12,554,529</u>

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**14. DEBTORS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	85,909	11,590
VAT recoverable	34,271	28,145
Other debtors	28,781	2,475
Prepayments and accrued income	42,637	50,010
	<u>191,598</u>	<u>92,220</u>

**15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2017 £	2016 £
Trade creditors	73,731	8,796
Other taxation and social security	103,665	81,041
Other creditors	69,668	71,713
Accruals and deferred income	71,732	104,117
	<u>318,796</u>	<u>265,667</u>

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>DEFERRED INCOME</b>		
Deferred income at 1 September 2016	79,026	46,638
Resources deferred during the year	28,967	79,026
Amounts released from previous years	(79,026)	(46,638)
	<u>28,967</u>	<u>79,026</u>

At the balance sheet date the school had deferred income in relation to trips and reimbursement of rates expenditure for the 2017/18 year.

**16. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	<u>389,477</u>	<u>472,109</u>
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	<u>(120,210)</u>	<u>(35,448)</u>

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash at bank and in hand, trade debtors, other debtors & accrued income.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade creditors, other creditors & accrued expenditure.

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**17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried forward £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Funds	170,065	94,753	(151,919)	-	-	112,899
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Annual Grant (GAG)	86,543	4,416,339	(4,470,096)	(32,786)	-	-
High Needs	-	135,337	(135,337)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	203,392	(203,392)	-	-	-
Devolved Formula Capital	-	20,363	(20,363)	-	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	16,791	(16,791)	-	-	-
Donations	-	24,866	(8,186)	(16,680)	-	-
Pension reserve	(3,610,000)	-	(274,000)	-	704,000	(3,180,000)
	<u>(3,523,457)</u>	<u>4,817,088</u>	<u>(5,128,165)</u>	<u>(49,466)</u>	<u>704,000</u>	<u>(3,180,000)</u>
<b>RESTRCITED FIXED ASSET FUNDS</b>						
Fixed assets transferred on conversion	9,947,599	-	(198,459)	-	-	9,749,140
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	102,236	-	(35,578)	32,786	-	99,444
DfE/EFA capital grants	2,504,871	-	(61,310)	-	-	2,443,561
Donations	-	-	(1,668)	16,680	-	15,012
	<u>12,554,706</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(297,015)</u>	<u>49,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,307,157</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>9,031,249</u>	<u>4,817,088</u>	<u>(5,425,180)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>704,000</u>	<u>9,127,157</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>9,201,314</u></u>	<u><u>4,911,841</u></u>	<u><u>(5,577,099)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>704,000</u></u>	<u><u>9,240,056</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Carried forward £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
General Funds	115,141	152,413	(97,489)	-	-	170,065
	<u>115,141</u>	<u>152,413</u>	<u>(97,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>170,065</u>

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**17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

**RESTRICTED FUNDS**

General Annual Grant (GAG)	740	4,606,064	(4,518,299)	(1,962)	-	86,543
High Needs	-	161,490	(161,490)	-	-	-
Pupil Premium	-	177,285	(177,285)	-	-	-
Devolved Formula Capital	-	21,139	(28,926)	7,787	-	-
Other restricted funds	-	17,175	(17,175)	-	-	-
Pension reserve	(2,013,000)	-	(149,000)	-	(1,448,000)	(3,610,000)
	<u>(2,012,260)</u>	<u>4,983,153</u>	<u>(5,052,175)</u>	<u>5,825</u>	<u>(1,448,000)</u>	<u>(3,523,457)</u>

**RESTRCITED FIXED ASSET FUNDS**

Fixed assets transferred on conversion	10,152,142	-	(204,543)	-	-	9,947,599
Fixed assets purchased from GAG	137,559	-	(37,285)	1,962	-	102,236
DfE/ESFA capital grants	2,573,339	-	(60,681)	(7,787)	-	2,504,871
	<u>12,863,040</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(302,509)</u>	<u>(5,825)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,554,706</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>10,850,780</u>	<u>4,983,153</u>	<u>(5,354,684)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,448,000)</u>	<u>9,031,249</u>
Total of funds	<u>10,965,921</u>	<u>5,135,566</u>	<u>(5,452,173)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,448,000)</u>	<u>9,201,314</u>

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

**Restricted Funds**

General Annual Grant - Income from the ESFA which is to be use for the normal running costs of the Academy Trust, including education and support costs. During the year £32,786 (2016: £1,962) was transferred to the restricted fixed asset fund to represent fixed assets purchased from GAG.

High Needs - Funding received by the Local Authority to fund further support for students with additional needs.

Pupil Premium - Income from the ESFA which is to be used to address the current inequalities by ensuring that funding to tackle disadvantage reaches the pupils who need it most.

Devolved formula capital - This represents funding from the ESFA to cover the maintenance and purchase of the Acadmy's assets.

