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BIMM UNIVERSITY LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The directors present their strategic report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Review of the business

The directors of the business are satisfied with the results for the year ended 31 August 2023. The activity of the Group as a whole in the year was to provide higher and further creative industries education. Further to achieving university status, the Group is looking at initiatives to further improve our student experience, enhance the quality of teaching, and increase our efficiency.

The results for the year are shown in full in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and related notes.

Trading Performance – Key Indicators

	Year ended 31 August 2023	Year ended 31 August 2022
	£m	£m
Income	76.3	73.3
EBITDA*	25.1	25.4
Surplus before tax	18.5	19.9

* Reported EBITDA on a financial statement accounting basis.

The servicing of debt, capital expenditure and centralised head office costs are borne within other entities in the Murphy Topco Group ("Murphy Group"), Murphy Topco Limited being the ultimate parent of the Group. Head office costs cover support functions such as Finance, Technology, Academic, Admissions, People and Marketing. These costs are not re-charged to BIMM University Limited. However, there are cross-guarantees between entities in the Murphy Topco Group. BIMM University Limited financial statements' EBITDA (Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortisation) is the main Key Performance Indicator monitored throughout the year. The business delivered EBITDA on a financial statements basis of £25,094,463 (2022: £25,392,630) for the year, which was in line with expectations.

The increase in income has been driven primarily by growth in the less mature schools, Screen and Film and Performing Arts. Changes in student population mix within the more established schools such as Music have also contributed towards this increase. The trend of growth in new students is expected to continue in line with the Group's recruitment strategy as well as UK demographic changes. During the course of the year the new film school in Berlin opened with its first intake joining for the new academic year.

BIMM University Limited is registered with the Office for Students (OfS) as an Approved Fee Cap Provider and as such is eligible for recurrent grant and capital grant income. In the year ended 31 August 2023 £3,689,321 (2022: £2,264,937) has been recognised within the Group's income.

The BIMM University Limited Group is part of the wider Murphy Topco Group of companies. Head office costs and financing costs are in companies higher up in the Group structure. No recharge is made to the BIMM University Limited Group in respect of these costs.

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BIMM does not own or generate income from student accommodation, halls of residence, restaurants, cafes, or conferencing suites and as such the effect of the Coronavirus lockdown on income was not material and lessens further as the country emerges from the pandemic. BIMM was impacted by BREXIT to the extent that EU student numbers were down, but these were replaced by other ROW students. The impact of the cost of living and, for example, the war in Ukraine will have had some impact on the business but not to the extent occasioned by Covid in prior years. However, there are still ongoing effects of Covid, notably on the mental health of students and staff. Management is continuing to take steps to support the welfare of both students and staff.

Net cash increase in the year was £4,695,360 (2022: decrease £7,827,611). The increase in cash was primarily due to the decrease in payments to acquire fixed assets.

Cash held at year end was £8,078,784 (2022: £3,383,424). The business continues to deliver a strong level of operational cashflow providing significant headroom on debt servicing across the whole Murphy Topco Group of which the BIMM University Group is a part.

All Murphy Topco Group banking covenant tests were passed throughout the year and significant headroom is forecast throughout the business plan period.

No dividends were proposed or paid during the year.

Non - Trading Performance: Key Indicators

In 2023, the UK BIMM University maintained an aggregate positivity measure in the National Student Survey scores of 71. This survey is only applicable to those campuses in the UK. Scores across most categories saw an improved result, except for organization and management.

S.172 Statement

As stated in the Act, this means having regard to, amongst other things:

- the likely consequences of any decisions in the long term.
- the interests of employees.
- the need to foster business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others.
- the impact of operations on the community and environment.
- the desirability of maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between members of the Company.

This duty underpins the Board's decision-making processes and the Group's strategic direction, with due consideration given to the long-term impact of its decisions on shareholders, employees, customers, and wider stakeholders. Practical measures that the Board takes to ensure the interests of these stakeholders are reflected in the Board's decision-making process are as follows in addition to items referenced above:

Consequences of any decision in the long term

During the year, the Group continued from the previous structure in the marketing of its own degrees across the UK Colleges under TDAP (Taught Degree Awarding Powers) with cohorts continuing to be successfully enrolled.

TDAP has provided the Group with a greater ability to refresh course content and delivery to support widening participation and progression outcomes. The Group is now working towards a successful renewal of its DAPS in 2025.

Interests of the company's employees

The Group has a policy to develop and encourage employee involvement. This is delivered by regular communication from both the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Management Group. In addition to this, regular visits to individual campus locations are conducted throughout the period.

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Fostering the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers, and others

Several initiatives to widen access to students from low participation groups were delivered under BIMM's OfS Approved Access and Participation Plan. https://www.bimm.ac.uk/governance-and-quality/access-and-participation

The Group continues to work closely with University and Further Education Partners to deliver courses under validation and franchise agreements. On-going development of curriculum management steering groups ensure that relationships with Tutors are secure in the long term. The Group has continued its pastoral care tutorials and support, particularly for new first year students, further to the pandemic. There is increased focus on diversity and inclusion, with partnerships in music for example providing real value.

Impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment

The Group seeks to meet all of its statutory requirements and apply best practice by encouraging recycling and use of electronic of communication to reduce the use of paper. The business has also invested in technology to facilitate a reduction in the requirement for road, train, and air travel. The Group is continually reviewing its ESG responsibilities and updates its operations accordingly.

Cybersecurity continues to be an area of focus. During the period, investments have been into cybersecurity software and infrastructure. A third-party review of cybersecurity policies and procedures has been undertaken and have achieved implemented the remedial actions identified.

The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

The Board engages with a variety of stakeholders, including students, The Office for Students, and University Partners, to inform and enable balanced decisions that incorporate multiple viewpoints, whilst maintaining the Company's Strategy. In making decisions the Board considers outcomes from engagements with stakeholders as well as the importance of maintaining the Company's integrity, brand, and reputation.

The need to act fairly as between members of the company

There are two subcommittees (remuneration and nomination) in place to ensure unbiased treatment of the members of the company.

Additionally, the Board is composed of Executive, Non-Executive, Independent and Investment Directors to ensure there is a well-balanced evaluation of key matters.

Future Prospects

BIMM has now successfully enrolled cohorts across Music, Performing Arts and Film under BIMM University Limited's TDAP. This is expected to provide greater flexibility over future curriculum changes. The University is planning to introduce new creative arts curriculum area focusing on creative technologies, and invested in new roles during 2022-23 to begin preparations for this. It also saw an increase in postgraduate students applying for the provision during this period. Management expects the future growth of the business to be driven by demand for these new courses as well as the UK demographic changes (number of 18-year-olds increases in the UK from 2022 onwards).

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PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risks in the business are student achievement, retention rates and regulatory compliance (OfS). Inappropriate management of these risks could result in a decline in student numbers and the potential loss of funding contracts with university and college partners as well as the OfS. These risks are managed by the Murphy Topco Limited Board, Audit Committee, Executive Management Group and Academic Board.

The retention and achievement rates are stable in each campus, are measured on a regular basis and reviewed by Senior Leadership. The new structure implemented on July 1st has provided better approaches to this aspect of academic governance and new reporting processes have been designed for implementation in the following period. This process is also supported by teams within the Academic Services Department, who also review the information, follow up and resolve issues as they occur.

Additionally, the Group has made significant investments in governance structures and processes throughout the year to adhere to regulatory requirements including APP (Access and Participation Plan). BIMM University Limited's published APP is focused on four key areas:

• Increase the number of female students enrolling on our courses.
• Increase the number of BME students enrolling on our courses.
• Enhance the levels of support, both financial and advisory, available to students who declare a disability and students from lower socio-economic backgrounds.
• Enhance the levels of academic support provided to students from non-traditional educational backgrounds and/or with lower entry qualifications as par.

The Group continues to invest in its Academic Development and Quality Assurance team, restructured to deliver a University-wide Academic Services provision, and to ensure that this is the key focus of the Group's activities. See note 5 for further details on the Access and Participation Plan.

Inflation and the consequent cost of living crisis were identified as a potential risk for future periods, but the Group is managing its costs accordingly. A cap instrument against future interest rate rises continues to mitigate the risk of increases in the cost of borrowing. See the Statement of corporate governance and internal control on page 8 for further details on how emerging risks are identified and managed.

Most of the Group's revenue is secured at the start of the year by virtue of an annual recruitment process which ensures the vast majority of students have contracts in place by 1 September. In addition, the Group has several contracts in place with university and college funding partners with these contracts generally being for a 3-to-5-year period.

