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# Annual Report and Accounts 31 July 2010

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Company Limited by Guarantee Registration Number 2953431 (England and Wales)

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Charity Registration Number 1039962

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## Reference and administrative information

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Dr A Burnett

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Alderman Alıson J Gowman

Mr D H Hodson Mr T Hoffman

Professor M Mainelli Mrs M McGregor Professor I Morison Mr J Wigglesworth

Provost Professor Sir Roderick Floud FBA

Company Secretary Mrs B Anderson

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Charity registration number 1039962

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## Reference and administrative information

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Solicitors Radcliffes LeBrasseur

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The Members of the Council, who are Directors of the Company, present their Report Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2010 are also presented

#### Status

Gresham College was founded under the will of Sir Thomas Gresham in 1597 to give free public lectures. The College was a registered charity until 28 July 1994, when it was incorporated as a charitable company in England and Wales, governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association Grants to meet the College's core costs are awarded by the Executors to Sir Thomas' will (the Mercers' Company and the City of London Corporation) – the College's core funders

## **Activities and Objectives**

The College's principal activity is the provision and administration of the academic programme in a tradition going back more than 400 years. The programme comprises free lectures, seminars, conferences and papers, conducted by the Gresham Professors and others selected by them through the Academic Board. These activities foster academic consideration of contemporary problems; challenge those who live and work in the City of London – and now further afield – to engage in intellectual debate on those subjects in which the City has a proper concern, and provide a window on the City for learned societies, both national and international. The Council's further intention that Gresham College should be a centre of international excellence is achieved today by dissemination of the academic programme worldwide through the internet

In setting the charitable objectives and planning future activities, the Council Members have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

## **Achievements and Performance**

Audiences for Gresham lectures continue to increase rapidly, and were 19,124 during the course of the year, an increase of some 14% from 2008/09 (16,696) The move of most lectures to the Museum of London has enabled us to cope with this demand for physical lecture attendance and has also relieved the burden on the staff of the College of being forced to turn away many potential audience members. Virtual attendances, through the website, also continue to increase and there were 1,018,217 views through various media during the year, an increase of 209% from 2008/09 (329,382). This increase has been helped by the College's decision to exploit popular web-based platforms, such as YouTube and FORA TV, for disseminating its lectures. Additionally, the excellence of the Professors has

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## Achievements and Performance (continued)

been reflected in the public and media attention which they have attracted and in the continuing high quality of applications for Gresham Chairs. This year, the College appointed from a very strong field of applicants the renowned conductor and musicologist Christopher Hogwood to be Gresham Professor of Music. The College has also been encouraged by the support which it has received in kind from corporate partners and from the City of London Corporation itself, for example in the provision of venues for special events and administrative support

## **Financial Review**

The financial results of the College's operations are shown on page 12 Total expenditure was £709,880 This included elements of the lecture archiving and redecoration programmes from 2008/09, both of which had designated funds for this purpose. Changes in staffing resulted in unforeseen increased expenditure, necessitating some savings on the Academic programme, but these staff changes will produce a modest net saving over time. With total income of £696,380 in 2009/10, the College therefore achieved a deficit of income over expenditure of £13,500. However, the net result was that free reserves at year-end were £21,939 above the minimum required, and had reached the level required of the College by the core funders.

Despite the College's considerable and continuing increase in output (both in live audiences and virtual attendance through web downloads), since 2001/02 its core costs have been kept in line with or below inflation at an average of 2.75% year-on-year. In particular

- Contained event costs. In 2009/10 each event cost on average £4,972 including overheads, an increase of 4% on 2008/09 (£4,782) due mainly to increased premises costs. It should be noted, however, that this modest increase brought a 14% increase in audiences and 200% increase in web access to the College's programme. Moreover, a benchmarking exercise with comparable institutions revealed the lowest cost of similar events elsewhere to be some 30% higher at £7,500.
- Additional Sponsorship. the College has continued to seek sponsorship including sponsorship in kind and is grateful for this support, which enhances the quality of events and hence the College's reputation and outreach. During 2009/10 donations of venues and facilities were received to a value in-kind of over £50,000. These donated facilities have not been shown as income within the financial statements due to the difficulty in quantifying their value accurately, but details are given in note 4 to the financial statements.

