

Financial Statements  
Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy  
Trust

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**For the year ended 31 August 2014**

**Registered number: 07349394 (England and Wales)**

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## Reference and Administrative Details

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### Members

The Ormiston Trust  
University of Chester

### Governors

\* A Lewis, Chair (deceased 26 January 2014)  
A Collier, Staff Trustee  
S Crane, Staff Trustee  
M Lloyd-Jones  
P Lloyd-Jones  
P Meehan (resigned 25 March 2014)  
\* S Murphy, Chair  
\* J Rigby, Principal  
\* A Walker  
J Burke  
T Humby, Staff Trustee (resigned 20 March 2014)  
\* D Watson  
\* D Wilkinson (resigned 11 December 2013)

\* members of the Finance and General Purpose committee

### Company registered number

07349394 (England and Wales)

### Principal and registered office

Barnfield Avenue  
Runcorn  
Cheshire  
WA7 6EP

### Senior management team

J Rigby, Principal  
M Wyss, Vice Principal  
B Barry, Assistant Principal  
S Easton, Assistant Principal  
L Handley, Assistant Principal  
J Hough, Assistant Principal  
S Oulton, Assistant Principal  
T Humby, Assistant Principal  
J Mooney, Assistant Principal  
J Smith, Assistant Principal  
S Hughes, Director of Finance  
S Powell, Director of Data  
S Snagg, Director of Transition and Community Development

## Reference and Administrative Details of the Academy, its Governors and Advisers

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### Administrative details (continued)

#### **Independent auditor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
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Spinningfields  
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#### **Solicitors**

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Chartered Accountants  
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## Governors' Report

For the year ended 31 August 2014

The governors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements and auditor's report of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust ('the Academy' or 'the Charitable Company') for the period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014. The annual report serves the purpose of both a governors' report, and a directors' report under company law.

### Structure, governance and management

#### Constitution

The Academy is a company limited by guarantee and an exempt charity. The Charitable Company's memorandum and articles are the primary governing documents of the Academy. The governors of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law.

The charitable company is known as Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy ('the Academy').

Details of the governors who served throughout the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details page of the financial statements.

#### Members' liability

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

#### Trustees' indemnities

The Academy has put in place policies which indemnify the Governors when acting in that capacity on behalf of the Academy.

Insurance cover is provided by Zurich Municipal under policy number KSC 242039 9893.

#### Method of recruitment and appointment or election of Governors

The Sponsors shall appoint the Sponsor Governors. The Local Authority (LA) may appoint the LA Governor. The Parent Governors shall be elected by parents of registered pupils at the Academy. A Parent Governor must be a parent of a pupil at the Academy at the time of election. The Staff Governors shall be elected by the staff members at the Academy. One of the Staff Governors shall be elected from among the teaching staff of the Academy and the other Staff Governor from among the non teaching staff. A Staff Governor must be a member of staff at the time when he is elected. The Governors may appoint up to 3 co opted Governors.

Governors are elected for a term of four years but are eligible for re election at the meeting at which they retire.

The Governors who served throughout the year ended 31 August 2014 and who were appointed subsequently are listed in the Reference and Administrative Details page of the financial statements.

## Governors' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### **Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of Governors**

The training and induction provided for new Governors will depend on their existing experience. Where necessary induction will provide training on charity and educational legal and financial matters. All new Governors are welcome to visit the Academy and to meet with staff and students. All Governors are provided with copies of policies, procedures, minutes, accounts, budgets, plans and other documents that they will need to undertake their role as Governors. As there are normally only two to three new Governors a year, induction will be done informally and is tailored specifically to the individual.

### **Organisational structure**

A unified management structure is in place which consists of three levels: the Governors, the Senior Management and the Management Team. The aim of the management structure is to devolve responsibility and encourage involvement in decision making at all levels. The Principal is the Accounting Officer of the Academy.