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, trade debtors and trade creditors. The purpose of these instruments is to raise funds to finance the Group's operations. As a result, the main risks the Group is exposed to are credit and liquidity.

In the region of c. 90% of UK revenue is derived from students who are in receipt of a student loan. Loans are paid by the Student Loan Company directly to BIMM during the academic year. Students who pay privately are required to do so in advance of the start of the Academic year.

The Board consider there to be sufficient access to working capital facilities to manage the cycle with appropriate levels of headroom. The Murphy Topco Group has access to borrowing facilities that can be used to manage working capital if required.

ENERGY AND CARBON REPORTING

SECR Statement:

The Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018 implement the government's policy on Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR). BIMM University Limited qualify for SECR compliance as a UK-based large unquoted company.

BIMM University Limited has reported under SECR by being included in the Group report of its parent undertaking, Murphy Topco Limited. As a subsidiary of Murphy Topco Limited, BIMM University Limited's energy and emissions from UK-based operations have been included in the Group SECR report published in Murphy Topco Limited's Director's Report.

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STATEMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board of BIMM University Limited (formally BIMM Limited Board) is the governing body of the entity registered with the Office for Students in the Approved (fee cap) category with Taught Degree Awarding Powers trading as BIMM Institute and was established in its current form in February 2019. The Board is chaired by a non-executive chairperson, appointed at the end of 2021-22 and includes non-executive directors with expertise in the areas of creative arts Higher Education, and corporate leadership. During 2022-23, two new independent members were elected to the board, bringing further diversification of skills and expertise in educational governance and risk management. One of these new members assumed responsibility for the Audit Sub-Committee (see below). Further members include the Chief Executive Officer/Vice Chancellor, and the Chief Financial Officer are members of the Board and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost attends Board meetings in their capacity as Chair of the Academic Board. The Board meets quarterly.

The Board's primary responsibilities include:

- To approve the mission and strategic vision of the Institution, long-term academic and business plans and key performance indicators, and to ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders.
- To ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Institution against the plans and approved key performance indicators.
- To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer and Head of Institution, for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and human resource management of the Institution. And to establish and keep under regular review the policies, procedures and limits within such management functions as shall be undertaken by and under the authority of the Chief Executive Officer and Head of Institution.
- To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment, and procedures for handling internal grievances and for managing conflicts of interest.
- To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Board itself.
- To conduct its business in accordance with best practice in higher education corporate governance and the principles of public life drawn up by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
- To be the principal financial and business authority of the Institution, to ensure that proper books of account are kept, to approve the annual budget and financial statements, and to have overall responsibility for the Institution's assets, property, and estate.
- To be the Institution's legal authority and, as such, to ensure that systems are in place for meeting all the Institution's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in the Institution's name.
- To receive assurance that adequate provision has been made for the general welfare of students.
- To oversee the development, review and compliance with policies and practices on legal and regulatory requirements including without limitation the Higher Education Prevent Duty in England, Health & Safety and Data Protection.
- To take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured across the Institution.
- To ensure that, in accordance with the Articles, academic staff, while engaged in research or teaching, have freedom within the law to question and test received wisdom and to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges they may have within the Institution.
- To ensure that the Institution's Articles of Association and these Standing Orders are always followed and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.
- To promote a culture which supports inclusivity and diversity across the Institute.
- To ensure that all students and staff have opportunities to engage with the governance and management of the Institute.
- To ensure regularity and propriety in the use of Office for Students funding.

The Board has formally adopted the key values and elements of The Higher Education Code of Governance published by the Council of University Chairs.

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The Board has established four subcommittees:

Academic Board:

The Board delegates certain powers and responsibilities to the Academic Board, which is the Institution's academic authority and will promote the academic and professional work of the Institution. The powers and responsibilities of the Academic Board are set out in its terms of reference.

Audit Committee:

The Board delegates certain powers and responsibilities to the Audit Committee, which is responsible for overseeing and providing assurance to the Board on the effectiveness of the operation of the Institution's processes and systems, the management of risk, and the correctness and integrity of the information provided to the Board and external bodies. The powers and responsibilities of the Audit Committee are set out in its terms of reference. A new chair was appointed, with specialisms in risk management and audit functions in corporate environments.

Nominations Committee:

The Board delegates certain powers and responsibilities to the Nominations Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the appointment and reappointment of appointed members of the Board, taking account of the overall diversity of the Board and its subcommittees, and ensuring that there is an appropriate mix of skills and experience on the Board to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities, and for succession planning for the Board and the Executive Management Group. The powers and responsibilities of the Nominations Committee are set out in its terms of reference.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee:

The Board delegates certain powers and responsibilities to the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the development of a range of activities and interventions across the University to ensure its community and culture are welcoming and generate a sense of belonging and mattering to all its stakeholders. The powers and responsibilities of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity Committee are set out in its terms of reference.

The composition and terms of reference of the Board and its subcommittees are published on BIMM University's website as part of the Institution's Governance Infrastructure and are also made available to students and staff through the virtual learning environment.

The Board has in place adequate and effective arrangements for corporate governance, risk management and oversight of any statutory and other regulatory responsibilities including ensuring compliance with the Office for Student's ongoing conditions of registration, any terms, and conditions of funding and other relevant regulatory responsibilities.

Activity undertaken during 2022-23

During 2022/23 academic year, the OfS were informed through the Reportable Event mechanism of both the interim and permanent change of Chief Operating Officer, due to the resignation of the previous role holder. Additional activity including the notification of the closure of the Hamburg campus, notification relating to the staff HESA return, and the hiving up of one subsidiary company into the parent company. The Board continues a programme of enhancement under the new chair and for the new year moved to appoint a staff representative and begin a programme of staff and student engagement events.

The following is a brief overview of activity transacted on behalf of the Board through the delegated authority given to its Academic Board and contributes to the BIMM University Ltd Board overseeing the development and enhancement of the academic character of the university. During the Academic Year 2022-23 the Board approved the development and submission to the Teaching Excellence Framework, initial preparations for an application of DAPs renewal (due 2025), and the closure of the Hamburg campus.

Two significant pieces of work were also undertaken under the delegated authority of its Academic Board. The approval of a pass/fail first year and the re-working of the university academic framework and associated regulations for both undergraduate and taught postgraduate delivery were approved.

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Further improvements to the committee structure were designed to ensure improved oversight of academic matters and to reflect a new operating structure bought in from July 1st, 2023. It also supported the development and approval of the Postgraduate Periodic Review, approving the postgraduate provision for a period of six years.

INTERNAL CONTROL

BIMM's governance framework has been developed and refined over the years to ensure the application of the highest standards of academic and corporate governance to protect and enhance the student interest. This is designed to support the achievement by BIMM University of its aims and objectives and, at the same time, safeguard public and other funds and assets for which BIMM University is responsible. The Audit Committee benefited from the appointment of a new Chair towards the end of this period. This Chair, who specialises in the governance of risk, is expected to continue to enhance the activity and oversight of the Audit Committee during the following period.

Risk registers are maintained and reviewed quarterly by the Executive Management Group and the Audit Committee. Risk is assessed in the register by assigning a score based on likelihood of a risk multiplied by the impact if that risk occurred. Residual risk in then assessed once mitigating actions have been agreed. To ensure completeness of the risk assessments a PESTEL analysis is performed on a quarterly basis.

To ensure that risk assessment and internal control is embedded in on-going operations, the central risk register is cascaded down to campus operations via the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) quarterly review meetings. By including all levels of the operation in risk assessment the Board ensures that business, operational, compliance, and financial risk are included in assessments. In addition, a third-party provider is used to review internal controls across all operations. The conclusions of these reports are presented at each Audit Committee and subsequent BIMM University Limited Board meetings. The Board receives the minutes of the Audit Committee meetings by way of assurance that a sound system of internal control is being maintained and the effectiveness of these controls reviewed. In their annual audit work upon the financial statements the Group's external independent auditor also reports on the sufficiency of BIMM's internal controls such that they might cause material misstatement to the financial statements.

In all these procedures no significant internal control weaknesses were identified in the year.

This statement of corporate governance and internal control relates to the period September 2022 to August 2023 (FY23) and is current until the date of approval of the audited financial statements.

Approved by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board by

F J Page
Director

Date 20/12/2023

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Principal activities
The principal activity of the Group during the year was the provision of higher and further education in music, screen and film, performing arts and creative technology. In line with a university focused on creative industries education.

