Company Registration No. 00193170 (England and Wales)

# NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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Company number 00193170

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# STRATEGIC REPORT

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

# **NATURE, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

The directors present their strategic report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

## **Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the company is the provision of a Higher Education degree in Early Years Education and Care and the practical skills gained through the Norland Diploma. The Norland Diploma is a distinctive and prestigious qualification which is studied alongside the degree course. All students must successfully complete not only their degree but also each element of the Norland Diploma to use the title 'Norlander'. The company also provides employment agency services for Norland qualified students, corporate training, consultancy services and research within the Early Years sector.

### Ownership

Norland College Limited (the College) is a subsidiary of The Norland Foundation (the Foundation), registered charity no. 1180292, whose objectives are closely related to those of the College. The consolidated accounts of the Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2025 are available on the Charity Commission's website.

### Mission

The College's mission statement is:

'Norland's mission is to provide exceptional, bespoke and research-informed early years higher education, practical training and consultancy, and cultivate outstanding graduates with lifelong career opportunities, professional support and continuous learning for all.'

# Implementation of the Strategic Plan

A new five-year strategic plan was implemented during the year ended 31 July 2023. The College's strategic aims during the period 2022-2027 are:

- Norland will provide the highest quality of educational provision, supporting a diverse range of students to become nurturing, knowledgeable, skilled and resilient early years practitioners with excellent graduate outcomes working in partnership with children, families and communities to inspire the next generation.
- Norland Agency will increase access to lifelong career opportunities and specialist services for Norlanders
  and families, support Norlanders to engage in enhanced continuing professional development and actively
  promote the status and value of the nanny profession.
- Norland will build an inclusive, progressive and charitable community, upholding its reputation as a unique and specialist Higher Education provider of highly qualified nannies and early years practitioners.
- Norland will work with staff to nurture and develop the professionalism, wellbeing and expertise of all staff, driving cohesive and progressive change, building leadership capability, diversity and ensuring professional respect.
- Norland will be a leading provider in the early years sector by generating research and premier training
  and consultancy in childcare provision and in related services, both nationally and internationally.
- Norland will be progressive in developing and implementing more ecological, ethical and socially responsible practices in order to contribute to a sustainable future for all.

A series of key performance indicators have been agreed (as noted on page 3) to monitor the successful implementation of the strategic plan and are monitored by the College Board.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

## **FINANCIAL POSITION**

### Financial results

The College had an operating profit for the year of £220,123 (2024: £56,132) from continuing activities. After taking interest receivable and similar income, interest payable and similar expenses, and taxation, the College returned a profit of £243,889 (2024: £81,220).

At the balance sheet date, the College has accumulated reserves of £4,933,694 (2024: £4,831,845) including cash balances of £950,371 (2024: £1,071,293).

Intangible fixed assets additions during the year amounted to £242,451 (2024: £10,031), relating to the development of a new database for the Norland Agency. Tangible fixed asset additions during the year were equipment purchases of £38,263 (2024: £54,595) and Fittings & Fixtures of £23,400 (2024: £0).

# Treasury policies and objectives

Treasury management is the management of the College's cash flows, its banking, money market and capital market transactions; the effective control of the risks associated with those activities; and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks. The College's treasury management policy is incorporated within its Financial Regulations.

# **Cash flows**

The College had a decrease in cash in the year of £120,922 (2024: increase of £67,807) and a net cash inflow from operating activities of £301,466 (2024: inflow £355,756). Cash continues to be carefully managed.

### Liquidity

The College's cash balance at the year-end was £950,371 (2024; £1,071,293) supporting a sound position of liquidity.

## **CURRENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

In 2024/25 the College continued, for the second year, its delivery of the new degree, the BA (Hons) Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC), alongside the third year of the BA (Hons) Early Years Development and Learning (EYDL) 3-year full time degree programme, in conjunction with the Norland Diploma. All students studied the Norland Diploma alongside their degree.

# **Student Numbers**

Student numbers for 2024/2025 were as follows:

	Enrolled for 2024/25	Withdrawn/discontinued	Completed 2024/25
First Years	129	7	122
Second Years	90	2	88
Third years	97	0	97

Student intake for the current academic year (2025/26) is ahead of expectations, with 107 first years enrolled in September 2025.

## **Student Achievements & Curriculum Developments**

In 2024/25 59% of our third-year students who completed their degrees achieved a first class or 2:1 classification. Following a careful internal focus on ensuring that there is no grade inflation, we remain confident that students' achievements accurately reflect their abilities. Retention on the programme remains strong, with 96% of first, 99% of second and 100% of third years continuing their studies throughout 2024/25, comfortably above the regulator's threshold requirements.

Norland was named the UK's top small or specialist provider in the 2025 Whatuni Student Choice awards, marking its fifth win and eighth consecutive year in the top two.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The curriculum for both the degree and diploma is subject to annual monitoring and review, taking into account feedback from staff, students, external examiners, employers and graduates. This review results in a current and comprehensive offering.

# **Overseas Consultancy**

During the year-ended 31 July 2025, Norland continued its consultancy and training in Abu Dhabi, including a pilot project for a leisure and hospitality client. In the year ended 31 July 2025, the pilot programme resulted in income of £195,789.

There are a number of new overseas consultancy opportunities in the pipeline in China and the Middle East, and the Department for Business and Trade is supporting these endeavours.