The College continues to maintain core costs broadly within the £660,000 provided in the core funders' Memorandum of Understanding of June 2009, but is conscious that it is helped in this with assistance in kind from the core funders in provision of its premises. The College will continue to seek to contain costs of its core programme within its allotted budget, and to obtain long-term assurance from the core funders over the provision of premises. Additionally, in order to enhance the academic programme the College is actively seeking other means of sponsoring additional events and limited-term professorships.

## Reserve policy and financial position

Council's planning assumption remains that the core funders will continue to cover core costs in line with their Memorandum of Understanding

This agreed that the Mercers and City would continue to pay the College £660,000 pa through to 2011/12 (provided some match funding is raised) and then over the following two years would provide a modest annual increase for inflation. This provides useful assurance of continuing support. Nevertheless, in order to accommodate increasing audiences it has been necessary to hold about two thirds of the College's lectures in the Museum of London, placing pressure on the College's budget. However, the Mercers have renewed the Leases on Barnard's Inn Hall and The Gatehouse until July 2012 at a very favourable rent, and the College has negotiated good terms with the Museum for the coming year. Nevertheless, long-term provision of premises within the core budget of the core funders remains a concern.

In 2005 Council agreed that the College should hold 4 months' operational and academic support costs as a minimum reserve Because of the constant income, it has set this reserve at a constant £153,500 At the start of 2010/11 the general fund (minimum reserve and undesignated funds) totals £175,439 or £21,939 more than the required minimum

## Plans for Future

During the autumn of 2010, the website of the College will be redesigned. The implementation of the new design will make it easier to obtain information about the College and its academic programme and to download lectures into various different media, we expect this to lead to an even more rapid increase in the number of people, from all over the world, accessing the academic programme. The College will continue to benefit from the work of the Professors and the acclaim that they attract. This is a firm basis for raising financial support, in both cash and kind, over and above the core funder's funding. This will be a focus of the work of the Council and College in 2010/11. The funds raised thereby will be used to appoint the additional professors and to work with corporate and charitable organisations to stage additional events to the core academic programme. These will provide relevant and practical analysis of topics appropriate to the City and to the public worldwide, disseminated in the name of Gresham College to the advantage both of new sponsors and the core funders, the Mercers' Company and City of London Corporation

## Structure, Governance and Management

## Members of the Company

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee

Following a special resolution passed on 31 August 2004, the members of the company are the City of London Corporation and the Mercers' Company

The nominee of the City of London Corporation is Mr A N Eskenzi CBE. The nominee of the Mercers' Company is Wg Cdr M G Dudgeon OBE DL

## **Members of Council**

Members of Council comprise up to four appointees of each of the City of London Corporation and the Mercers' Company, together with up to four co-opted members, two Gresham Professors and the Provost.

Members of Council are Directors of the Charitable Company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. They are also Trustees of the Charitable Company within the definition of Section 78 of the Charities Act 2006. Insurance cover was maintained for Members of Council against liabilities arising from their duties, at a cost of £1,327 (2009 - £1,313) and provides cover of up to a maximum of £1 million (2009 - £1 million)

The Members of Council who served since 1 August 2009 are as follows:

	Appointed / Retired
Provost	
Professor Sir Roderick Floud FBA (Chairman)	Appointed 1 September 2008
Appointed by the City of London Corporation	
Mr Simon D'Olier Duckworth DL	Appointed 21 July 2009
Mr Anthony N Eskenzi Esq, CBE (Vice-Chairman)	Appointed 1 September 2008
Alderman Alison Gowman	Appointed 22 October 2004
Mr Tom Hoffman	Appointed 21 July 2009
Appointed by the Mercers' Company	•
Wg Cdr Mike Dudgeon OBE DL (Vice-Chairman)	Appointed 16 November 2003
Professor Malcolm Gillies	Retired 20 July 2010
Mr Daniel H Hodson	Appointed 13 March 2009
Mrs Menna McGregor	Appointed 13 March 2009
Co-opted	
Dr Andrew Burnett	Appointed 4 May 2010
Mr John C Carrington	Appointed 1 September 2009
Professor Michael Mainelli	Appointed 24 November 2009
Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas DBE	Retired 31 August 2009
Mr Jack Wigglesworth	Appointed 31 August 2004
Gresham Professors	
Professor W Aylıffe	Appointed 1 September 2010
Professor Roger Parker	Retired 31 July 2010
Professor Ian Morison	Appointed 1 September 2009