Business review
The results for the year are shown in full in the Statement of Comprehensive Income and related notes. The Group income for the year amounted to £76,283,065 (2022: £73,314,100) and the surplus for the year, after taxation, amounted to £17,365,195 (2022: £19,139,739). Group cash held at year end was £8,078,784 (2022: £3,383,424).

No dividends were proposed or paid during the year.

Directors
The following directors have held office since 1 September 2022:
A P Carswell (resigned 20 March 2023)
M A Hunt
B J Coady
I Collins (resigned 30 April 2023)
D Jones-Owen (appointed 2 December 2022)
F J Page (appointed 31 August 2023)

Directors' responsibilities statement
The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report, and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company and Group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Financial management risks & objectives are disclosed in note 15.

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Going concern

After reviewing BIMM University Limited group's and company's forecasts and considering their profit and net assets at the year end and based on the expected continued financial support of the ultimate parent company, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group and company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet their liabilities and obligations for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the date of these accounts.

As part of the wider Murphy Topco Group, BIMM University Limited also considers the banking and covenant requirements of the wider group. After reviewing Murphy Topco Group's forecasts and considering the net current liabilities at the year end, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Murphy Topco Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities and obligations for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the date of these accounts and therefore provides appropriate support for the Group. Management have also considered the cashflows relating to any potential investments made by the wider group to ensure that these would remain positive.

In the prior year the effect of Covid-19 was considered in terms of risk. Although there was no material effect in the short- or long-term, as the country comes out of the pandemic its legacy is one of increased caution in the population in general. Issues such as Brexit, the war in Ukraine, and the cost-of-living crisis combine to add to a general sense of uncertainty and caution, but the Group continues to manage its cost base and has budgeted inflationary rises where applicable.

As uncertainty could impact on our student numbers, various scenarios were considered to stress-test the forecasts of the business for a drop in student numbers.

We assess the budget and financial forecast of the ultimate parent Group, the Murphy Topco Group. This is because the Group's debt is held higher up in the ownership structure and supported by a cross guarantee. In preparing our updated budget and financial forecast in line with our usual timetable at Murphy Topco level, we started with our annual budget, and then adjusted for a drop in student numbers and extrapolated out until 2027. Any drop in student numbers is forecast to reverse by the end of the outlook. Cash and covenants were stress-tested until August 2025. A very significant decrease in student numbers or increase in cost could cause a breach in covenants and affect the cash position, but this is considered highly unlikely. Murphy Topco Limited, the ultimate parent, is therefore considered to continue to be a position to provide support to the BIMM University Limited Group, if necessary, since the parent and parent group are themselves profitable.

Stability is also provided by the Student Loan Company continuing to honour payments, and by the refinancing of the Group's banking facilities in 2020 which included £10m rolling credit facility which we consider to be ample.

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Political donations

There were no political donations in the year.

Charitable donations

There were no charitable donations in the year.

Employment of disabled people

It is the policy of the Group to employ disabled persons in the job suited to their aptitudes, abilities, and qualifications whenever practicable, to endeavour to continue the employment of those who become disabled whilst in the Group's employment and to provide disabled employees with the same opportunities for promotion, career development and training as those afforded to other employees.

Employee communication and engagement

The Group uses a range of policies to manage its approach to people-related issues and promote a culture of engagement across its organisation. These policies cover areas including work-life balance, health and safety, performance and conduct, recruitment, and training. These policies are communicated in a variety of ways including through the operational senior management team meetings and school management meetings, as well as through the academic framework, including the academic board.

Statement of disclosure to auditors

The directors confirmed that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

To the best of our knowledge:

- the Group financial statements, prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Further and Higher Education and the OfS's Accounts direction (issued October 2019), give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole; and
- the Strategic Report and Directors' Report include a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the company, and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.

Qualifying 3rd party indemnity provisions

The company has provided an indemnity for its directors and the secretary, which is a qualifying third-party indemnity provision for the purposes of Companies Act 2006.

Auditor

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board and signed on behalf of the Board by

F J Page
Director

Date 20/12/2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF BIMM UNIVERSITY LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of BIMM University Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 August 2023, which comprise the Consolidated and Parent Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated and Parent Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated and Parent Statement of Cash Flows, Consolidated and Parent Statement of Changes in Reserves and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland’ (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of the Group's and the parent company's surplus, income and expenditure, gains and losses, changes in reserves and of the Group's cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

We are responsible for concluding on the appropriateness of the directors’ use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group’s and the parent company’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor’s opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group or the parent company to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the directors’ conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the Group’s and the parent company’s business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as the cost of living crisis, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the Group’s and the parent company’s financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

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

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

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

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Other information

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

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the 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 themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report, prepared for the purposes of company law, included in the annual report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared, is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report included in the annual report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the parent company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report included in the annual report.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Office for Students ('OfS') Accounts direction (issued October 2019) (the 'OfS Accounts direction')

In our opinion, in all material respects:

- funds from whatever source administered by the parent company for specific purposes have been properly applied to those purposes and managed in accordance with the relevant legislation;
- funds provided by the OfS,have been applied in accordance with relevant terms and conditions; and
- the requirements of the OfS Accounts direction have been met.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the OfS Accounts direction requires us to report to you where:

- the parent company's grant and fee income, as disclosed in the note to the accounts, has been materially misstated; or
- the parent company's expenditure on access and participation activities for the financial year, has been materially misstated.

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Responsibilities of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 11, the directors 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 directors 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 directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- we obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the parent company and the Group and determined that the most significant which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those related to the reporting frameworks (FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006, and OfS accounts direction). We communicated this to all engagement team members, including internal specialists, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit;
- we understood how the company and the Group is complying with those legal and regulatory frameworks by making inquiries those responsible for legal and compliance procedures, the academic board and management. We corroborated our inquiries through our review of board minutes, walkthroughs performed with management and other supporting documentation;
- we assessed the susceptibility of the Group's and parent company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur, by evaluating management's incentives and opportunities for manipulation of the financial statements. This included the evaluation of the risk of management override of controls. Audit procedures performed by the Group engagement team included:
    - identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls management has in place to prevent and detect fraud;
    - understanding how those charged with governance considered and addressed the potential for override of controls or other inappropriate influence over the financial reporting process;
    - challenging assumptions and judgments made by management in its significant accounting estimates;
    - identifying and testing journal entries within our data-interrogation software, with a particular focus on journals of large value and unusual account combinations;
    - assessing matters reported through the Group's whistleblowing programme and the results of management's evaluation of such matters; and
    - assessing the extent of compliance with the relevant laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement item; and
    - held discussions with those outside the finance team including human resources, key management and operations personnel.

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- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it.

Use of our report

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

Grant Thornton UK LLP

Anthony Thomas FCA
Senior Statutory Auditor
for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP
Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants
London, UK
Date: 20/12/2023

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CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Income					
Tuition fees and education contracts	**3**	72,593,744	71,049,163	65,400,368	63,721,674
Funding body grants	**3**	3,689,321	2,264,937	3,689,321	2,264,937
Investment income		-	-	236,749	247,985
Total Income		**76,283,065**	**73,314,100**	**69,326,438**	**66,234,596**
Expenditure					
Staff costs	**6**	(21,411,843)	(19,773,021)	(18,132,930)	(16,746,355)
Other operating expenses		(29,071,926)	(28,010,003)	(24,949,721)	(23,132,895)
Depreciation	**11**	(4,689,539)	(3,661,298)	(2,755,564)	(1,508,572)
Amortisation	**9**	(1,840,393)	(1,840,392)	(1,477,575)	(1,477,575)
Loss on disposal of tangible assets		(704,833)	(138,446)	(704,833)	-
Interest and other finance cost		(41,233)	(38,894)	(28,979)	(25,575)
Total expenditure		**(57,759,767)**	**(53,462,054)**	**(48,049,602)**	**(42,890,972)**
Surplus before tax	**5**	**18,523,298**	**19,852,046**	**21,276,836**	**23,343,624**
Taxation	**8**	**(1,158,103)**	(712,307)	**(1,052,624)**	(508,890)
Surplus for the year		**17,365,195**	**19,139,739**	**20,224,212**	**22,834,734**
Other comprehensive income for the year					
Translation of foreign operations		(49,799)	188,647	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**17,315,396**	**19,328,386**	**20,224,212**	**22,834,734**