# Partnership with Emotion Coaching UK

During the year ended 31 July 2024, Norland entered into a partnership with Emotion Coaching UK, in order to deliver Emotion Coaching training (evidence-based co-regulation strategy for children) to numerous early years settings across the UK. The project is funded by the Education Endowment Foundation and Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs, with total funding over the three year project of £195,065 from the Education Endowment Foundation and £204,830 from the Stronger Practice Hubs.

During the year ended 31 July 2025, grant funding totaling £276,852 was received from the Stronger Practice Hubs and the Education Endowment Foundation . Norland also held funds of £126,937, carried forward from the year-ended 31 July 2024. Of this, £287,562 was recognized during the period in line with project delivery, with £15,277 carried forward as deferred income to match project delivery at a future date. £106,920 was paid to Emotion Coaching UK for services as delivery partner and Norland received £19,371 for administrative and financial services.

## **Other Activities**

The Norland Agency has experienced an increase in income with continued positive media interest and the completed software project for a Nanny App, placements for the new financial year are predicted to increase once again.

Other important activities relate to our corporate training courses for established UK and overseas companies and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses for qualified Norlanders.

# **Financial Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**

College Committees and the Board monitor financial and non-financial KPIs via the termly management accounts as well as through other reporting mechanisms throughout the academic year. Student achievement and retention remains strong, as does Norland's commitment to fully resource the College with highly skilled staff and supporting students with bursaries. Demand for our students after qualification remains high. See below:

2025 graduates obtaining a first class or an upper second-class degree	59%
24/25 retention rate set 46 (third year students)	100%
24/25 retention rate set 47 (second year students)	99%
24/25 retention rate set 48 (first year students)	96.1%
Total students to total staff ratio	3.62
Total students to teaching staff (degree and diploma) ratio	13.35
Jobs per Norlander actively looking at 31 July 2025	6

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

### **Future Developments**

During the year ended 31 July 2025, Norland successfully gained Indefinite Degree Awarding Powers, with full University title expected to follow in the next 12 months. Norland continues to review and consider its future college and student accommodation needs, to ensure best provision for its students and staff, as well as developing plans to expand its consultancy and commercial income streams. In addition, it continues to work closely with its charitable holding company, The Norland Foundation.

## PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The College has continued during the year to develop and embed the system of internal control, including financial, operational and risk management, which is designed to protect the College's assets and reputation.

Based on the strategic plan, the Board of Directors undertakes a comprehensive review of the risks to which the College is exposed. It identifies systems and procedures, including specific preventable actions which should mitigate the potential impact on the College. The internal controls are then implemented, and subsequent appraisals will review their effectiveness and progress against risk mitigation actions. In addition to the review, the directors will also consider any risks which may arise as a result of a new area of work being undertaken by the College.

A comprehensive risk register is maintained and scrutinised at Committee and Board meetings. The risk register identifies the key risks, the likelihood of those risks occurring, their potential impact on the College and the actions being taken to reduce and mitigate the risks. Risks are rated and prioritised using a consistent scoring system and RAG rating.

Outlined below is a description of the principal risk factors affecting the College at the current time. Other factors may also adversely affect the College.

# 1. Affordability

The College's fees are higher than those charged by a mainstream university, due to the fact that tuition is intensive and resource-heavy, and also because students' study for both a degree and the Norland Diploma. Added to this, the government loan set for Independent Higher Education providers is lower than that set for mainstream institutions. As a result, affordability is a challenge for many potential and current students.

This risk is mitigated by continued investment in student recruitment, regular review of the bursary provision and sources of available funding for students, and support for students with managing budgets and personal finances.

# 2. Adequate Support Services

Recent shifts in young people's dispositions have led to a noticeable increase in students requiring additional support, which has affected overall resilience. As a result, there is now a greater demand on the support services at Norland.

The risk is mitigated by increasing the support team and planning a programme of wellbeing initiatives for students. There is also a strategic approach to developing resilience in students, to prepare them for work as Norland Nannies.

# 3. Inflation and Economic Pressures

Cost increases due to inflation result in the risk of Norland being unable to deliver its services within the budget available.

This risk is mitigated by regular forecasting and review of expenditure. Additionally, commercial activity has been revived following the pandemic, with a significant contract already fulfilled, and more in the pipeline.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# **Business Continuity Plan**

The College maintains a dynamic and detailed Business Continuity Plan. The plan is regularly updated to reflect the College's current business and will be used in response to a major event, critical incident or crisis during and in the period immediately following the event, and for management of the longer-term consequences of such an incident.

## **GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

The College Board of Directors (the 'Board') is responsible for the statutory oversight of the College to ensure it continues to meet the standards of both a company limited by shares and of a higher education institution which has access to public funds. In doing so it recognises the core values and primary elements of governance as set out in the Committee of University Chairs (CUC) Higher Education Code of Governance 2020. The Board is responsible for ensuring that the College has in place the physical and human resources to meet the needs of its students, and for ensuring the enhancement of the learning experience and the maintenance of academic standards. The directors meet for full Board meetings at least 4 times per academic year with additional meetings held with the agreement of the Chair of the Board. The College keeps the Board informed of all relevant activity and directors undertake any necessary training.

The directors are not employed by the College and do not receive remuneration for their director services. All directors are therefore independent. The Principal is a member of the Board ex-officio. The College Executive are in attendance and make reports to the Board. There is one staff and one student member (elected by their peers) on the Board, who are co-opted. Neither ex-officio and co-opted members, or the Executive, have voting right.