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## Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

## Procedures adopted for the induction and training of Members of Council

Upon appointment, Members of Council are provided with an information pack which includes the following documents

Definition of a Company Limited by Guarantee

The duties of Directors of Companies Limited by Guarantee

Responsibilities of Charity Members of council

Memorandum and Articles of Gresham College

Guide to recommended practice on Non-Executive Directors

Finance and Remuneration Committee Terms of Reference

Nominations Committee Terms of Reference

**Budgets** 

Two sets of the previous minutes

Charity Commission guidance on public benefit

## **Decision Making**

The Charitable Company has two voting Members: the Mercers' Company and the Corporation of the City of London. The Members of Council are charitable members of council and directors under the Companies Act.

The Council has two Committees a Finance and Remuneration Committee and a Nominations Committee, which recommend to Council on an advisory basis. The Finance Committee reviews the accounts and proposed budget, and determines the policy for the remuneration of the staff (with the exception of the Provost). The Nominations Committee determines and agrees with the Council the framework and nominations relating to the appointment of new members of the Council (other than those nominated by the core funders). Proposals regarding the academic programme, including costs, are first discussed by the Academic Board, and then recommended to the Council for approval

## Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

## Statement of Members of Council's responsibilities

The Members of Council are responsible for preparing the report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Members of Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Members of Council are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and 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 charity will continue in operation.

The Members of Council are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the Members of Council confirms that.

- so far as the Member is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware; and
- the Member has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Member in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

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

## Structure, Governance and Management (continued)

#### Risk Assessment

The charitable company has undertaken a study of risks including health and safety, fire, public liability and risk to reputation Procedures are in place to manage risk

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

This report was approved by the Members of Council on 23 November 2010

Registered Office Barnard's Inn Hall Holborn London EC1N 2HH

Company Secretary

B Anderson

## Independent auditors' report 31 July 2010

## Independent auditors' report to the members of Gresham College

We have audited the financial statements of Gresham College for the year ended 31 July 2010 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the related notes The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities)

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 495 of the Companies Act 2006 Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

## Respective responsibilities of Members of Council and auditors

The Members of Council's (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and for being satisfied that the financial statements give a true and fair view are set out in the statement of Members of Council's responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 We also report to you whether, in our opinion, the information given in the Report of the Council is consistent with those financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the charity has not kept adequate accounting records, if the charity's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if certain disclosures of Members of Council's remuneration specified by law are not made.

We read other information contained in the annual report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Report of the Council We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to other information

## Independent auditors' report 31 July 2010

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the members of council in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements

## Opinion

In our opinion.

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 July 2010 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, and
- the information given in the Report of the Council is consistent with the financial statements

Avnish Savjani, Senior Statutory Auditor

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for and on behalf of Buzzacott LLP, Statutory Auditor

12 New Fetter Lane

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23 November 2020

## Statement of financial activities Year to 31 July 2010

	U Notes	nrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	3	7,622		7,622	7,096
Activities for generating funds	4	8,453	_	8,453	4,287
Investment income	5	243	<del></del>	243	4,080
Incoming resources for charitable activities					
Provision of lectures, seminars and conferences	6	660,000	_	660,000	660,000
Other income					
Website upgrade		_	10,000	10,000	_
Fundraising study	_		10,062	10,062	
Total incoming resources	_	676,318	20,062	696,380	675,463
Resources expended					
Cost of generating funds					
Costs of fundraising trading		343	_	343	128
Charitable activities					
Provision of lectures, seminars and					620.405
conferences		672,202		672,202	630,485
Governance costs	8 _	27,273	10,062	<u> 37,335</u>	34,068
Total resources expended	7 -	699,818	10,062	709,880	664,681
Net movement in funds	10	(23,500)	10,000	(13,500)	10,782
Balance brought forward at 1 August 2009		204,948	_	204,948	194,166
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Balance carried forward at 31 July 2010		181,448	10,000	191,448	204,948

There is no difference between the net movement in funds stated above and the historical cost equivalent

All of the Charitable Company's activities were derived from continuing operations during the above two financial periods