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 23 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Group 2023	Group 2022	Company 2023	Company 2022
		£	£	£	£
Non-current assets					
Intangible assets and goodwill	9	6,086,136	7,926,529	5,205,458	6,547,798
Investments	10	-	-	19,420,227	19,555,462
Tangible assets	11	37,488,777	36,507,236	20,888,556	18,433,069
		43,574,913	**44,433,765**	**45,514,241**	**44,536,329**
Current assets					
Trade and other receivables	12	108,279,919	93,808,130	118,342,570	105,169,102
Current tax debtor		58,447	962,679	-	922,271
Cash and cash equivalents	13	8,078,784	3,383,424	5,686,198	1,572,245
		116,417,150	**98,154,233**	**124,028,768**	**107,663,618**
Less: Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(35,036,049)	(36,247,617)	(98,695,355)	(100,484,809)
Tax Payable		(1,319)	-	-	-
Net current assets		**81,379,782**	**61,906,616**	**25,333,413**	**7,178,809**
Total assets less current liabilities		**124,954,695**	**106,340,381**	**70,847,654**	**51,715,138**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year					
Other provisions	16	(2,500,886)	(1,531,333)	(2,234,197)	(1,189,949)
Total net assets		**122,453,809**	**104,809,048**	**68,613,457**	**50,525,189**
Unrestricted reserves					
Called up share capital	17	6	6	6	6
Revaluation reserve	17	8,799,991	8,799,991	8,799,991	8,799,991
Other reserve	17	329,365	-	(47,885,719)	(45,749,775)
Translation reserve		(62,419)	(12,620)	-	-
Profit and loss account - unrestricted		113,386,866	96,021,671	107,699,179	87,474,967
Capital and reserves attributable to owners		**122,453,809**	**104,809,048**	**68,613,457**	**50,525,189**

The notes on pages 23 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 20/12/2023 .

F J Page
Director

D Jones-Owen
Director

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CONSOLIDATED AND PARENT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities					
Surplus for the year before taxation		**18,523,298**	**19,852,046**	**21,276,836**	**23,343,624**
Non cash adjustments:					
Depreciation	**11**	4,689,539	3,661,298	2,755,564	1,508,572
Amortisation	**9**	1,840,393	1,840,392	1,477,575	1,477,575
Increase in other trade receivables		(14,142,424)	(22,463,079)	(15,072,662)	(21,308,299)
Increase/(decrease) in other trade payables		(1,252,391)	1,241,574	(1,847,205)	(564,416)
Increase in other provisions		-	-	-	-
Net foreign exchange differences		(41,387)	178,162	-	-
Adjustment for investing or financing activities					
Investment income		-	-	(236,750)	(247,985)
Interest received		(19)	-	-	-
Interest payable		41,252	38,894	28,979	25,575
Loss on disposal of tangible assets		704,833	138,446	704,833	-
Capital grant income		(59,177)	(43,964)	(59,177)	(43,964)
Cash flows from operating activities		**10,303,917**	**4,443,769**	**9,027,993**	**4,190,682**
Taxation (paid)/received		717,001	(1,158,447)	913,895	(963,747)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		**11,020,918**	**3,285,322**	**9,941,888**	**3,226,935**
Cash flows from Investing activities					
Payments made to acquire fixed asset investments		-	-	-	-
Payments made for business acquisitions; net of cash acquired		-	-	16,928	-
Capital grants received		100,000	30,000	100,000	30,000
Payments made to acquire fixed assets		(6,384,325)	(11,104,039)	(5,915,884)	(9,989,074)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		**(6,284,325)**	**(11,074,039)**	**(5,798,956)**	**(9,959,074)**
Cash flows from financing activities					
Interest received		19	-	-	-
Interest paid		(41,252)	(38,894)	(28,979)	(25,575)
Net cash outflow from financing activities		**(41,233)**	**(38,894)**	**(28,979)**	**(25,575)**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash		**4,695,360**	**(7,827,611)**	**4,113,953**	**(6,757,714)**
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 September		3,383,424	11,211,035	1,572,245	8,329,959
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 August	**13**	**8,078,784**	**3,383,424**	**5,686,198**	**1,572,245**

Reconciliation of Net Debt

	1 September 2022 £	Cashflows £	Acquired £	31 August 2023 £
Group				
Cash	3,383,424	4,695,360	-	8,078,784
Company				
Cash	1,572,245	4,097,025	16,928	5,686,198

There were no other elements of net debt other than cash in the year. The notes on pages 23 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Group	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Translation reserve	Other reserve	Retained earnings	Total reserves
	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2022	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(12,620)**	**-**	**96,021,671**	**104,809,048**
Comprehensive income for the year						
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	-	17,365,195	17,365,195
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(49,799)	-	-	(49,799)
Total comprehensive income for the year	**-**	**-**	**(49,799)**	**-**	**17,365,195**	**17,315,396**
Contributions by and distributions to owners						
Capital contribution	-	-	-	329,365	-	329,365
Total transactions with owners	**-**	**-**	**-**	**329,365**	**-**	**329,365**
Balance at 31 August 2023	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(62,419)**	**329,365**	**113,386,866**	**122,453,809**

All reserves are unrestricted.

Group	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Translation reserve	Other reserve	Retained earnings	Total reserves
	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2021	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(201,267)**	**-**	**76,881,932**	**85,480,662**
Comprehensive income for the year						
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	-	19,139,739	19,139,739
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	188,647	-	-	188,647
Total comprehensive income for the year	**-**	**-**	**188,647**	**-**	**19,139,739**	**19,328,386**
Balance at 31 August 2022	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(12,620)**	**-**	**96,021,671**	**104,809,048**

All reserves are unrestricted.

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PARENT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Company	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Other reserve	Retained earnings	Total reserves
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2022	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(45,749,775)**	**87,474,967**	**50,525,189**
Comprehensive income for the year					
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	20,224,212	20,224,212
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	**-**	**-**	**-**	**20,224,212**	**20,224,212**
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Capital contribution	-	-	(2,135,944)	-	(2,135,944)
Total transactions with owners	**-**	**-**	**(2,135,944)**	**-**	**(2,135,944)**
Balance at 31 August 2023	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(47,885,719)**	**107,699,179**	**68,613,457**

All reserves are unrestricted.

Company	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Other reserve	Retained earnings	Total reserves
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2021	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(45,749,775)**	**64,640,233**	**27,690,455**
Comprehensive income for the year					
Surplus for the year	-	-	-	22,834,734	22,834,734
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	**-**	**-**	**-**	**22,834,734**	**22,834,734**
Contributions by and distributions to owners					
Capital contribution	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Balance at 31 August 2022	**6**	**8,799,991**	**(45,749,775)**	**87,474,967**	**50,525,189**

All reserves are unrestricted.

The notes on pages 23 to 42 form part of these financial statements.

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

BIMM University Limited is a private company incorporated in England and Wales limited by shares and the address of its registered office is 38-42 Brunswick Street West, Hove, BN3 1EL.

The company's principal activity is the provision of higher and further education in contemporary music, film, and performing arts.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Further and Higher Education and the OfS's Accounts direction (issued October 2019). The financial statements are presented in sterling (£) and the functional currency is sterling (£). The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 2).

There has been no receipt of endowments or otherwise restricted income. Accordingly, none of the parent's or group's reserves are restricted.

The consolidated accounts of BIMM University Limited group have voluntarily not adopted the following disclosure exemptions:

- Financial instrument disclosures, including:
  - categories of financial instruments
  - items of income, expenses, gains, or losses relating to financial instruments, and
  - exposure to and management of financial risk
- Statement of cashflows

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 August 2023 comprise BIMM University Limited ('company') and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group').

Subsidiaries

The Group financial statements consolidate those of the parent company and all its subsidiaries as at 31 August 2023. There is no student union associated with the parent or group, and consequently there is no consideration of control or consolidation of a student union with the financial statements.

Profit or loss and other comprehensive income of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the period are recognised from the effective date of acquisition, or up to the effective date of disposal, as applicable. The Group attributes total comprehensive income or loss of subsidiaries between the owners of the parent and the non-controlling interests based on their respective ownership interests.

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1.2 Basis of consolidation (continued)

Where the company has control over an investee, it is classified as a subsidiary. The company controls an investee if all three of the following elements are present:

• power over the investee

• exposure or rights to variable returns from the investee

• the ability of the company to use its power to affect those variable returns.

Control is re-assessed whenever facts and circumstances indicate that there may be a change in any of the above elements of control.

Transactions eliminated on consolidation

All transactions and balances between group companies are eliminated on consolidation, including unrealised gains and losses on transactions between group companies. Where unrealised losses on intra-group asset sales are reversed on consolidation, the underlying asset is also tested for impairment from a group perspective. Amounts reported in the financial statements of subsidiaries have been adjusted where necessary to ensure consistency with the accounting policies adopted by the Group.