### **Connected organisations**

The Ormiston Trust and The University of Chester are sponsors of the Academy.

### **Risk management**

The Governors have assessed the major risks to which the Academy is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific teaching, provision of facilities and other operational areas of the Academy and its finances. The Governors have implemented a number of systems to assess risks that the Academy faces, especially in the operational areas (e.g. in relation to teaching, health and safety, bullying and discipline) and in relation to the control of finance. They have introduced systems, including operational procedures (e.g. staff conduct policies) and internal financial controls in order to minimise risk.

Where significant financial risk still remains they have ensured they have adequate insurance cover. The Academy has an effective system of financial controls and this is explained in more detail in the following statement.

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Objects and aims**

In accordance with the articles of association the Charitable Company has adopted a 'Scheme of Government' approved by the Secretary of State for Education. The Scheme of Government specifies, amongst other things, the basis for admitting students to the Academy, the catchment area from which students are drawn, and that the curriculum should comply with the substance of the national curriculum with an emphasis on English and Applied Learning.

## Governors' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### Objectives, strategies and activities

The Academy is implementing an approach to deliver its transformational agenda in a challenging and deprived community by:

- personalised learning experiences integrated with the new technologies;
- admissions based on the concept of a community Academy serving all the children of its community;
- strengthening the links with primary schools to ensure effective transition;
- development of a learning community model that brings together agencies, voluntary sector and academy resources to meet the needs of the whole community, offering innovative and far reaching practices;
- providing value for money for the funds expended;
- providing a programme of sporting and after school activities for all students;
- providing a broad and diverse curriculum and staffing provision to meet the needs of all students.

### Public benefit

The Academy is an exempt charity with the charitable purpose of advancement of education to pupils between the ages of 11 to 19 within the borough of Halton.

The Academy's Governors have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

### Strategic report

#### Achievements and performance

The total number of students in the Academy continued to increase from 830 in 2012-2013 to 896 in 2013-2014. The attendance for 2013-14 was 94.6%.

The Academy again achieved very good results in the year, with 99% of all Yr. 11 students achieving 5 or more GCSEs at grades A\* to C. In addition, 67% of pupils achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grades A\* to C including English and Maths. This has put the Academy at the very top of the league table for Runcorn and significantly above local and national average scores. Students' expected rates of progress in both English and Maths were well above national averages, with those making more than expected progress matching national averages.

The sixth form has once more achieved excellent results with the A level pass rate of 99%, well above the national average. All year 13 students who were applying to university were successful with most achieving their first choice of university.

Ofsted visited the Academy in November 2012 and judged it to be 'Good', with all four categories in the inspection judged as 'Good'. With the maintained level of Achievement in the 2014 examinations mentioned above, we have the foundation to realistically secure an 'Outstanding' judgement at the next inspection. The Ormiston Review in January 2014 supported this overall judgement but deemed Leadership and Management to be 'Outstanding'.

The Academy achieved the Continuous Professional Development Mark award in October 2013, as well as The SSAT's Cultural Diversity Quality Standard at the top Gold level in November 2013. Finally, it also achieved the top Gold level award for The SSAT's Parental Engagement Quality Standard in March 2014.

## Governors' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2014

Key Stage 3 Students in years 7 & 8 follow the National Curriculum and a thinking skills programme in English based on Philosophy for Children. There are also short courses in Mandarin Chinese and the Classics (Latin, Greek and Ancient Civilisations) on offer within the Humanities and Modern Foreign Languages curriculum.

Key Stage 4 – this stage lasts for three years to allow a greater depth and choice of subjects. Pupils follow one of two curriculum pathways, determined by their ability, skills, interests and choices. All students will study English, Mathematics, Science, ICT, PE, RE and Citizenship (within the Every Child Matters curriculum) along with three options choices from a variety of optional academic and vocational subjects.