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The Board conducts its business through the following committees:

- Finance Committee (FC)
- Academic Board (AB)
- Enterprise Committee (EC)
- Audit Committee (AC)
- Nomination and Governance Committee (NGC)
- Remuneration Committee (RC)

The directors who served during the year and/or at the signing date were as follows:

	Board	FC	AB	EC	AC	NGC	RC
Mr M Clarke (Chair) MA FCA D. Univ FRSA	Х	х				х	х
Mrs R Heald (Vice Chair) BA	х	х		х			х
Mr M Bray FCMA	Х	х					х
Ms J Davies LLB (Hons)	х				х		х
Mrs K Dicker Norland NNEB	х		х	х	х		
Ms R Edwards BTEC HND	х		х	х		х	
Prof D Timms BEd MA MSc PhD	х				х	х	
Ms T Worth MBA FIOC FCILT	х				х	х	
Mr R Maccabee BA Hons (Oxon) PG Dip and PGCE	Х	х	х				
Mr S P Ariaratnam Hon FRSL DL	Х	х		х			
Dr J H S Sichel FRCP	Х						
Dr Charlotte Stilwell Dr med dent FDS RCSEd FCGDent DDS	х		Х				

# **Finance Committee**

Reporting to the Board, the Finance Committee oversees the financial strategy and financial management of the College to ensure that it meets the needs of students, enables the enhancement of the learning experience and maintains academic standards. The Principal and Chief Financial Officer attend all Finance Committees, to present reports from the Executive including those on financial performance, estates, maintenance and insurance, and on matters relating to health and safety. Membership of the Finance Committee is determined from time to time by the Board. The Finance Committee meets at least three times per year in advance of the meetings of the Board of Directors and at such other time as may be determined by the Chair of the Committee.

## **Academic Board**

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for academic standards and enhancement of the quality of learning opportunities at the College and delegates this responsibility to the Academic Board through the College's Articles of Association. A director is 'in attendance' at each meeting of the Academic Board and provides an oral report to the full Board. The Academic Board is responsible for setting, maintaining and assuring the academic standards of the College and any awards that it makes. The Academic Board will take such measures and act in such a manner as shall best promote the academic and professional work of the College and safeguard the integrity and standards of

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its awards. The membership is determined by the Board. The Academic Board meets at least once per term with the Principal acting as Chair. Additional meetings may be held with the agreement of the Chair.

# **Enterprise Committee**

The Enterprise Committee maintains oversight of matters relating to the College's commercial activities including alumni, brand protection, external consultancy and training, Norland Agency and marketing. The Enterprise Committee has regard to the ethos and values of the College in protecting the College reputation. Membership of the Enterprise Committee is determined from time to time by the Board. The Enterprise committee meets at least three times per year and at such other time as may be determined by the Chair of the Committee.

### **Audit Committee**

The Board must receive assurance that the institution is meeting the conditions of funding as set by regulatory and funding bodies, as well as other major institutional funders, which include the requirements of the financial memoranda. These comprise:

- Using public funds for proper purposes and achieving good value for money
- Having a sound system of risk management, financial control and governance
- Ensuring the use of regular, reliable, timely and adequate information to monitor performance and track the use of public funds
- Safeguarding institutional sustainability

The Audit committee ensures the above requirements and provides a further independent check on the College's financial and reporting activities. The Audit Committee and its Chair are appointed by the Board, from amongst its own members, and consists of members with no executive responsibility for the management of the College. The Chair of the Board cannot be a member. Membership of the Audit Committee is determined from time to time by the Board. A representative of the external auditors normally attends meetings where business relevant to them is discussed. Meetings are normally held twice each financial year with additional meetings held as necessary.

## **Nominations and Governance Committee**

The Nominations and Governance Committee advises the Board on matters relating to the appointment of independent directors, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, the Principal, the Vice Principal and on all governance matters including the regular review of the effectiveness of the Board. It also advises on the appointment of the Chairs of the Board Committees. The Committee is chaired by the Chair of the Board. The Committee meets at least twice a year with additional meetings held with the agreement of the Chair of the Board.

# **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee advises the Board on matters relating to the remuneration of the Principal and the Executive. Members are appointed to the Committee by the Board of Directors. The Principal is not a member of the Remuneration Committee. No individual is present during discussions or decisions reached in relation to their own remuneration. The Committee meets at least once a year. Additional meetings may be held with the agreement of the Chair of the Remuneration Committee.

# Internal control

Scope of responsibility

The directors are ultimately responsible for the College's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. However, such a system is designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The directors have delegated to the Principal the day-to-day responsibility for maintaining a sound system of internal control that supports the achievement of the College's policies, aims and objectives, whilst safeguarding the College's funds and assets for which she is responsible. The Principal is the Accountable Officer in relation to the OfS

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registration. The Principal is also responsible for reporting to the directors any material weaknesses or breakdowns in internal control.

# The purpose of the system of internal control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level rather than to eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the compliance with College policies, aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically. The system of internal control has been in place in the College for the year ended 31 July 2025 and up to the date of approval of the report and accounts for the accounting year.

# Capacity to handle risk

The directors have reviewed the key risks to which the College is exposed together with the operating, financial and compliance controls that have been implemented to mitigate those risks. The directors are of the view that there is a formal ongoing process for identifying, evaluating and managing the College's significant risks that have been in place for the year ending 31July 2025 and up to the date of approval of the report and accounts. This process is regularly reviewed by the directors.