Profit or loss and other comprehensive income of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the period are recognised from the effective date of acquisition, or up to the effective date of disposal, as applicable. The Group attributes total comprehensive income or loss of subsidiaries between the owners of the parent and the non-controlling interests based on their respective ownership interests.

Business combinations

The Group applies the acquisition method in accounting for business combinations. The consideration transferred by the Group to obtain control of a subsidiary is calculated as the sum of the acquisition-date fair values of assets transferred, liabilities incurred, and the equity interests issued by the Group, which includes the fair value of any asset or liability arising from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition costs are capitalised.

Assets acquired and liabilities assumed are generally measured at their acquisition-date fair values.

1.3 Income recognition

Student fee income represents amounts receivable for course fees and other income in the academic year falling within the period covered by these financial statements. Student fee income is stated gross of any expenditure which is not a discount and credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Refunds due to students over three years old not claimed are written back to income three years after the academic year in which they were overpaid. Income is recognised over the period that the course is provided. Where the amount of the tuition fee is reduced by a discount income receivable is shown net of the discount. Bursaries and scholarships are accounted for gross as expenditure and not deducted from income. Investment income and gains or losses on investments are recorded in income in the year in which they arise, and as either restricted or unrestricted income according to the terms or other restrictions applicable to the endowment. There are currently no restricted investments.

1.4 Grant income

Revenue grants from government sources are recognised in accordance with the accrual model within the Statement of Comprehensive Income when the Institute is intitled to the income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Institute recognises the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate. Capital grants from government sources are initially recognised within the Balance Sheet as a liability and subsequently in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as income on a systematic basis over the expected useful life of the associated asset. The Office for Students (OfS) provides all the government grant income and there is no grant income other than from government sources. £NIL capital grants remained unspent at year end (2022: £NIL).

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1.5 Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on acquisition of a business and the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities. Acquired goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis, over a default useful life of 10 years, unless management has reason to believe another period would represent a closer estimate of useful life. Goodwill is reviewed for indicators of impairment annually.

1.6 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment in the financial statements.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

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

Land and buildings Leasehold	Straight line over the remaining life of the lease
Plant and machinery	20% Straight line
Computer equipment	20% straight line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	20% straight line

1.8 Impairment of assets

At each reporting date fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income in the year they are payable.

1.10 Going Concern

After reviewing BIMM University Limited group's and company's forecasts and considering their profit and net assets at the year end and based on the expected continued financial support of the ultimate parent company, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group and company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet their liabilities and obligations for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the date of these accounts.

As part of the wider Murphy Topco Group, BIMM University Limited also considers the banking and covenant requirements of the wider group. After reviewing Murphy Topco Group's forecasts and considering the net current liabilities at the year end, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Murphy Topco Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and to meet its liabilities and obligations for the foreseeable future, being a period of at least 12 months from the date of these accounts and therefore provides appropriate support for the Group. Management have also considered the cashflows relating to any potential investments made by the wider group to ensure that these would remain positive.

In the prior year the effect of Covid-19 was considered in terms of risk. Although there was no material effect in the short- or long-term, as the country comes out of the pandemic its legacy is one of increased caution in the population in general. Issues such as Brexit, the war in Ukraine, and the cost-of-living crisis combine to add to a general sense of uncertainty and caution, but the Group continues to manage its cost base and has budgeted inflationary rises where applicable.

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1.10 Going Concern (continued)

As uncertainty could impact on our student numbers, various scenarios were considered to stress-test the forecasts of the business for a drop in student numbers.

We assess the budget and financial forecast of the ultimate parent Group, the Murphy Topco Group. This is because the Group's debt is held higher up in the ownership structure and supported by a cross guarantee. In preparing our updated budget and financial forecast in line with our usual timetable at Murphy Topco level, we started with our annual budget, and then adjusted for a drop in student numbers and extrapolated out until 2027. Any drop in student numbers is forecast to reverse by the end of the outlook. Cash and covenants were stress-tested until August 2025. A very significant decrease in student numbers or increase in cost could cause a breach in covenants and affect the cash position, but this is considered highly unlikely. Murphy Topco Limited, the ultimate parent, is therefore considered to continue to be a position to provide support to the BIMM University Limited Group, if necessary, since the parent and parent group are themselves profitable.

Stability is also provided by the Student Loan Company continuing to honour payments, and by the refinancing of the Group's banking facilities in 2020 which included £10m rolling credit facility which we consider to be ample.

1.11 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognized in the statement of comprehensive income, except that a change attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognized directly in reserves is also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in reserves respectively. The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the counties where the company operates and generates income.

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation. A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

1.12 Operating leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognized as a reduction to the expense recognized over the lease term on a straight-line basis.

1.13 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

1.14 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

1.15 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1.16 Provisions for Liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the statement of comprehensive income in the year that the company becomes aware of the obligation and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of financial position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties. When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

1.17 Investments in subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the company and entities controlled by the Group (its subsidiaries). Control is achieved where the Group has the power to govern the financial and operating policies at an entity level so as to obtain benefit from its activities. Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment in the individual financial statements.

2 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, management have made a number of judgements, estimates and assumptions about the recognition and measurement of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The key areas of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of these accounts are as follows:

Goodwill and intangible assets

Management establishes a reliable estimate of the useful life of goodwill and intangible assets arising on business combinations. This estimate is based on a variety of factors such as the expected use of the acquired business, any legal, regulatory, or contractual provisions that can limit useful life and assumptions that market participants would consider in respect of similar businesses.

Management review the estimate of the useful lives of goodwill and other intangible assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. The directors have also considered and concluded that there are no intangible items which could be individually identifiable and separately recognised within this goodwill.

Useful lives of depreciable assets

Management reviews its estimate of the useful lives of depreciable assets at each reporting date, based on the expected utility of the assets. Uncertainties in these estimates relate to technological obsolescence that may change the utility and expected life of certain tuition and recording equipment.

Loans and receivables

Management assess the recoverability of loans, trade debtors and other receivables balances and record a provision to the extent that they are not considered recoverable. Management assess the credit risk, of each customer in a period, and reviewed in conjunction with debt ageing and collection history, and a provision recorded against those that are not deemed recoverable.

Management assess the recoverability of intercompany debtors and record a provision to the extent that they are not considered recoverable. To assess impairment, the recoverable amount is assessed by reviewing the net asset position, operating results, and future plans. Judgement is used in the assessment of the future prospects. Management did not identify any impairments during their review and continue to monitor progress.

Investments

Management assess the recoverability of investments and record a provision to the extent that they are not considered recoverable.

To assess impairment, the recoverable amount is assessed by reviewing the net asset position, operating results, and future plans. Judgement is used in the assessment of the future prospects. Management did not identify any impairments during their review and continue to monitor progress.

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3 Income

The total income of the company and the Group for the year has been derived from the following activities:

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Fee income from taught awards (net of VAT)	67,236,761	67,841,163	60,629,913	62,830,674
Fee income from non-qualifying courses (net of VAT)	5,356,983	3,208,000	4,770,455	891,000
Grant income from the OfS	3,689,321	2,264,937	3,689,321	2,264,937
Total grant and fee income	**76,283,065**	**73,314,100**	**69,089,689**	**65,986,611**
Investment income	-	-	236,749	247,985
Total income	**76,283,065**	**73,314,100**	**69,326,438**	**66,234,596**

OfS grant income supports areas where teaching costs are particularly high or are particular policy areas and government priorities. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies relating to this income.

Income is analysed by geographical area in respect of where it arises as follows:

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
United Kingdom	72,627,649	69,795,568	69,326,438	66,234,596
Rest of Europe	3,655,416	3,518,532	-	-
	76,283,065	**73,314,100**	**69,326,438**	**66,234,596**

4 Dividends

The directors of the company do not recommend a dividend in respect of the current year (2022: £NIL).

5 Surplus before tax

	Note	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Surplus before tax is stated after charging:					
Amortisation of intangible assets	9	1,840,393	1,840,392	1,477,575	1,477,575
Depreciation of tangible assets	11	4,689,539	3,661,298	2,755,564	1,508,572
Audit fees		-	-	-	-
Rent paid under operating leases		3,462,292	3,059,633	1,498,055	1,761,841

Audit fees are borne by another group company.