A comprehensive range of subjects delivered by high quality teachers and with some high technology resources is available for sixth form students. School improvements include a designated sixth form area, a dynamic multi media learning space incorporating the most cutting edge technologies, a variety of new ICT facilities, a new dining room with a sixth form cyber café, a T.V. green screen studio, a music recording studio and an off site construction centre.

Half-termly Project Days give Year Groups the chance to explore real-life connections with industry, business and further education. These have included multimedia work with the BBC and Creamfields, learning about the value of careers with Modern Languages via collaboration with local University graduates, as well as Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) work via forensic science 'Murder Mystery' and pyrotechnics days.

There is a vast and diverse after school Enrichment programme for all students in place which features a plethora of sporting, academic, vocational and leisure activities. The Academy's staff lead these sessions, with external providers such as Liverpool Football Club and our own Chinese Assistant also contributing.

Following a £6.7 million award to partially re-build, re-model and refurbish the existing buildings, the new Academy had its hand over for the start of the new academic year in September 2013. The new building incorporates a learning street, a dedicated performance hall, a new library, state of the art science laboratories and a sixth form study, café and social area.

The Academy runs an award winning Saturday Academy that provides opportunities for primary students to attend a variety of workshops and induction activities. Many of the local primary schools spend taster days at the Academy and have taken part in English, Maths, Spanish, Enterprise, and ICT. These days have been a massive success and the academy will continue to provide this high quality transition programme.

In addition, the Academy's new Hair and Beauty Salon in the Learning Street is now open for business to the public during the Academy day and at weekends. This is staffed and operated by the Academy's students.

A fruitful partnership with the neighbouring community sports centre has seen the Academy hosting a 'Smoking Cessation' course and wellbeing sessions for the local community.

### Key financial performance indicators

96% of total income in the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds) was received from the EFA or DFE (2013: 97%).

Salary expenditure for the year ended 31st August 2014 represented 71% (2013: 69%) of total spend and 68% (2013: 61%) of total income, excluding restricted fixed asset funds. Pupil to teacher ratio for the year was 12.6, an increase from 11.3 in 2013/14.



## Governors' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Governing Body 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 Accounting Policies.

### Financial review

#### Principal funding

Most of the Academy's income is obtained from the DfE in the form of recurrent grants, the use of which is restricted to particular purposes. The grants from the DfE during the year ended 31st August 2014 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. In accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2005) such grants 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 expected useful life of the assets concerned.

#### Financial review

During the year ended 31st August 2014, total expenditure of £7,276,000 was more than covered by recurrent grant funding from the DfE together with other incoming resources. The excess of income over expenditure for the year (excluding restricted fixed asset funds) was £275,000.

At 31st August 2014 the net book value of fixed assets was £15,645,000 and movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in note 14 to the financial statements. The assets were used exclusively for providing education and the associated support services to the pupils of the Academy.

Expenditure in the Academy is budgeted in conjunction with the Academy's development plan to ensure that all expenditure is aligned with the key objectives of the Academy.

#### Reserves policy

The Academy held fund balances at 31st August 2014 of £16,841,000 comprising £16,539,000 of restricted funds and £302,000 of unrestricted funds. Included within restricted fixed asset funds is £14,537,000 relating to donated land and buildings. These reserve amounts will be reduced in accordance with the depreciation policy for the assets transferred.

The Governors have reviewed the reserves of the Academy. This review encompassed the nature of income and expenditure streams, the need to match them with commitments and the nature of reserves. Following the completion of the partial new build and refurbishment, funds have been set aside to support the school development plan and to support the capital investment required to modernise and upgrade the remaining building and sporting facilities. The level of reserves will be kept under review by the Governors.