# The risk and control framework

The system of internal control is based on a framework of regular management information, administrative procedures including the segregation of duties, and a system of delegation and accountability. It includes:

- A comprehensive budgeting system with an annual budget, which is reviewed and agreed by the Board.
- Regular reviews by the Board of periodic and annual financial reports which indicate financial performance against forecasts.
- Use of a Financial Protocol (part of a Delegation Protocol) and formal project management disciplines
- A strong academic committee structure, comprising an Academic Board, supported by a Quality and Standards Committee, Programme Committee, Progression and Awards Board and Assessment Board
- A highly effective and open working partnership with students
- A strong academic framework, made up of clear academic regulations, with effective and approved
  policies and procedures.
- A robust mechanism for managing and approving academic change.

### Review of effectiveness

The Principal has responsibility for reviewing the effectiveness of the system of internal control. Her review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by:

- The work of the executive managers within the College who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.
- A comprehensive college wide Risk Register
- Comments made by the College's Auditors in their reports.

The Principal is advised by the Audit Committee on the implications of her review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, and a plan to address any weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

All Committees receive regular Risk Register reports. The Committees' role in this area is confined to a high-level review of the arrangements for internal control. All Board agendas include items for consideration of risk and control and directors receive reports thereon from the Committees. The emphasis is on obtaining the relevant degree of assurance and not merely reporting by exception.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

### Role of the Auditor

External Auditors inspect clients' accounting records and express an opinion as to whether their financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the applicable accounting standards of the entity, such as Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Their 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 their opinion. The College does not have formal internal audit arrangements and therefore does not have an Internal Auditor.

# **Going Concern**

The majority of the Group's activities sits within the College. The Trustees have approved the budget for 2025/26 with a further reforecast budget, in the Autumn, confirming an improved financial position with a sensitivity analysis to enable the College's finances to remain agile throughout the year. Trustees have also received a 5 year financial forecast and although such predictive work can never be relied on with complete certainty, the resultant forecasts and cash flows indicate that Norland has adequate cash and other reserves to address changes in financial performance, without the requirement for external funding.

A Deed of Undertaking between the Foundation and the College gives legal reassurance that the Foundation will support the College in the implementation of its Strategic Plan and to ensure the College's compliance with the OfS Framework. This includes a provision of sufficient financial support to allow the College to comply with the financial obligations imposed on it by the Framework or by the Foundation directly meeting such financial obligations. If the value of the Foundation's investment assets fell (e.g., by 20%), the assurance of support given by the Foundation to the College within the Deed, is shown to remain secure. The total cash and investment resources held within the College and the Foundation, and this binding Deed of Understanding between the College and Foundation which strengthens the commitment from the Foundation to support the College, provides reliable assurance to the directors that the College remains a going concern and therefore the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of these financial statements remains appropriate.

Signed on behalf of the Board

**Director** 

Mr M. Clarke (Chairman) MA FCA D. Univ FRSA

Date: ...04 December 2025.....

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

## **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mr M Clarke (Chairman) MA FCA D. Univ FRSA Ms R A Heald (Vice Chair) BA

Mr M A Bray FCMA

Ms J Davies LLB (Hons)

Mrs K Dicker NNEB

Ms R Edwards BTEC HND

Dr Charlotte Stilwell Dr med dent FDS RCSEd FCGDent DDS (appointed 12 March 2025)

Prof D Timms BEd MA MSc PhD

Ms T Worth MBA FIOC FCILT

Mr R Maccabee BA Hons (Oxon) PG Dip and PGCE

Mr S P Ariaratnam (appointed 1 September 2024)

Dr J H S Sichel (resigned 7th February 2025)

### Results and distributions

The results for the year are set out on pages 2 and 16. The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £243,889 (2024: profit for the year £81,220). The Articles of Association prevent the company from declaring or paying any dividends, though it may pay qualifying distributions within the meaning of section 191 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010. During the year, the directors made a distribution of £142,040 (2024: £248,411) to the Foundation. Post  $31^{st}$  July 2025, directors intend to make a distribution to the Foundation amounting to £300,000 in line with agreed budget plans for 2024/25 (2024: £248,411).

# **Directors indemnity**

During the year the company used the College insurers to indemnify its directors. These provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

### Auditor

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

# Strategic report

The company has chosen in accordance with Companies Act 2006, section 414C (11) to set out in the company's strategic report information required by Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, Sch. 7 to be contained in the directors' report. It has done so in respect of future developments.

# Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, each director has taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

On behalf of the board

Mr M Clarke (Chairman) MA FCA D. Univ FRSA

Director

Date: ..4 December 2025.....

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report and 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Norland College Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows 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 FRS 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 company's affairs as at 31 July 2025 and of its income and expenditure, gains and losses, changes in reserves and cash flows for the year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.
- Have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

# **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 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

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 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.

# 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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Office for Students' Accounts Direction

In our opinion, in all material respects:

- Funds from whatever source administered by the college for specific purposes have been properly applied
  to those purposes and managed in accordance with relevant legislation.
- Funds provided by the Office for Students, UK Research and Innovation (including Research England) the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Department for Education have been applied in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions; and
- The requirements of the Office for Students' accounts direction for the relevant year's financial statements have been met.

# 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 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 have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report.

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

- Adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- The financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · Certain disclosures of 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 Office for Students' accounts direction requires us to report to you if:

 The College's grant and fee income, as disclosed in the note to the accounts, has been materially misstated.