Included within expenditure in the financial year is spend on the Access and Participation Plan as follows:

Access and Participation Plan spend	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Access investment (excluding wages)	247,745	545,614	247,745	545,614
Access investment expenditure included in wages	1,459,122	876,463	1,459,122	876,463
Financial support provided to students in disadvantaged or under-represented groups	669,162	532,523	669,162	532,523
Support for disabled students (where not included above)	-	-	-	-
Research and evaluation related to access and participation	-	(9,996)	-	(9,996)
	2,376,029	1,944,604	2,376,029	1,944,604

There is further expenditure made on the access and participation plan in parent companies above BIMM University Limited that is not included here. Further details can be found here https://www.bimm.ac.uk/governance-and-quality/access-and-participation

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6 Directors and employees

The average number of employees (including directors) employed by the Group during the year was:

	Group 2023 Number	Group 2022 Number	Company 2023 Number	Company 2022 Number
Administration	344	333	294	288
Building and facilities	87	89	84	86
Teaching	238	274	175	218
Finance	1	1	1	1
Management	21	21	19	18
Directors	1	1	-	-
	692	**719**	**573**	**611**

Employment costs	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Wages and salaries	19,216,427	17,650,430	16,269,873	14,948,155
Social security costs	1,779,895	1,734,426	1,486,890	1,449,030
Pension costs – defined contribution	415,521	388,165	376,167	349,170
	21,411,843	**19,773,021**	**18,132,930**	**16,746,355**

Number of staff with pay in excess of £100,000 in £5,000 bandings (including head of the institution – see note 7)	Group 2023	Group 2022	Company 2023	Company 2022
£240,000 - £245,999	1	-	-	-
£215,000 - £219,999	1	-	-	-
£205,000 - £209,999	-	1	-	-
£110,000 - £114,999	1	1	-	-

Severance pay – compensation for loss of office	Group 2023	Group 2022	Company 2023	Company 2022
Total paid (£)	286,395	7,500	273,700	7,500
Individuals in receipt (Number)	62	1	61	1

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7 Directors and key management remuneration	Group 2023	Group 2022	Company 2023	Company 2022
	£	£	£	£
Emoluments	113,401	124,347	-	-
Money purchase pension contributions	3,402	3,435	-	-

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contributions amounted to 1 (2022: 1). Remuneration in respect of the highest paid director amounted to emoluments of £113,401 (2022: £124,347) and money purchase pension contributions of £3,402 (2022: £3,435). There was no remuneration to key management in the year.

Other directors of the company, including the head of the institution, are remunerated by another group company. The post of head of the institution changed hands during the year. Details are therefore given for both the out-going and in-coming heads of the institution. The out-going head of the institution left the role on 2 December 2022 and the in-coming head took up the position on 10 March 2023 after fulfilling the role as an interim measure from the date the out-going head left.

The out-going head of the institution received basic salary of £240,000 (2022: £204,000), other remuneration of £5,000 (2022: £10,000), compensation for loss of benefits £22,615 (2022: £NIL), performance related pay of £NIL (2022: £19,700), other benefits of £5,934 (2022: £3,913), and employer pension contributions of £8,160 (2022: £16,320). His basic salary is 9 times the median basic salary of all employees in the Group (2022: 8.9), and his total remuneration is 9.1 times the median total remuneration of all employees in the Group (2022: 10.6). The in-coming head of institution received basic salary of £219,167. His basic remuneration was 9 times the median basic salary of all employees in the Group and his total remuneration was 8.8 times the median total remuneration of all employees in the Group.

The head of the institution is remunerated by BIMM Topco Limited for his role as CEO of the whole BIMM group. As such his remuneration package covers a wider remit than BIMM University alone. A remuneration committee reviews senior salary annually to ensure that pay is commensurate with responsibility and outcomes and is value-for-money. Management consider his remuneration package to be at market rates for similar positions and responsibilities.

8 Taxation	Group 2023	Group 2022	Company 2023	Company 2022
	£	£	£	£
Domestic current year tax				
U.K. corporation tax	1,318	-	-	-
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	103,623	(484,249)	14,437	(484,339)
Overseas tax suffered	83,609	89,290	-	-
Total current tax charge	**188,550**	**(394,959)**	**14,437**	**(484,339)**
Deferred tax				
Origination and reversal of timing differences	553,153	818,505	505,013	744,136
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	416,400	288,761	533,174	249,093
Total deferred tax charge	**969,553**	**1,107,266**	**1,038,187**	**993,229**
Total tax charge	**1,158,103**	**712,307**	**1,052,624**	**508,890**

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8 Taxation (continued)

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2023	**2022**	**2023**	**2022**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Factors affecting the tax charge for the year				
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	18,523,298	19,852,046	21,276,836	23,343,624
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard UK corporation tax rate of 21.52% (2022: 19%)	3,985,300	3,771,889	4,577,726	4,435,289
Effects of:				
Fixed asset differences	261,190	42,767	56,968	(148,329)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	79,108	146,126	1,686	21,274
Other tax adjustments, reliefs and transfers	(48,233)	-	(1,046)	-
Group relief claimed	(3,991,219)	(3,241,424)	(4,524,680)	(3,723,409)
Deferred tax other	-	-	-	(25,370)
Difference from foreign tax rates	(68,720)	(46,431)	-	-
Marginal relief	(39)	-	-	-
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	520,023	(186,245)	553,672	(235,245)
Timing differences not recognised in the	388,298	-	388,298	-
Deferred tax not recognised	25,684	33,405	-	184,680
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	6,711	194,627	-	-
Other	-	(2,407)	-	-
Current tax charge for the year	**1,158,103**	**712,307**	**1,052,624**	**508,890**

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on the rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. On 1 April 2023, the standard rate of corporation tax increased from 19% to 25% on profits in excess of £250,000. A small profits rate of 19% applies to profits of £50,000 or less. Companies with profits between £50,000 and £250,000 pay tax at the main rate reduced by a marginal relief providing a gradual increase in the effective corporation tax rate. A blended rate has therefore been used in the above table.

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9 Intangible fixed assets

Goodwill	Group	Company
	£	£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 September 2022	26,849,101	14,775,754
Transferred from investments (see note 10)	-	135,235
At 31 August 2023	26,849,101	14,910,989
Amortisation		
At 1 September 2022	18,922,572	8,227,956
Charge for the year	1,840,393	1,477,575
At 31st August 2023	20,762,965	9,705,531
Net book value		
At 31 August 2023	6,086,136	5,205,458
At 31 August 2022	7,926,529	6,547,798

The directors considered the carrying value of goodwill at 31 August 2023 for impairment indicators and were satisfied that the net book value was fully recoverable. This includes reviewing the business plan forecast and cashflows, and the consideration of market conditions and its impact on the business.

10 Company Investments

Cost	Shares in subsidiary undertakings £
At 1 September 2022	19,555,462
Transferred to intangible fixed assets	(135,235)
At 31 August 2023	19,420,227

On 31 August 2023 BRICTT Limited sold its trade and assets to BIMM University Limited. This led to a transfer to goodwill of £135,235 to bring the carrying value of the investment to its recoverable value based on the remaining net assets of the subsidiary (see note 22).

For the year ended 31 August 2023 Murphy Topco Limited, the Group's ultimate parent, has provided a guarantee in respect of all liabilities due by its following subsidiaries, which are also subsidiaries of BIMM University Limted: Performers College Limited (Company Number: 08367050), Leagh-Hicks Associates Limited (Company Number: 10031682), Performers Management Agency Limited (Company Number: 12534113), Northern Ballet School (Company Number: 03133609), The Dancehouse Property Management Limited (Company Number: 01792122), The Dancehouse Theatre Company Limited (Company Number: 02331870), and Masters Performing Arts College Limited (Company Number: 04579855) thus entitling them to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies. BIMM Education Limited is excluded from consolidation as a dormant entity under section 394A.