## Governors' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Governors have a comprehensive risk management policy to identify, evaluate and manage risk. Risks are categorised into strategic risks and operational risks. Strategic risks include political, economic, social, technological, legal, environmental, competitive and customer. Managing these risks is a core responsibility of the senior leadership team in liaison with Governors. Operational risks include professional, financial, legal, physical, contractual and technological. Risks are assessed in terms of impact and likelihood and risk control measures are identified and assigned to an appropriate member of staff. Principal risks identified are those involving fire risk assessments, recruitment procedures, financial planning and procedures, the school development plan, loss of IT equipment and systems and exam results.

### Investment policy

Investments will only be made that are consistent with the Academy's charitable status and line with policies that have been approved by the governing body. During the year cash investments were split between interest bearing accounts with Lloyds Banking Group and Santander UK Plc.

### Financial and Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The defined benefit pension scheme liability is £457,000 at 31st August 2014 (2013: £236,000).

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.

The Academy uses a variety of financial instruments, including cash and items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from day to day activities. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to ensure liquidity for the Academy's operations.

### Plans for future periods

The Academy will continue to strive to improve the levels of performance of its students at all levels and will continue its efforts to ensure its students get jobs or a place in higher education or training once they leave. The Academy will also increase its recruitment up to the maximum capacity, accepting transfers from other schools and colleges where possible.

### Auditor

Each of the persons who are Governors at the time when this Governors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Governor is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charitable Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that Governor has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Governor in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charitable Company's auditor is aware of that information.

## Governors' Report (continued)

For the year ended 31 August 2014

### Approval

Grant Thornton UK LLP, having expressed their willingness to continue in office, will be deemed reappointed for the next financial year in accordance with section 487 (2) of the Companies Act 2006 unless the Charitable Company receives notice under section 488 (1) of the Companies Act 2006.

This report, incorporating the Strategic report, was approved by order of the Governing Body, as the company directors, on 10 December 2014 and signed on the board's behalf by:



**S Murphy**  
Chair of Governors

## Governance Statement

### Scope of Responsibility

As Governors, we acknowledge we have overall responsibility for ensuring that Ormiston Bolingbroke 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 Governing Body 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 Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and the Secretary of State for Education. They are also responsible for reporting to the Governing Body any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

### Governance

The information on governance included here supplements that described in the Governors' Report and in the Governors' responsibilities statement. The Governing Body has formally met 3 times during the year. Attendance during the year at meetings of the Governing Body was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
A Lewis, Chair (deceased 26 January 2014)	0	1
A Collier, Staff Trustee	3	3
S Crane, Staff Trustee	3	3
M Lloyd-Jones	3	3
P Lloyd-Jones	3	3
P Meehan (resigned 25 March 2014)	2	2
S Murphy, Chair	2	3
J Rigby, Principal	3	3
A Walker	2	3
J Burke	0	2
T Humby, Staff Trustee (resigned 20 March 2014)	1	1
D Watson	2	3
D Wilkinson (resigned 11 December 2013)	0	0

Governance reviews:

The Governors intend to carry out a self evaluation of their effectiveness in the coming year.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is a sub-committee of the main Governing Body. Its purpose is to consider the Academy's budget and funding for the year, to monitor and review expenditure and financial procedures and to instruct and receive internal audit reports on a regular basis.

Attendance at meetings in the year was as follows:

Governor	Meetings attended	Out of a possible
A Lewis (deceased 26 January 2014)	0	1
S Murphy	3	3
J Rigby	3	3
A Walker	2	3
D Wilkinson (resigned 11 December 2013)	0	1
A Collier (not as a member)	1	1
S Crane (not as a member)	1	1
D Watson	0	2

## Governance Statement (continued)

### **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 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 Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust for the year 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements.

### **Capacity to Handle Risk**

The Governing Body has reviewed the key risks to which the Academy is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The Governing Body is of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the Academy's significant risks, that has been in place for the year 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and financial statements. This process is regularly reviewed by the Governing Body.

### **The Risk and Control Framework**

The Academy'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 Governing Body;
- regular reviews by the Finance and General Purposes 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 Governing Body has considered the need for a specific internal audit function and has decided to appoint Mazars LLP as internal auditor.

