



# Education Transactions

Our Experience in the  
Education Sector

### Are You Considering:

- acquiring or selling?
- merging schools?
- bolting on a new division?
- joint venture arrangements?
- franchising overseas?
- investing in the Early Years, K12, FE or HE sectors?

### Why Choose VWV?

Our USP is our total immersion in and commitment to the education sector, so we have a complete understanding of the commercial significance of the deals that we work on and the regulatory environment which applies.

We advise on a significant number of education-sector transactions. These include those listed below.

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## Mergers and Demergers

Acting for Bromsgrove School on its merger with Winterfold House School.

Acting for Northwood College on its merger with GDST.

Acting for Ashdell Preparatory School on its merger with GDST.

Acting for Coworth-Flexlands School in relation to its merger with United Learning.

Acting for Bradfield College in relation to its merger with St Andrew's School

Acting for Rugby School in relation to its merger with Bilton Grange.

Acting for Shrewsbury School in relation to its merger with Packwood Haugh School.

Acting for New Beacon School in relation to its merger with Tonbridge School.

Acting for Cobham Hall in relation to its merger with Mill Hill.

Acting for Wychwood School in relation to its joint venture with E3 Capital.

Acting for Durham Cathedral Choir School in relation to its merger with Durham School.

Acting for Downside School in relation to its demerger from Downside Abbey.

Acting for Sherrardswood School on its merger with the Alpha Schools group.

Acting for Dunottar School in relation to its merger with the United Learning Trust.

Acting for Abbotsholme School in relation to its merger with Methodist Independent School Trust.

Acting for Greenacre School for Girls in relation to its merger with United Learning.

Acting for Solihull in relation to its merger with Saint Martin's School.

Acting for Dodderhill in relation to its merger with The Royal Grammar School, Worcester.

Acting for Malvern College in relation to its merger with Abberley School, Worcester.

Acting for Charterhouse in relation to its merger with Edgeborough School.

Acting for The Kingsley School in relation to it joining The Warwick Independent School Foundation group of schools.

Acting for Stowe School in relation to the three-way merger with Winchester House and Swanbourne House.

Acting for The Red Maids' School on its merger with Redland High School for Girls.

Acting for Cothill Educational Trust in relation to its mergers with:

- Kitebrook House
- Mowden Hall School
- The Old Malthouse School
- Ashdown House School
- St Aubyns School, Rottingdean
- Barfield School

Acting for Sunfield Children's Homes Limited in relation to a merger with Ruskin Mill Trust Limited.

Acting for The Mount School on its merger with Mill Hill School.

Acting for United Learning in relation to its merger with The Royal School, Haslemere.

Acting for Northwood Prep School on its merger with Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood.

Acting for Harvington Preparatory School in relation to its merger with Durston House.

Acting for Lyonsdown School in relation to its merger with the Mill Hill School Foundation.

Acting for Bradfield College in relation to its merger with St Andrew's School.

Acting for Monkton Combe School in relation to its merger with All Hallows School.

# Disposals

Acting for the proprietor of The Mead on its sale to Wishford Education.

Acting for the proprietor of Park Hill School on its sale to Inspired Learning Group.

Acting for the trustees of St. Christopher's School on its sale to the Aurora Group.

Acting for Stonar School on the sale of the school to Neuro Agora Centros Educativos (NACE).

Acting for Wisbech Grammar School on its sale to an overseas investor.

Acting for Warlingham Park School on its sale to Inspired Learning Group.

Acting for the proprietors of Chiswick & Bedford Park School in relation to its sale to Dukes Education.

Acting for Wellesley House School in relation to its sale to Alpha Schools and its merger with Haddon Dene School.

Acting for the proprietors of Cambridge International School on its sale to International Schools Partnership.

Acting for Abbotsholme School in relation to its sale to Achieve Education.

Acting for the Governors of Moyles Court School on its sale to Broadway Education.

Acting for Horris Hill in relation to its sale to Forfar Education.

Acting for the governors of Collingwood School in relation to its sale to Inspired Learning Group.