## Balance sheet 31 July 2010

	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
Tangible fixed assets	12	6,009	9,806
Current assets			
Debtors	13	75,679	16,400
Cash at bank and in hand		152,605	354,377
		228,284	370,777
Creditors amounts falling due			
within one year	14	(42,845)	(175,635)
Net current assets		185,439	195,142
Total net assets		191,448	204,948
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		21,939	41,642
General fund		153,500	153,500
Designated fund		6,009	9,806
Fixed assets fund			204,948
Total unrestricted funds	15	181,448	204,940
Restricted fund	15	10,000	
		191,448	204,948

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small entities

Signed on behalf of Council by

R. Floud

Chairman of Gresham College Council

Vice-Chairman of Council

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23 November 2000

GRESHAM COLLEGE, COMPANY NUMBER 2953431
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1039962
Gresham College 13

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in March 2005

Incoming resources.

Incoming resources are recognised in the period in which the Charitable Company is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the Charitable Company has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor or funder has specified that the income is to be expended in a future accounting period

Incoming resources from charitable activities consist of grants to pay professors' stipends and general grants The professors' stipends grants are used solely to pay the professors' stipends General grants are allocated to the charitable activities of the College

Resources expended and the basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is included in the statement of financial activities when incurred and includes attributable VAT that cannot be recovered

Resources expended comprise the following:

- a. The costs of generating funds include staff costs and operating costs allocated on the basis of the number of events held to raise funds. It also includes the costs of publications
- b. Charitable activities comprise expenditure on the charity's primary charitable purposes as described in the Report of the Council. Such costs include.
  - Academic expenses costs of Gresham lectures and other academic activities
  - New technology costs costs of widening access to the Gresham lectures
- c Professors' stipends administered and paid on behalf of the core funders
- d Governance costs comprise the costs incurred with the governance arrangements of the charity These costs include audit, legal advice, costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, the costs associated with the strategic management of the charity and the costs of appointing the professors

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## 1 Accounting policies (continued)

Resources expended and the basis of apportioning costs (continued) Academic and related expenses are charged to the statement of financial activities when approved

## Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and depreciated at the following annual rates in order to write them off over their estimated future lives

• Furniture and general office equipment

 $33^{1}/_{3}\%$  per annum based on cost

Computer and similar equipment

33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% per annum based on cost

## Fund accounting

Restricted funds comprise monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or donations subject to donor imposed conditions

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

General funds represent those monies that are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the Charitable Company's charitable objects

## Leased assets

Rentals applicable to operating leases, where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain within the lessor, are charged to the statement of financial activities in equal amounts over the lease terms

## Pension costs:

The Charitable Company participates in the Superannuation Arrangements of the University of London ("SAUL"), which is a funded defined benefit scheme is contracted-out of the Second State Pension The scheme is valued formally every three years by professionally qualified and independent actuaries using the Projected Unit method Informal reviews of the scheme's position are carried out between formal valuations

Contributions in respect of the scheme are recognised in the statement of financial activities so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives. Further details on the scheme are given in note 17

## 2 Administration

The Charitable Company was established by a deed dated 28 July 1994 and was subsequently amended on 31 August 2004 On 1 January 1995 it took over the assets, liabilities and undertakings of Gresham College Trust, a registered charity number 283467 On behalf of the Mercers' Company, the City of London Corporation and the Mercers' School Memorial Trust it discharges their liability for the payment of stipends to the eight Gresham Professors Under these arrangements, the accounts of the Charitable Company reflect in all respects a continuation of the activities of the predecessor body

## Voluntary income

-			2010 £	2009 £
Donations	 		7,622	7,096

## Activities for generating funds

	2010 <u>£</u>	2009 £
Income from lettings	884	2,003
Income from Academic activities	7,396	1,570
Publication sales and Royalties	173	714
<u></u>	8,453	4,287

## Donated facilities

During the year the College received sponsorship in kind in the form of donations of venues and facilities estimated as follows.