Pension reserve – This represents the Academy Trust's share of the assets and liabilities in the Local Government Pension Scheme. As with most pension schemes this is currently in deficit due to an excess of scheme liabilities over scheme assets which was inherited on conversion to an Academy Trust. The Academy Trust is following the recommendations of the actuary to reduce the deficit by making additional contributions over a number of years.

**Fixed Asset Funds**

Fixed assets transferred on conversion – This represent the buildings and equipment donated to the school from the Local Authority on conversion to an Academy Trust.

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**17. STATEMENT OF FUNDS (continued)**

Fixed assets purchased from GAG - This represents fixed assets which were purchased from GAG funding. The balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets.

Capital Grants – These funds were received for direct expenditure on fixed asset projects. The balance at the year end represents the NBV of assets and any unspent grant amounts.

Donations - This represents fixed assets which were purchased from other restricted funds. The balance at the year end represents the NBV of these assets.

Under the funding agreement with the Secretary of State, the Academy was not subject to a limit on the amount of GAG that it could carry forward at 31 August 2017.

**18. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted funds 2017 £	Restricted funds 2017 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2017 £	Total funds 2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	12,306,980	12,306,980
Current assets	112,899	318,796	177	431,872
Creditors due within one year	-	(318,796)	-	(318,796)
Pension scheme liability	-	(3,180,000)	-	(3,180,000)
	<u>112,899</u>	<u>(3,180,000)</u>	<u>12,307,157</u>	<u>9,240,056</u>

**ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PRIOR YEAR**

	Unrestricted funds 2016 £	Restricted funds 2016 £	Restricted fixed asset funds 2016 £	Total funds 2016 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	12,554,529	12,554,529
Current assets	170,065	352,209	177	522,451
Creditors due within one year	-	(265,666)	-	(265,666)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	-	(3,610,000)	-	(3,610,000)
	<u>170,065</u>	<u>(3,523,457)</u>	<u>12,554,706</u>	<u>9,201,314</u>

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**19. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	2017 £	2016 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>(665,258)</b>	(316,607)
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>297,015</b>	302,509
Interest received	<b>(397)</b>	(728)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	<b>(99,378)</b>	14,498
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>53,129</b>	(408,253)
Capital grants from DfE and other capital income	<b>(20,363)</b>	(21,139)
Defined benefit pension scheme cost less contributions payable	<b>194,000</b>	70,000
Defined benefit pension scheme finance cost	<b>80,000</b>	79,000
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(161,252)</b>	(280,720)

**20. ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	2017 £	2016 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>240,274</b>	430,232
	<b>240,274</b>	430,232

**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS**

The Academy's employees belong to two principal pension schemes: the Teacher's Pension Scheme for England and Wales (TPS) for academic and related staff; and the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for non-teaching staff, which is managed by Devon County Council. Both are Multi-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Schemes.

The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS related to the period ended 31 March 2012 and of the LGPS 31 March 2016.

Contributions amounting to £64,287 were payable to the schemes at 31 August 2017 (2016: £68,740) and are included within creditors.

**Teachers' Pension Scheme**

**Introduction**

The Teachers' Pension Scheme (TPS) is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions Regulations (2010) and, from 1 April 2014, by the Teachers' Pension Scheme Regulations 2014. Membership is automatic for full-time teachers in academies and, from 1 January 2007, automatic for teachers in part-time employment following appointment or a change of contract, although they are able to opt out.

The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. Retirement and other pension benefits are paid by public funds provided by Parliament.

**Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme**

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS

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**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2012 and in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014. The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 9 June 2014. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- employer contribution rates set at 16.48% of pensionable pay, including a 0.08% employer administration charge
- total scheme liabilities (pensions currently in payment and the estimated cost of future benefits) for service to the effective date of £191,500 million, and notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £176,600 million giving a notional past service deficit of £14,900 million
- an employer cost cap of 10.9% of pensionable pay will be applied to future valuations
- the assumed real rate of return is 3.0% in excess of prices and 2% in excess of earnings. The rate of real earnings growth is assumed to be 2.75%. The assumed nominal rate of return is 5.06%.

The TPS valuation for 2012 determined an employer rate of 16.4%, which was payable from September 2015. The next valuation of the TPS is currently underway based on April 2016 data, whereupon the employer contribution rate is expected to be reassessed and will be payable from 1 April 2019.

The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £382,198 (2016: £408,156).

A copy of the valuation report and supporting documentation is on the Teachers' Pensions website ([www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx](http://www.teacherspensions.co.uk/news/employers/2014/06/publication-of-the-valuation-report.aspx)).

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102, the TPS is a multi-employer pension scheme. The trust has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The trust has set out above the information available on the scheme.

**Local Government Pension Scheme**

The LGPS is a funded defined benefit scheme, with assets held in separate trustee-administered funds. The total contribution made for the year ended 31 August 2017 was £178,000 (2016: £195,000), of which employer's contributions totalled £138,000 (2016: £148,000) and employees' contributions totalled £40,000 (2016: £47,000). The agreed contribution rates for future years are 15.4% for employers and 5.5-7.5% for employees.