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10 Company Investments (continued)

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies

Company subsidiary undertakings	Country of registration or incorporation	Class	Shares held %
Rock Place Management Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
No.7 Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
Kings Square Management Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
South Coast Sounds Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
Tech Music Schools Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
BIMM Dublin Limited	Ireland	Ordinary	100.00
BRICTT Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
BIMM Education Limited	UK	Ordinary	100.00
Performers College Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100.00
Leagh-Hicks Associates Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100.00
Performers Management Agency Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100.00
The Dancehouse Property Management Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100.00
Masters Performing Arts College Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100.00
Northern Ballet School	England and Wales	Limited by Guarantee	
The Dancehouse Theatre Company Limited	England and Wales	Limited by Guarantee	

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

Company subsidiary undertakings	Principal activity	Capital and reserves 2023	Profit/(loss) for the year 2023
Rock Place Management Limited	Provision of music education	34,304,069	-
No.7 Limited	Property management & publishing	(42,529)	(2,991,975)
Kings Square Management Limited	Provision of music education	7,518,001	-
South Coast Sounds Limited	Record label	45,258	-
Tech Music Schools Limited	Provision of music education	21,641,501	-
BIMM Dublin Limited	Provision of music education	7,091,147	678,249
BRICTT Limited	Provision of performing arts education	770.017	12,273
BIMM Education Limited	Dormant	1	-
Performers College Limited	Provision of theatrical education	1,263,005	-
Leagh-Hicks Associates Limited	Artist management	58,657	28,515
Performers Management Agency Limited	Artist management	(24,052)	(2,371)
The Dancehouse Property Management Ltd	Property management	(131,707)	(102,569)
Northern Ballet School	Provision of dance education	433,552	(34,214)
The Dancehouse Theatre Company Limited	Provision of staged events	(589,483)	(17,174)
Masters Performing Arts College Limited	Provision of performing arts education	104,883	-

The registered office of all fellow subsidiaries is the same as the company, 38-42 Brunswick Street West, Hove, BN3 1EL.

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11 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Land and Buildings Freehold £	Land and Buildings Leasehold £	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
1 September 2022	10,454,058	35,304,663	248,184	9,733,920	55,740,825
Forex	-	(14,696)	(854)	(2,973)	(18,523)
Additions	-	5,387,445	-	996,880	6,384,325
Reclassification	12,002	25,329	-	(37,331)	-
Written off	-	(1,693,792)	(22,270)	(2,086,695)	(3,802,757)
At 31 August 2023	10,466,060	39,008,949	225,060	8,603,801	58,303,870
Depreciation					
1 September 2022	1,879,024	10,247,491	193,565	6,913,509	19,233,589
Forex	-	(9,256)	-	(855)	(10,111)
Charge for the year	257,142	3,301,050	11,271	1,120,076	4,689,539
Written off	-	(988,959)	(22,270)	(2,086,695)	(3,097,924)
At 31st August 2023	2,136,166	12,550,326	182,566	5,946,035	20,815,093
Net book value					
At 31 August 2023	8,329,894	26,458,623	42,494	2,657,766	37,488,777
At 31 August 2022	8,575,034	25,057,172	54,619	2,820,411	36,507,236

Company	Land and Buildings Freehold £	Land and Buildings Leasehold £	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
1 September 2022	3,608,476	14,577,281	78,703	2,963,000	21,227,460
Additions	-	4,822,138	-	916,142	5,738,280
Reclassification	12,002	25,329	-	(37,331)	-
Transfer in	-	8,749	-	280,769	289,518
Disposals	-	(854,510)	-	(124,249)	(978,759)
At 31 August 2023	3,620,478	18,578,987	78,703	3,998,331	26,276,499
Depreciation					
1 September 2022	203,532	1,640,123	24,401	926,335	2,794,391
Charge for the year	145,319	1,849,231	10,954	750,060	2,755,564
Reclassification	113,937	(88,514)	-	(25,423)	-
Transfer in	-	1,115	-	110,800	111,915
Disposals	-	(149,677)	-	(124,250)	(273,927)
At 31 August 2023	462,788	3,252,278	35,355	1,637,522	5,387,943
Net book value					
At 31 August 2023	3,157,690	15,326,709	43,348	2,360,809	20,888,556
At 31 August 2022	3,404,944	12,937,158	54,302	2,036,665	18,433,069

At 31 August 2023 bank loans of £75,500,001 were secured on the freehold land and buildings held in BIMM University Ltd with a net book value at 31 August 2023 of £3,157,690 (2022: £3,404,944), and on cross guarantee and debenture between all Group companies and monitored by banking covenants. Banking covenants constituted the net leverage ratio and debt service cover. No covenant was broken during the year.
On 31 August 2023 BRICTT Limited sold its trade and assets to BIMM University Limited. This led to a transfer in of assets with a net book value of £177,603.

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12 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Trade Debtors	1,770,096	1,810,321	1,609,633	1,626,233
Amounts owed by group undertakings	104,006,210	88,749,283	114,829,524	101,187,098
Prepayments and accrued income	1,497,866	1,750,838	1,100,469	1,218,007
Other debtors	1,005,747	1,497,688	802,944	1,137,764
	108,279,919	**93,808,130**	**118,342,570**	**105,169,102**

Amounts owed by BRICTT Limited are charged at an annual fixed interest rate of 14%. All other intercompany balances are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

13 Cash and cash equivalents	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	**8,078,784**	**3,383,424**	**5,686,198**	**1,572,245**

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Trade creditors	1,923,170	2,451,158	1,555,530	2,136,546
Amounts owed to group undertakings	19,862,400	20,003,098	84,856,920	86,111,051
Taxation and social security	356,362	403,616	317,316	341,263
Other creditors	5,210,828	4,534,771	5,146,089	4,443,025
Accruals and deferred income	7,683,289	8,854,974	6,819,500	7,452,924
	35,036,049	**36,247,617**	**98,695,355**	**100,484,809**

All intercompany balances are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

15 Financial instruments

Financial instruments have been classified based on their characteristics in the following classes of financial assets and liabilities:

- Loans and receivables: including trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents.
- Financial liabilities at amortised costs: including trade and other payables.

At 31 August 2023 the Group held no derivative financial instruments (2022: NIL) or financial liabilities held at fair value through profit and loss (2022: NIL).

15 (a) Fair values of financial instruments

Trade and other receivables

Due to the short-term nature of trade and other receivables the carrying amounts were taken as realistic estimates of the fair value, and the impact of discounting is not considered to be material.

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15 (a) Fair values of financial instruments (continued)

Trade and other payables

Due to the short-term nature of trade and other payables the carrying amounts were taken as realistic estimates of the fair value, and the impact of discounting is not considered to be material.

Cash and cash equivalents

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents is estimated as its carrying amount where the cash is repayable on demand. Where it is not repayable on demand then the fair value is estimated at the present value of future cash flows, discounted at the market rate of interest at the balance sheet date.

The fair values of all financial assets and financial liabilities by class equal to their carrying amounts are as shown in the statement of financial position.

The carrying amounts of all financial assets by class are as follows:

		Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Classes	Category				
Trade receivables	Loans and receivables	1,770,096	1,810,321	1,609,633	1,626,233
Other receivables	Loans and receivables	1,005,747	1,497,688	802,944	1,137,764
Cash	Cash and cash equivalents	8,078,784	3,383,424	5,686,198	1,572,245
Total financial assets		**10,854,627**	**6,691,433**	**8,098,775**	**4,336,242**

VAT and prepayments are excluded from the other receivable balance as they do not meet the definition of financial assets.

The carrying amounts of all financial liabilities by class are as follows:

		Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Classes	Category				
Trade payables	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	1,923,170	2,451,158	1,555,530	2,136,546
Other payables	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	5,210,828	4,534,771	5,146,089	4,443,025
Total financial liabilities		**7,133,998**	**6,985,929**	**6,701,619**	**6,579,571**

Accruals are excluded from the other payable balance as they do not meet the definition of financial liabilities.

15 (b) Credit risk

Financial risk management

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations and arises principally from the Group's receivables from customers and investment securities.

Exposure to credit risk arises from the potential of a customer defaulting on their invoiced payables. The financial strength and creditworthiness of customers is assessed prior to commencing, and for the duration of, their contract of supply.

In addition, receivable balances and payment profile of the receivables are monitored on an ongoing basis. The Group has contracts in place with university and college funding partners and the Group manages this risk by adopting a policy of only dealing with high credit quality counterparties. In the region of 90% of the UK income is derived as a student loan which is monitored on an on-going basis and where a student withdraws or is unable to make the required payments a provision is made. For other financial assets, the Group adopts the policy of dealing only with high credit quality counterparties.