	2010 £
Long Finance Conference	34,000
Governance of London lecture	10,000
Allen & Overy Docklands lecture	3,000
Sir Thomas Gresham Docklands lecture	1,000
The Ethics of Reproduction lecture and seminar	1,000
Speakers' fee donations	2,000
·	51,000

These donated facilities have not been shown as income within the financial statements due to the difficulty in quantifying their value with a reasonable certainty

## 5 Investment income

	2010	2009
	£	£_
Pauls intorage	243	4,080
Bank interest		7,000

## Notes to the accounts 31 July 2010

## 6 Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Professors' stipends £	General grant £	Total 2010 £	Professors' stipends	General grant £	Total 2009 £
Provision of lectures, seminars and conferences						
The Mercers' Company Charitable Foundation	18,750	305,000	323,750	18,750	305,000	323,750
The City of London Corporation	25,000	305,000	330,000	25,000	305,000	330,000
Mercers' School Memorial Trust	6,250	_	6,250	6,250	_	6,250
Total	50,000	610,000	660,000	50,000	610,000	660,000

## 7 Resources expended

	Basic of allocation	Cost of generating funds	Provision of lectures, seminars and conferences	Governance £	Total 2010 £	Total 2009 £
Staff costs (note 9)	Direct	_	247,464		247,464	238,784
Operating costs	Direct	343	250,363		250,706	216,273
Fee and lecture expenses	Direct	_	5,862	_	5,862	5,934
Academic expenses	Direct		118,513	_	118,513	119,623
Professors' stipends	Direct		50,000	_	50,000	50,000
Governance (note 8)	Direct		_	37,335	37,335	34,068
	-	343	672,202	37,335	709,880	664,682

## 8 Governance costs

	2010 <u>£</u>	2009 £
Legal and professional	11,292	9,771
Auditors' remuneration	5,875	5,635
Council and Academic Board, Professional insurance, Appointment of Professors	10,082	18,662
Strategic review of Fundraising opportunities	10,086	<u> </u>
	37,335	34,068

#### Staff costs

The average number of persons employed during the year was 6 (2009 6)

	2010 £	2009 £
The total remuneration was		
Gross salaries	184,504	188,948
Social security costs (Employers)	16,913	13,880
Pension contributions	14,910	27,017
	216,327	229,845
Agency staff	4,270	1,325
Accounting support	22,270	
Other costs	4,597	7,614
	247,464	238,784

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in 2009 or 2010

Professor Sir Roderick Floud FBA is a Member of Council and received remuneration totalling £28,325 (2009 - £25,208) for his services as Provost Two other Members of Council were Gresham Professors during the period and received Professors' Stipends. None of the members of council received any remuneration in respect of their services as members of council during the period

One Member of Council (2009 - none) was reimbursed travel expenses of £629 for travel to lectures, accommodation and attendance at Council and Academic Board meetings during the year (2009 - £nil)

## 10 Net movement in the year

This is stated after charging

	2010 £	2009 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,032	7,449
Operating lease charges		
Land and buildings	28,242	19,916
Plant and machinery	10,574	7,779
Auditors' remuneration		
Current year audit fee	5,875	5,635
Non-audit services - Accountancy	22,270	_
- Other	8,415	6,890

#### 11 Taxation

As a registered charity, Gresham College is not liable to income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities

## Notes to the accounts 31 July 2010

12	Tangible fixed assets		
			New
			technology
			and office
			equipment £
	Cost		
	At 1 August 2009		159,966
	Additions		4,235
	At 31 July 2010		164,201
	Depreciation		
	At 1 August 2009		150,160
	Charge for the year		8,032
	At 31 July 2010		158,192
	Net book value		
	At 31 July 2010		6,009
	At 31 July 2009		9,806
13	Debtors	2010 £	2009 £
	Lettings debtor	38	
	Academic activities debtor	1,859	-
	Grant debtor	6,250	
	Prepayments	67,532	16,400
		75,679	16,400
14	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2010 £	2009 £
	Accruals and deferred income	38,051	10,635
	Grant prepayment		165,000
	Taxation and social security	4,714	_
	Other creditors	80	
		42,845	175,635

#### 15 Total Funds

	At 1 August 2009 £	Net movement in funds	Released £	At 31 July 2010 £
(a) Unrestricted funds				
General fund	41,642	(23,500)	3,797	21,939
Designated funds, minimum reserves	153,500	_	_	153,500
Fixed asset fund	9,806		(3,797)	6,009
Total unrestricted funds	204,948	(23,500)		181,448
(b) Restricted funds				
Fundraising study	_	10,062	(10,062)	_
Website re-design fund	_	10,000	_	10,000
Total restricted funds		20,062	(10,062)	10,000
Total funds	204,948	(3,438)	(10,062)	191,448