# Responsibilities of 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 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 company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in and how the company is complying with the legal and regulatory framework.
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment
  of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006, Regulatory Advice 9:Accounts Direction published by the Office for Students and tax compliance regulations. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing financial statement disclosures, inspecting correspondence with local tax authorities and evaluating advice received from external tax advisors.

The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are the Children Act 1989 and 2004, the Office for Students Conditions of Registration and the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). We performed audit procedures to inquire of management and those charged with governance whether the company is in compliance with these law and regulations and inspected correspondence with licensing or regulatory authorities.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls as the area where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed included but were not limited to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business.

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the 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.

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# **Financial Statements**

# NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover	3	6,662,286	5,633,455
Operating expenses		(6,442.163)	(5,577,323)
Operating profit	5	220,123	56,132
Interest receivable and similar income	6	23,766	25,088
Profit before taxation		243,889	81,220
Tax on profit	7	-	-
Profit for the financial year		243,889	81,220

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed Assets					
Intangible Assets	9		296,261		80,532
Tangible Assets	10		3,639,997		3,831,950
			3,936,258		3,912,482
Currents Assets					
Stocks	11	8,705		8,237	
Debtors	12	531,887		454,608	
Cash at bank and in hand		950,371		1,071,293	
		1,490,963		1,534,138	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(493,476)		(614,724)	
Net Current Assets			997,487		919,414
Total Assets less Current Liabilities			4,933,745		4,831,896
Capital and Reserves					
Called up share capital	14		51		51
Profit and loss reserves			4,933,694		4,831,845
Total Equity			4,933,745		4,831,896

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on . ....4th December 2025 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr M C Clarke (Chairman) MA FCA D. Univ FRSA

Director

Dr J Rose MA PhD PGCE FHEA **Principal of Norland College** 

# **Financial Statements**

# **NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED**

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	Share capital £	Profit and loss reserves £	Total £
Balance at 1 August 2023		51	4,999,036	4,999,087
Year ended 31 July 2024:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	81,220	81,220
Distributions to parent charity under gift aid	8	-	(248,411)	(248,411)
Palamas at 24 July 2024		F1	4 924 945	4 924 906
Balance at 31 July 2024		51	4,831,845	4,831,896
Year ended 31 July 2025:			0.40.000	0.40.000
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	•	-	243,889	243,889
Distributions to parent charity under gift aid	8		(142,040)	(142,040)
Balance at 31 July 2025		51	4,933,694	4,933,745

# **Financial Statements**

# **NORLAND COLLEGE LIMITED**

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	£	2024 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities		~	~	~	~
Cash generated from operations	16		301,466		355,756
Investing activities					
Purchase of intangible assets		(242,451)		(10,031)	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(61,663)		(54,595)	
Interest received		23,766		25,088	
Net cash used in investing activities  Financing activities  Distributions paid		(142,040)	(280,348)	(248,411)	(39,538)
Net cash used in financing activities			(142,040)		(248,411)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(120,922)		67,807
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of ye	ear		1,071,293		1,003,486
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			950,371		1,071,293

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 1. Accounting policies

# **Company information**

Norland College Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is York Villa, York Place, London Road, Bath, Somerset, BA1 6AE.

The company's principal activities and nature of its operations are disclosed in the Strategic Report.

# **Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and Regulatory Advice 9: Accounts Direction issued by the Office for Students.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

# Going concern

The directors have carefully considered the future financial position of the College. The directors approved the 2025/26 budget and received a reforecast budget in October 2025 with an improved financial position as well as forecasts to 2027/28. Budget reports included a sensitivity analysis review to assess potential financial risk (external and internal) and the mitigation / contingency in place to ensure the College has adequate cash and other reserves to withstand, as well as the ability to adapt to, any of these risks, should they occur, without the requirement for external funding. At present, there is no expectation that the College will suffer a significant reduction in income for the current financial year ended 31 July 2026, and the forecasted budget for the financial year ended 31 July 2026 anticipates an operating profit and that the College will continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

A Deed of Undertaking between the Foundation and the College gives legal reassurance that the Foundation will support the College in the implementation of its Strategic Plan and to ensure the College's compliance with the OfS Framework. This includes a provision of sufficient financial support to allow the College to comply with the financial obligations imposed on it by the Framework or by the Foundation directly meeting such financial obligations. If the value of the Foundation's investment assets fell (e.g. by 20%), the assurance of support given by the Foundation to the College within the Deed, are shown to remain secure. The total cash and investment resources held within the College and the Foundation, and this binding Deed of Understanding between the College and Foundation which strengthens the commitment from the Foundation to support the College, provides reliable assurance to the directors that the College remains a going concern and therefore the use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of these financial statements remains appropriate.

## Turnover

Turnover represents the value of services provided during the year, net of value added tax. Training fees are recognised when the service is provided. Employment agency fees are recognised when the contract commences. Revenue from the contract with the Education Endowment Fund and Stronger Practice Hubs in Partnership with Emotion Coaching UK is recognised in line with delivery against specific contract milestones. Where milestone delivery is uncertain, revenue is recognised in line with costs incurred.

# Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

## Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired are recognised less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 1. Accounting policies (Continued)

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software and licences 3 to 10 years straight line

# Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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:

Freehold property 2% - 10% per annum of cost
Leasehold improvements 2.8% - 10% per annum of cost
Fixtures and fittings 20% per annum of cost
Office equipment 25% - 33% per annum of cost

For leasehold improvements, the term of the lease is 35 years commencing from 2017, hence a rate of 2.8% is applied to those assets expected to last for the entirety of the lease term. Other assets may be depreciated at a faster rate.