The internal auditor's role includes giving advice on financial matters and performing a range of checks on the Academy's financial systems. On a quarterly basis, the internal auditor reports to the Governing Body on the operation of the systems of control and on the discharge of the Governing Body's financial responsibilities.

The internal auditor has delivered their schedule of work as planned. No material control issues were identified as a result of the internal auditor's work.

## Governance Statement (continued)

### 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 auditor;
- the work of the executive managers within the Academy 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 Finance and General Purposes Committee and a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Approved by order of the members of the Governing Body on 10 December 2014 and signed on its behalf, by:



**S Murphy**  
Chair of Governors



**J Rigby**  
Accounting Officer

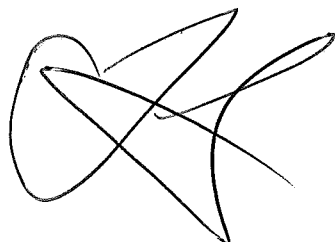
## Statement on Regularity, Propriety and Compliance

As Accounting Officer of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust I have considered my responsibility to notify the Academy Governing Body and the Education Funding Agency of material irregularity, impropriety and non-compliance with EFA terms and conditions of funding, under the funding agreement in place between the Academy and the Secretary of State. As part of my consideration I have had due regard to the requirements of the Academies Financial Handbook (2013).

I confirm that I and the Academy Governing Body are able to identify any material, irregular or improper use of funds by the Academy, or material non-compliance with the terms and conditions of funding under the Academy's funding agreement and the Academies Financial Handbook (2013).

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 Governing Body and EFA.

**J Rigby**  
**Accounting Officer**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Date: 10 December 2014

## **Governors' Responsibilities Statement**

**For the year ended 31 August 2014**

The Governors (who act as trustees of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Governors' report (including the Strategic report) and the financial statements in accordance with the Annual Accounts Direction issued by the Education Funding Agency, United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Governors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Governors 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 Governors are required to:

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

The Governors 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 Governors 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 EFA/DfE have been applied for the purposes intended.

The Governors 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 Governing Body on 10 December 2014 and signed on its behalf by:



**S Murphy**  
**Chair of Governors**



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust

We have audited the financial statements of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust for the year ended 31 August 2014 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities incorporating the Income and Expenditure Accounts and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and the Academies Accounts Direction 2013 to 2014 issued by the Education Funding Agency and applicable law.

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

### **Respective responsibilities of Governing Body and Auditor**

As explained more fully in the Governors' responsibilities statement set out on page 14, the Governors (who are also the directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate).

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charitable Company's affairs as at 31 August 2014 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;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Academies Accounts Direction 2013 to 2014 issued by the Education Funding Agency.



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust

## **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Governors' report (incorporating the strategic report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joanne Love".

Joanne Love  
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP

Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
Manchester

15 December 2014

# Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency (continued)

The work undertaken to draw our conclusion includes:

- an assessment of the risk of material irregularity and impropriety across the Academy Trust's activities;
- evaluation of the processes and controls established and maintained in respect of regularity, propriety and compliance of the use of public funds through observation and testing of the arrangements in place and enquiry of the Accounting Officer;
- consideration and corroboration of the evidence supporting the Accounting Officer's statement on regularity, propriety and compliance; and
- detailed testing on a sample basis of income and expenditure for the areas identified as high risk.

## **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 period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 have not been applied to the purposes intended by Parliament and the financial transactions do not conform to the authorities which govern them.

Grant Thornton UK LLP

### **Grant Thornton UK LLP**

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor  
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4 Hardman Square  
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Date: 15 December 2014.

# Independent Reporting Accountant's Assurance Report on Regularity to Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and the Education Funding Agency

In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 15 October 2014 and further to the requirements of the Education Funding Agency (EFA) as included in the Academies Accounts Direction 2013 to 2014, we have carried out an engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the expenditure disbursed and income received by Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust during the period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 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 Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and the EFA in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and the EFA those matters we are required to state to them 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 Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust and the EFA, for our work, for this report, or for the conclusion we have formed.