## (a) Unrestricted funds

Designated funds represent the minimum reserve required by Council – 4 months operational and academic support costs – include provision for paying committed academic and staff costs should the College be wound up. The Council have set the designated fund at a constant level of £153,500 until the end of 2012

Academic funds not used by end-year are automatically time-barred, and a new application is required to carry them forward. Funds for core annual events and projects spanning more than one year are reviewed and accounted for at year-end

## (b) Restricted funds

The Mercers' Charitable Foundation has given a grant of £10,000 towards the project to re-design and update the Gresham College website. The project commenced in June 2010 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2010 at a total cost of £30,000.

The Mercers' Company and the City of London Corporation have each donated £5,031 towards a fundraising study

## (c) Analysis of net assets between funds

Fund balances at 31 July are represented by:	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted funds	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	6,009	_	6,009
Current assets	218,284	10,000	228,284
Current liabilities	(42,845)	_	(42,845)
	181,448	10,000	191,448

## 16 Operating lease commitments

At 31 July 2010 the Charitable Company had a two-year extension to operating leases for land and buildings as follows

	Land and buildings		Plant and machinery	
	2010 £	2009 £	2010 £	2009 £
Operating lease expiring				
Within one year	_	<del></del>	_	_
Within two to five years	27,000	31,050	15,666	10,184

#### 17 Pension commitments

The Charitable Company participates in a centralised defined benefit scheme for all qualified employees with the assets held in separate Trustee-administered funds. The Charitable Company accounts for pension costs under FRS17. It is not possible to identify the Charitable Company's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of SAUL Therefore contributions are accounted for as if SAUL were a defined contribution scheme and pension costs are based on the amounts actually paid (ie cash amounts) in accordance with paragraphs 8-12 of FRS 17

The scheme is subject to triennial valuation by professionally qualified and independent actuaries. The latest valuation was carried out as at 31 March 2008 under new statutory legislation that requires schemes to adopt a statutory funding objective - to have sufficient and appropriate assets to cover their 'technical provisions'. Technical provisions are an estimate of the assets needed to make provision for benefits already accrued under a scheme. The Trustee has also agreed a stronger, secondary funding objective which is in line with the approach adopted at the 31 March 2005 valuation Valuations for both funding objectives are carried out using the projected unit credit method in which the actuarial liability makes allowance for projected earnings. The following assumptions were used to assess the past service funding position and future service habilities:

Funding objective	Secondary		Statutory 'Technical Provisions'	
	Past service	Future service	Past service	Future service
Investment return on liabilities				<u> </u>
before retirement	5 3%	6 3%	6 9%	6 3%
after retirement	4 3%	4 3%	4 8%	4 3%
Salary growth*	4 85%	4 85%	4 85%	4 85%
Pension increases	3 35%	3 35%	3 35%	3 35%

<sup>\*</sup> including an allowance for promotional increases

The actuarial valuation applies to the scheme as a whole and does not identify surpluses or deficits applicable to individual employers. As a whole, the market value of the scheme's assets was £1,266 million. Under the statutory funding objectives the valuation showed a surplus of £1 million Under the secondary funding objective the valuation showed a deficit of £261 million with an ongoing funding level of 83%.

The Trustee and Employers have agreed to maintain Employer and Member contributions at 13% of salaries and 6% of salaries respectively

## 17 Pension commitments (continued)

Employers who recently joined SAUL (new employers) and certain employee groups (as agreed by the Trustee of SAUL), paid 19 2% of salaries per annum from August 2006 until the second actuarial valuation after entry (or some other period as agreed with the Trustee) The College has now been through two actuarial valuations and as employers from April 2009 pay 13% of salaries per annum and employees pay 6% per annum in contributions

Pensions contributions charged to the statement of financial activities during the year amounted to £14,910 (2009 £27,017)

#### 18 Donated income

During the year the College received from the European Science Foundation (ESF) £8,791 Professor Sir Roderick Floud, a co-opted member of the Council and Provost had directed this money to the benefit of the College from his work linking with the ESF. Professor Sir Roderick Floud was reimbursed the sum of £1,169 for travel expenses for working on behalf of the College and the ESF and the balance of £7,622 was accounted for as a donation to the College from the ESF