Parliament has agreed, at the request of the Secretary of State for Education, to a guarantee that, in the event of academy closure, outstanding Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities would be met by the Department for Education. The guarantee came into force on 18 July 2013.

Principal actuarial assumptions:

	<b>2017</b>	2016
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	<b>2.60 %</b>	2.20 %
Rate of increase in salaries	<b>4.20 %</b>	4.10 %
Rate of increase for pensions in payment / inflation	<b>2.70 %</b>	2.30 %
Inflation assumption (CPI)	<b>2.70 %</b>	2.30 %

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**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

The current mortality assumptions include sufficient allowance for future improvements in mortality rates. The assumed life expectations on retirement age 65 are:

	2017	2016
Retiring today		
Males	23.4	22.9
Females	25.5	26.2
Retiring in 20 years		
Males	25.7	25.2
Females	27.9	28.6

<b>Sensitivity analysis</b>	<b>At 31 August 2017</b>	<b>At 31 August 2016</b>
	£	£
Discount rate +0.1%	131,000	141,000
Discount rate -0.1%	(134,000)	(144,000)
Mortality assumption - 1 year increase	(187,000)	(147,000)
Mortality assumption - 1 year decrease	181,000	143,000
CPI rate +0.1%	(104,000)	(113,000)
CPI rate -0.1%	102,000	109,000

The Academy's share of the assets in the scheme was:

	<b>Fair value at 31 August 2017</b>	<b>Fair value at 31 August 2016</b>
	£	£
Equities and gilts	1,535,000	1,296,000
Debt instruments	61,000	55,000
Property	215,000	206,000
Cash	58,000	35,000
Target return portfolio	366,000	296,000
Infrastructure and alternative assets	229,000	204,000
Total market value of assets	<b>2,464,000</b>	<b>2,092,000</b>

The actual return on scheme assets was £261,000 (2016: £246,000).

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities are as follows:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Current service cost	(332,000)	(218,000)
Interest income	46,000	70,000
Interest cost	(126,000)	(149,000)
Total	<b>(412,000)</b>	<b>(297,000)</b>

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**21. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)**

Movements in the present value of the defined benefit obligation were as follows:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening defined benefit obligation	5,702,000	3,741,000
Current service cost	332,000	218,000
Interest cost	126,000	149,000
Employee contributions	40,000	47,000
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(544,000)	1,623,000
Benefits paid	(12,000)	(76,000)
	<u>5,644,000</u>	<u>5,702,000</u>
Closing defined benefit obligation	<u>5,644,000</u>	<u>5,702,000</u>

Movements in the fair value of the Academy's share of scheme assets:

	2017 £	2016 £
Opening fair value of scheme assets	2,092,000	1,728,000
Interest income	48,000	71,000
Actuarial gains	160,000	175,000
Employer contributions	138,000	148,000
Employee contributions	40,000	47,000
Benefits paid	(12,000)	(76,000)
Administration expenses	(2,000)	(1,000)
	<u>2,464,000</u>	<u>2,092,000</u>
Closing fair value of scheme assets	<u>2,464,000</u>	<u>2,092,000</u>

**22. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS**

At 31 August 2017 the total of the Academy Trust's future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases was:

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>AMOUNTS PAYABLE:</b>		
Within 1 year	25,307	25,307
Between 1 and 5 years	14,966	40,273
	<u>40,273</u>	<u>65,580</u>
Total	<u>40,273</u>	<u>65,580</u>

**23. MEMBERS' LIABILITY**

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

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**24. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Clyst Vale Academy Trust is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Station Road, Broadclyst, Exeter, Devon, EX5 3AJ.

**25. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Owing to the nature of the Academy Trust's operations and the composition of the Board of Trustees being drawn from the local public and private sector organisations, it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a member of the Board of Trustees may have an interest. All transactions involving such organisations are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the Academy Trust's financial regulations and normal procurement procedures.

A Ruscoe, daughter of D Ruscoe, a trustee, is employed by the Academy. A Ruscoe's appointment was made in open competition and D Ruscoe was not involved in the decision making process. A Ruscoe is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and she receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship with a Trustee.

J Colin, spouse of P Colin, a trustee, is employed by the Academy. J Colin's appointment was made in open competition and P Colin was not involved in the decision making process. J Colin is paid within the normal pay scale for her role and she receives no special treatment as a result of her relationship with a Trustee.

**26. AGENCY ARRANGEMENTS**

The Academy Trust distributes 16-19 bursary funds to students as an agent for ESFA. In the accounting period ended 31 August 2017 the Academy trust received £12,829 and disbursed £10,660 from the fund. An amount of £3,548 is included in other creditors relating to undistributed funds that is repayable to ESFA.