## **Respective responsibilities of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust's accounting officer and the reporting accountant**

The accounting officer is responsible, under the requirements of Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust's funding agreement with the Secretary of State for Education dated 24 October 2010, and the Academies Financial Handbook extant from 1 September 2013, 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 2013 to 2014. 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 period 1 September 2013 to 31 August 2014 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 2013 to 2014 issued by the EFA. 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 trust's income and expenditure.

## Statement of Financial Activities

(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)  
For the year ended 31 August 2014

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2014 £000	Restricted funds 2014 £000	Restricted fixed asset funds 2014 £000	Total funds 2014 £000	Total funds 2013 £000
<b>Incoming resources</b>						
Incoming resources from generated funds:						
Voluntary income	3	-	-	-	-	49
Activities for generating funds	4	168	-	-	168	59
Investment income	5	10	12	-	22	12
Incoming resources from charitable activities	6	10	6,414	898	7,322	11,736
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>188</b>	<b>6,426</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>7,512</b>	<b>11,856</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>						
Costs of generating funds:						
Costs of generating voluntary income	7	-	-	-	-	29
Charitable activities	8	25	6,149	937	7,111	6,046
Governance costs	9	-	165	-	165	154
<b>Total resources expended</b>	10	<b>25</b>	<b>6,314</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>7,276</b>	<b>6,229</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>(39)</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>5,627</b>
Transfers between Funds	18	-	(295)	295	-	-
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>5,627</b>
Actuarial gains and losses on defined benefit pension schemes		-	(213)	-	(213)	96
<b>Net movement in funds for the year</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>(396)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5,723</b>
Total funds at 1 September 2013		139	1,290	15,389	16,818	11,095
<b>Total funds at 31 August 2014</b>		<b>302</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>15,645</b>	<b>16,841</b>	<b>16,818</b>

All activities relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 22 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy Trust

Registered number: 07349394 (England and Wales)

## Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2014

	Note	£000	2014 £000	£000	2013 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	14		15,645		15,389
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	15	24		23	
Debtors	16	302		143	
Cash at bank		1,804		1,647	
		<u>2,130</u>		<u>1,813</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
	17	(477)		(148)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>1,653</u>		<u>1,665</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>17,298</u>		<u>17,054</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	26		(457)		(236)
<b>Net assets including pension scheme liabilities</b>			<u><u>16,841</u></u>		<u><u>16,818</u></u>
<b>Funds of the academy</b>					
Restricted funds:					
Restricted funds	18	1,351		1,526	
Restricted fixed asset funds	18	15,645		15,389	
Restricted funds excluding pension liability		<u>16,996</u>		<u>16,915</u>	
Pension reserve		(457)		(236)	
Total restricted funds			<u>16,539</u>		<u>16,679</u>
Unrestricted funds	18		<u>302</u>		<u>139</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			<u><u>16,841</u></u>		<u><u>16,818</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Governors, and authorised for issue, on 10 December 2014 and are signed on their behalf, by:

S Murphy  
Chair of Governors



The notes on pages 22 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

## Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 August 2014

	Note	2014 £000	2013 £000
Net cash flow from operating activities	20	442	741
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	21	10	12
Capital expenditure and financial investment	21	(295)	(89)
<b>Increase in cash in the year</b>		<u>157</u>	<u>664</u>

## Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Funds

For the year ended 31 August 2014

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Increase in cash in the year	<u>157</u>	<u>664</u>
<b>Movement in net funds in the year</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>664</b>
Net funds at 1 September 2013	<u>1,647</u>	<u>983</u>
<b>Net funds at 31 August 2014</b>	<u><b>1,804</b></u>	<u><b>1,647</b></u>

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