Land is not depreciated.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

### **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

## Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand; deposits held at call with banks.

### **Financial instruments**

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the financial asset is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

# Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 1. Accounting policies (Continued)

### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

### **Equity instruments**

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the fair value of proceeds received, net of transaction costs.

### Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax expense and deferred tax expense. Current tax assets are recognised when tax paid exceeds the tax payable.

Current and deferred tax is charged or credited to profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income or equity, when the tax follows the transaction or event it relates to and is also charged or credited to other comprehensive income, or equity.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on the net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the year. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised, or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered by the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

# Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

# Retirement benefits

Certain employees are members of the Teachers' Superannuation Scheme, a defined benefit scheme. The company makes contributions on behalf of the employees who are members in accordance with the requirements of the scheme. Other than these contributions there is no additional liability to the company in respect of the scheme which is controlled by the Department for Education and Employment.

The company operates a money purchase pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

# Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

# Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currency) are initially recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 1. Accounting policies (Continued)

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction, or, if the asset or liability is measured at fair value, the rate when that fair value was determined.

All translation differences are taken to profit or loss, except to the extent that they relate to gains or losses on non-monetary items recognised in other comprehensive income, when the related translation gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

# 2. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The directors have considered whether any critical estimates or judgements have been made in the preparation of these financial statements, and they believe there are none to note.

# 3. Turnover and other income

An analysis of the company's turnover is as follows:	2025 £	2024 £
Turnover analysed by class of business	~	~
Tuition fee income	5,204,367	4,502,724
Consultancy fees	192,407	225,169
Provision of services	977,950	827,669
Grant income	287,562	77,893
	6,662,286	5,633,455
	2025	2024
	£	£
Turnover analysed by geographical market		
United Kingdom	6,048,451	5,209,114
Overseas	613,835	426,691
	6,662,286	5,635,805
	2025 £	2024 £
Total fee income	£	L
Fee income for taught awards	5,204,367	4,458,763
Fee income for research awards	0	43,961
	5,204,367	4,502,724

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 4. Employees

The average monthly number of persons employed and remunerated by the company during the year was:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Senior management	7	7
Academic staff (including student librarians)	46	46
Support staff	26	22
Agency staff	9	9
Research, consultancy & training	1	1
	89	85

The monthly number of persons employed and remunerated by the company on a full-time equivalent basis during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
Senior management	7	7
Academic staff (including student librarians)	36	35
Support staff	19	18
Agency staff	7	9
Research, consultancy & training	1	1
	70	70

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,993,770	2,887,449
Social security costs	347,010	302,126
Pension costs	365,626	333,332
	3,706,406	3,522,907

During the year, no director was remunerated (2024: none).

The remuneration of key management personnel was £760,278 (2024: £726,531).

One employee received a full-time equivalent basic salary in the range of £115,000 - £120,000 in the current year (2024: One employee in the range of £115,000 - £120,000).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 4. Employees (Continued)

Total emoluments payable to the Principal:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Basic salary	116,828	116,585
Pension contributions	33,506	29,319
One- off remuneration for commercially generated College income	23,691	10,000
Christmas bonus	350	300
Private healthcare	1,699	1,652
	176,074	157,856

Norland is a small higher education provider, offering one undergraduate BA degree programme in Early Years Development and Learning. Once graduated with the degree, students embark upon their Newly Qualified Nanny (NQN) year which sees them take their Norland training and apply it in a family setting. The maximum number of undergraduates is 300 plus 100 NQN students. All Norland graduates have access to the in-house employment agency which places Norlanders into highly sought after nanny roles across the world. In addition, Norland offers a bespoke consultancy provision for external parties to which the Principal contributes.

Norland College employs 80 members of staff (as of 12 June 2025) with a full time equivalent of 70.62. This includes three fixed term contracts, two for maternity cover and one to provide additional support within the student services department due to an increase in student numbers.

Furthermore, we recruited a new Editor-in-Chief as the previous post-holder retired. The new appointment was on an employment contract rather than an SLA.

Thirty-nine students have been employed by Norland this academic year. The students have worked as student ambassadors (10), student reps (12), library (10), nursery (3) and charities (4) helpers. Staff turnover is 11.07% (FTE), excluding student employees. Norland outsources its counselling, IT provision and cleaning. We had eight freelance consultants on service level agreements (SLAs), although one retired in May 2025.

The Principal oversees all aspects of Norland's operations (degree and diploma course, NQN year, employment agency, training and consultancy) and her valuable contribution to the strategic direction of Norland has led to Norland being granted indefinite Taught Degree Awarding Powers in 2024. This is an historic step in the evolution of Norland as it now opens the way for Norland to become the first specialist early years university in the world.

Norland is a TEF Gold-rated specialist early childhood higher education institution. In the latest national assessment of undergraduate teaching, Norland achieved an overall Gold rating and Gold in each of the two 'aspect' ratings — the highest standard possible. Norland is one of only a small number of providers to achieve Gold in all categories in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) 2023, placing it in the top 12% of providers in the country. Norland was also named the top Small or Specialist Institution in the UK in 2025 by Whatuni, marking its fifth win at the Whatuni Student Choice Awards.