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15 (b) Credit risk (continued)

Exposure to credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the balance sheet date by class of financial instrument was:

	Group 2023 £	Group 2022 £	Company 2023 £	Company 2022 £
Trade receivables	4,009,778	7,911,752	3,287,026	6,915,271
Provision for bad debt	(2,239,682)	(6,101,431)	(1,677,393)	(5,289,038)
Net trade receivable	**1,770,096**	**1,810,321**	**1,609,633**	**1,626,233**

Credit quality of financial assets and impairment losses

The aging of trade receivables at the balance sheet date was:

	Gross Group 2023 £	*Gross* Group 2022 £	*Gross* Company 2023 £	*Gross* Company 2022 £
Not past due	-	-	-	-
Past due 0 – 30 days	-	-	-	-
Past due 31 – 90 days	-	-	-	-
Past due 90+ days	4,009,778	7,911,752	3,287,026	6,915,271
	4,009,778	**7,911,752**	**3,287,026**	**6,915,271**

Group trade receivables of £2,239,682 were considered to be impaired as at 31 August 2023 (2022: £6,101,431). Company trade receivables of £1,677,393 were considered to be impaired as at 31 August 2023 (2022: £5,289,038). Group provision of bad debt £3,616,968 (2022: £3,373,190) was recognised in other operating expenses for the year end. Company provision of bad debt £3,510,839.69 (2022: £3,373,190) was recognised in other operating expenses for the year end.

15 (c) Liquidity risk

2023

	Carrying amount £	*Contractual cash flows* £	*One year or less* £	*1 to <2 years* £	*2 to <5 years* £	*5 years and over* £
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Group trade and other payables	**7,133,998**	**7,133,998**	**7,133,998**	-	-	-
Company trade and other payables	**6,701,619**	**6,701,619**	**6,701,619**	-	-	-

2022

	Carrying amount £	*Contractual cash flows* £	*One year or less* £	*1 to <2 years* £	*2 to <5 years* £	*5 years and over* £
Non-derivative financial liabilities						
Group trade and other payables	**6,985,929**	**6,985,929**	**6,985,929**	-	-	-
Company trade and other payables	**6,579,571**	**6,579,571**	**6,579,571**	-	-	-

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15 (d) Market risk

Financial risk management

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments.

During the period, the BIMM group did not hold directly any forward foreign exchange contracts, currency swaps and did not use derivative financial instruments.

Market risk - Foreign currency risk

The Group may be exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk resulting from entering into certain transactions denominated in currencies other than GBP Sterling. The Group is also exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk for its bank accounts denominated in currencies other than GBP Sterling.

The Group's exposure to foreign currency risk was as follows. This was based on the carrying amount for monetary financial instruments:

		2023	***2022***
Currency	***Euro***		
		£	**£**
Cash and cash equivalents		1,765,706	828,786
Trade and other receivables		166,262	73,517
Trade and other payables		63,970	(1,778)
Net exposure		**1,995,938**	**900,525**

Sensitivity analysis

A 10 per cent strengthening of the following currencies against the GBP Sterling respectively at 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2022 would have increased/ (decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This calculation assumes that the change occurred at the balance sheet date and had been applied to risk exposures existing at that date. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular other exchange rates and interest rates, remained constant.

	Reserves	***Profit or loss***	***Reserves***	***Profit or loss***
	2023	***2023***	***2022***	***2022***
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
Euro denominated	**709,115**	**67,825**	**656,904**	**27,308**

A 10 per cent weakening of the above currencies against the GBP Sterling respectively at 31 August 2023 and 31 August 2022 would have had the equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above, on the basis that all other variables remained constant.

Market risk – Interest rate risk

The Group is not exposed to interest rate risk. The Group did not hold any investment in equity securities. The Group had no significant exposure to movement in equity price.

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16 Provision for liabilities

Provision is made for deferred tax liabilities as follows:

	Group 2023	Group 2022	Company 2023	Company 2022
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 September	1,531,333	424,067	1,189,949	171,350
Recognised in Statement of Comprehensive Income	969,553	1,107,266	1,038,187	993,229
Transferred in	-	-	6,061	25,370
Balance at 31 August	**2,500,886**	**1,531,333**	**2,234,197**	**1,189,949**

The deferred tax liability results from timing differences on fixed assets.

17 Group and parent share capital

Authorised, allotted and fully paid:	2023 No.	2023 £	2022 No.	2022 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	6	6	6	6
		6		6

All shares are considered to be equity in nature. All shares represent one vote and carry an equal right to participate in a dividend distribution.

The revaluation reserve represents the revaluation of fixed asset investments.

The other reserve represents capital contributions made to fellow subsidiary companies on the hive up of their trade and assets into the company.

18 Commitments under operating leases

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

Group	Land & buildings 2023	Land & buildings 2022	Other 2023	Other 2022
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	3,977,985	3,744,574	-	65,252
Between 2-5 years	17,568,579	17,845,836	-	-
More than 5 years	27,669,034	28,084,463	-	-
	49,215,598	49,674,873	-	65,252

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18 Commitments under operating leases (continued)

Company	Land & buildings		Other	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	1,997,166	2,035,961	-	65,252
Between 2-5 years	11,043,276	11,463,335	-	-
More than 5 years	22,935,960	22,942,355	-	-
	35,976,402	36,441,651	-	65,252

19 Related party transactions

At the year end the Group had the following balances with fellow subsidiary companies of the ultimate parent:

	2023	2023	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£
	Debtor	Creditor	Debtor	Creditor
BIMM Group Limited	98,414,868	-	80,050,940	-
BIMM Holdings Limited	-	2,833,533	-	2,833,460
BIMM 1 Limited	-	15,445,281	-	15,586,052
BIMM Topco Limited	3,020,173	-	4,637,174	-
Brighton Film School Limited	-	533,733	-	533,733
Brighton Film School Investments Limited	-	1,033,239	-	1,033,239
Brighton Film School Holdings Limited	-	16,614	-	16,614
Murphy Bidco Limited	2,561,169	-	4,061,169	-
Murphy Topco Limited	10,000	-	-	-
	104,006,210	19,862,400	88,749,283	20,003,098

All balances with fellow subsidiary companies of the ultimate parent company are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

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19 Related party transactions (continued)

At the year end the Company had the following balances with fellow group companies:

	2023 £ Debtor	2023 £ Creditor	2022 £ Debtor	2022 £ Creditor
Tech Music Schools Limited	-	21,641,501	-	21,641,501
Rock Place Management Limited	-	34,304,069	-	34,304,069
Kings Square Management Limited	-	7,518,005	-	7,518,005
Performers College Limited	-	1,263,005	-	1,263,005
Leagh-Hicks Associates Limited	65,125	-	65,125	-
Performers Management Agency Limited	45,442	-	45,920	-
Northern Ballet School Limited	-	40,310	875,977	-
The Dancehouse Property Management Limited	477,582	-	109,505	-
The Dancehouse Theatre Company Limited	11,000	-	-	193,472
Masters Performing Arts College Limited	-	104,883	-	104,883
No.7 Limited	-	1,908,328	-	3,779,386
South Coast Sounds Limited	-	50,000	-	50,000
BIMM Dublin Limited	3,240,484	-	841,441	-
BRICTT Limited	-	770,017	1,383,649	-
BIMM Group Limited	86,719,306	-	70,478,996	-
BIMM Holdings Limited	-	15,673,216	-	15,673,144
BIMM 1 Limited	17,509,248	-	17,518,148	-
BIMM Topco Limited	4,190,168	-	5,807,168	-
Brighton Film School Limited	-	533,733	-	533,733
Brighton Film School Investments Limited	-	1,033,239	-	1,033,239
Brighton Film School Holdings Limited	-	16,614	-	16,614
Murphy Bidco Limited	2,561,169	-	4,061,169	-
Murphy Topco Limited	10,000	-	-	-
	114,829,524	84,856,920	101,187,098	86,111,051

Amounts owed by BRICTT Limited are charged at an annual fixed interest rate of 14%. All other intercompany balances are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

During the year end the company had the following transactions with fellow group companies:

	2023 £	2022 £
BRICTT Limited:		
Interest charges accrued on intercompany balances	236,749	247,985
No.7 Limited:		
Rent and facility fee charges	988,379	926,714

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20 Capital Commitments

The Group and company have no outstanding capital commitments at 31 August 2023 (31 August 2022: Nil).

21 Group

Murphy Topco Limited is the ultimate parent company of the Group. The ultimate parent of Murphy Topco Limited is ICG Europe Fund VII SCSp, Luxembourg. Copies of the Group accounts are prepared by the ultimate parent company and can be obtained from the company secretary at 38-42 Brunswick Street West, Hove, BN3 1EL.

22 Business combinations

On 31 August 2023 the company acquired the trade and assets of BRICTT Limited, a fellow subsidiary company, for consideration of £770,017 being the market value of the net assets acquired. The transaction was settled by way of intercompany balances. Merger accounting has been used to reflect this transaction in the books of the Group.

23 Post balance sheet events

There are no post balance sheet events.