Due to the retirement of the Head of Careers and Consultancy in February 2024, the Principal has worked with the Vice Principal to oversee the consultancy and training team this year. She made a significant contribution to a number of international projects, including developing training materials and contract negotiations, which have yielded £210,000 income this year which will be utilised for the student Bursary Fund. The Principal also made a significant contribution to a national, collaborative project with the Education Endowment Foundation and Emotion Coaching UK which entailed delivering training in Emotion Coaching to early years settings across the country in order to support young children's self-regulation. Norland's contribution to this project yielded over £20,000 of income for the Bursary Fund.

She also continues to be invited to deliver keynotes or workshops for various organisations around the country. For example, this academic year, she has delivered keynotes or training at various conferences such as the Attachment

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

Research Community conference, Manchester MAT conference, SEND conference and the Care Leaders training programme for NHS staff. She has hosted visits from the Royal Foundation's Centre for Childhood Development, the National Academy for Childhood Development and Early Childhood Authority in Abu Dhabi, the Royal Commonwealth Society, delegates from Chinese organisations and local government officials, the Higher Education Policy Institute, the International Nanny Association, a Saudi government representative and participated in roundtable discussions with the Department for Education and Office for Students. The Principal is the External Examiner for the PG Cert on Attachment and Trauma at Birmingham Newman University. She is a board member of IHE and a member of the Education Subcommittee of the Royal Academy of Dance, Vice-Chair of First Steps, a director of Emotion Coaching UK and has chaired the B&NES Student Community Partnership. She also recently joined the Bath Area Education Partnership and serves on the Advisory Board of Bright Horizons.

All of the Principal's additional activities help to raise Norland's profile within the sector. Recognition of her contribution to the Education sector came in the form of a nomination and invitation to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace hosted by their Majesties, the King and Queen.

The Principal's salary is included within Norland's grading structure and has a 4-point incremental range. Progression through this grade is determined by the Remuneration Committee annually and is based on individual performance which is reviewed by the Chair of the Board.

The pay multiple of the Principal for 2024/2025 is 3.23 with the median earnings for Norland's workforce as £36,120. HESA data on the head of provider remuneration for 2024/2025 shows a vast range of median figures across providers. The Principal's pay multiple is towards the lower end of this range.

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Basic salary as a multiple of median basic salary of staff	3.23	3.27
Total remuneration as a multiple of median total remuneration of staff	4.87	3.75

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

5. Operating Profit		
	2025	2024
Operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	32,541	21,855
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	253,635	250,813
Amortisation of intangible assets	26,779	12,110
Operating lease charges	107,042	102,558
6. Interest receivable and similar income	2025 £	2024 £
Interest income		
Interest on bank deposits	23,766	25,088
Investment income includes the following:		
Interest on financial assets not measured at fair value through profit or loss	23,766	25,088

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

## 7. Taxation

The total tax charge for the year included in the income statement can be reconciled to the profit before tax multiplied by the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	243,889	81,220
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2024: 25.00%)	60,972	20,305
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	762	260
Effect of change in corporation tax rate		
Permanent capital allowances in excess of depreciation	25,175	25,175
Gift aid payment to parent	(32,010)	(60,510)
Change in unrecognised deferred tax liability	(54,899)	14,770
Taxation charge for the year	_	

Changes to the UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted by the Finance Bill 2021 on 24 May 2021. These included an increase of the corporation tax rate to 25% from 1 April 2024. Deferred tax is recognised at a rate of 25% (2024: 25%).

During the year, the College made a qualifying distribution, within the meaning of section 191 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010, of £142,040 (2024: £248,411) to its parent entity, The Norland Foundation.

# 8. Distributions

	2025	2024
	£	£
Distributions to parent charity under gift aid		
Amounts paid	142,040	248,411

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

9. Intangible fixed assets		
	Software and licences £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 August 2024	171,344	171,344
Additions	242,451	242,451
At 31 July 2025	413,795	413,795
Amortisation and impairment		
At 1 August 2024	90,755	90,755
Amortisation charged for the year	26,779	26,779
At 31 July 2025	117,534	117,534
Carrying amount		
At 31 July 2025	296,261	296,261
At 31 July 2024	80,532	80,532

The amortisation charge is included within operating expenses.

# 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property	Leasehold improvements	Fittings and Fixtures	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 August 2024	1,487,116	3,987,838	574,117	614,313	6,663,384
Additions	-	-	23,400	38,263	61,663
At 31 July 2025	1,487,116	3,987,838	597,517	652,576	6,725,047
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 August 2024	610,620	1,127,260	573,505	520,049	2,831,434
Depreciation charged in the year	33,259	161,017	287	59,053	253,616
At 31 July 2025	643,879	1,288,277	573,792	579,102	3,085,050
Carrying amount					
At 31 July 2025	843,237	2,699,561	23,725	73,474	3,639,997
At 31 July 2024	876,496	2,860,578	612	94,264	3,831,950

The depreciation charge is included within operating expenses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

11 Stocks				
			2025	2024
			£	£
Stocks of supplies and goods for resale			8,705	8,237
12. Debtors: amounts falling due withi	n one year			
			2025	2024
			£	£
Trade debtors			162,565	63,486
Amounts owed by group undertakings			32,379	86,025
Other debtors			13,469	10,942
Prepayments and accrued income			323,474	294,155
			531,887	454,608
13. Creditors: amounts falling due with	nin one year			
•	•		2025	2024
			£	£
Trade creditors			152,831	169,390
Taxation and social security			143,882	122,963
Deferred income			15,277	126,937
Other creditors			32,613	11,293
Accruals			148,873	184,141
			493,476	614,724
14. Share capital				
Ordinary share conital	2025	2024	2025	2024
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid	Number	Number	£	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>51</u>	51	<u>51</u>	51

The shares have attached to them full voting, dividend and capital distribution (including on winding up) rights; they do not confer any rights of redemption.

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# 15. Reserves

## **Profit and loss reserves**

Cumulative profit and loss net of distributions to owners.

# 16. Cash generated from operations

	2025 £	2024 £
Profit for the year after tax		
•	243,889	81,220
Adjustments for:		
Investment income	(23,766)	(25,088)
Amortisation of intangible assets	26,779	12,110
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	253,635	250,813
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	(468)	406
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(77,355)	171,210
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(121,248)	(134,915)
Cash generated from operations	301,466	355,756

# 17. Analysis of changes in net funds

	1 August	Cash	31 July
	2024	flows	2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	1,071,293	(120,922)	950,371

# 18 Operating lease commitments

### Lessee

At the reporting end date, the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	107,042	101,435
Between one and five years	384,365	354,639
In over five years	2,255,846	1,912,098
	2,747,253	2,368,172

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 19 Retirement benefits

The company employees belong to two principal pension schemes; The Teachers' Pension Scheme for England and Wales for academic and related staff which is a defined benefit pension scheme and for non-teaching staff the Norland stakeholder pension scheme which is a defined contribution scheme which is administered by Scottish Widows.

Total pension costs in the year:

	2025	2024
Teachers' pension scheme contributions paid	250,043	222,877
Norland stakeholder pension scheme contributions paid	115,943	110,455
All pension contributions paid in the year	365,986	333,332

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was 31 March 2020.

At the year-end contributions of £46,209 (2024: £42,795) were outstanding and included in creditors.

# Teachers' pension scheme

The College participates in the Teachers' Pension Scheme ("the TPS") for its teaching staff.

The TPS is a statutory, contributory, defined benefit scheme, governed by the Teachers' Pensions 2014. Membership is automatic for teachers in academies. All teachers have the option to opt-out of the TPS following enrolment. The TPS is an unfunded scheme and members contribute on a 'pay as you go' basis – these contributions along with those made by employers are credited to the Exchequer. The College has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. The College has set out below the information available on the scheme.

Under the definitions set out in FRS 102 (28.11), the TPS is a multi-employer pension plan. Norland College Limited is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the plan. Accordingly, the College has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 and has accounted for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined-contribution plan. The College has set out above the information available on the plan and the implications for the College in terms of the anticipated contribution rates.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

# 19. Retirement benefits (Continued)

# Valuation of the Teachers' Pension Scheme

The Government Actuary, using normal actuarial principles, conducts a formal actuarial review of the TPS in accordance with the Public Service Pensions (Valuations and Employer Cost Cap) Directions 2014 published by HM Treasury every 4 years. The aim of the review is to specify the level of future contributions. Actuarial scheme valuations are dependent on assumptions about the value of future costs, design of benefits and many other factors. The latest actuarial valuation of the TPS was carried out as at 31 March 2020.

The valuation report was published by the Department for Education on 26 October 2023. The key elements of the valuation and subsequent consultation are:

- Total scheme liabilities for service (pensions currently payable and the estimated cost of future benefits) of £262 billion
- Value of notional assets (estimated future contributions together with the proceeds from the notional investments held at the valuation date) of £222 billion
- Notional past service deficit of £40 billion
- Discount rate is 1.7% in excess of CPI

As a result of the valuation, new employer contribution rates were set at 28.6% (including a 0.08% administration levy) of pensionable pay from April 2024 onwards (compared to 23.68% from September 2019 to 31 March 2024).

The next will be based on data as at 31 March 2024 and will take effect from 1 April 2027. The employer's pension costs paid to TPS in the period amounted to £333,841 (2024: £222,877).

# 20. Related party transactions

During the period the company made the following related party transactions:

Prof. D Timms (a director of the company) engaged in consultancy work (£4,000) for the College in support of an OfS application for University title status. This work was invoiced and approved in line with the College's Financial Regulations.Dr Janet Rose (Principal) is a director of Emotion Coaching UK (a Not for Profit organisation). During the year ended 31 July 2025, Norland entered into a partnership with Emotion Coaching UK, in order to deliver Emotion Coaching training (evidence-based co-regulation strategy for children) to numerous early years settings across the UK. The project is funded by the Education Endowment Foundation and Early Years Stronger Practice Hubs, with total funding over the three year project of £195,073 from the Education Endowment Foundation and £204,830 from the Stronger Practice Hubs. This work and related party transaction was invoiced and approved in line with the College's Financial Regulations.

During the year ended 31 July 2025, grant funding totalling £178,252 was received from the Education Endowment Foundation in relation to the project. Of this, £287,562 was recognized during the period in line with project delivery, with £15,277 carried forward as deferred income to match delivery at a future date. £106,920 was paid to Emotion Coaching UK as delivery partner and Norland received £19,371 for administrative and financial services.

## 21. Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate parent entity is The Norland Foundation, a company limited by guarantee and incorporated in the United Kingdom, Company Registration No: 11077904 and Registered Charity No: 1180292. This is the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the group financial statements are available on the Charity Commission's website. The College directors consider there to be no ultimate controlling party within The Norland Foundation.