Acting for the proprietors of Broomfield House School in relation to its sale to Dukes Education.

Acting for The Prebendal School in relation to its sale to Alpha Schools.

Acting for Bellevue Education and its shareholder group in relation to its sale to GEMS.

Acting for the proprietors of Sancton Wood School on its sale to Minerva.

Acting for the proprietors of Fulham Prep School on its sale to Educas/Reddam House.

Acting for Thetford Grammar School Foundation in relation to the sale of Thetford Grammar School to Access (UK) Education Group.

Acting for the proprietors of Broadway Education on the disposal of St. Michael's School and Bosworth Independent College to Bright Scholar.

Acting on the disposal of Haslemere Preparatory School (a closed school site sale).

Acting for the proprietor of The Kindergartens on the sale of the business to Dukes Education

Acting for Vinehall School in relation to its sale to Latham Education Limited

Acting for St Francis College in relation to its sale to Inspired Learning Group

Acting for St Petroc's School in relation to its sale to Oxford Education group

# Acquisitions

Acting for IF-Inspiring Futures in relation to its acquisitions of Bishopstrow College and Padworth College.

Acting for Confucius International Education Group on its acquisition of Riddlesworth Hall Preparatory School.

Acting for Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan in relation to the acquisition of the Busy Bees chain of day nurseries.

Acting for King Edward VI School, Southampton on its acquisition of The Stroud School.

Acting for the Oak Tree group of schools on its acquisition of Braeside School.

Acting for Radnor House in its acquisition of Combe Bank School.

Acting for Honeycomb Learning on its acquisition of the Beehive Montessori Nursery.

Acting for Shrewsbury House School in relation to its acquisition of The Rowans from King's College Wimbledon.

Acting for Albion Capital in relation to its acquisition of St. Martha's School (now Mount House School).

Acting for Bellevue Education on its acquisitions of:

- Skippers Hill Preparatory School
- Edenhurst Preparatory School
- Brabyns Preparatory School
- Gateway School
- Elmhurst School
- Forest Preparatory School
- Forest Park Preparatory School
- Ealing Independent College
- Sherborne House
- Bruern Abbey
- Holmwood House
- Farlington School
- The Oratory Preparatory School; and
- the opening of Wandsworth Preparatory School

Acting for Alpha Schools on the acquisitions of:

- Abbotsford Preparatory School
- Cleveland's Preparatory School
- Firwood Manor
- Lady Lane Park School
- Moor Allerton Preparatory School

Acting for The Park School Yeovil in relation to its acquisition of Chilton Cantelo House (a closed school site sale) from Cognita.

Acting for Dean Close School on its acquisition of St Johns-on-the-Hill School and subsequently on its acquisition of Tree Tops Cheltenham and Tree Tops Gloucester.

Acting for the College of Dentistry on its acquisition of the BPP Dental Institute.

Acting for Exeter School in relation to its acquisition of New School, Exeter.

Acting for THI Investments in relation to the embedded college section of Oxford International and the Corndel apprenticeship business.

Acting for Concept Education in relation to its acquisition of The Marist School.

Acting for Alpha Schools in relation to its acquisition of St Edward's School.

Acting for Clifton College in relation to its acquisition of ELC

# International

Acting for Rugby School in relation to Rugby School Thailand and Rugby School Japan.

Acting for Cranleigh School in relation to Cranleigh School Abu Dhabi and Cranleigh China Schools.

Acting for Shrewsbury School in relation to Bangkok, City Campus and Shrewsbury School Huangpu, Guangzhou.

Acting for King's College School, Wimbledon in relation to projects in Wuxi and elsewhere in China.

Acting for Ellesmere College in relation to Ellesmere Sixth Form College Malaysia.

Acting for Bromsgrove School in relation to Bromsgrove School Thailand.

Acting for North London Collegiate School in relation to the Jeju Island project.

Acting for The King's School Canterbury in relation to The King's School Canterbury Shenzhen.

Acting for The Perse School in relation to The Perse School Singapore.

Acting for The Glasgow Academy - franchise school in India.

Acting for the Saudi operator of, and investor in, the Nahda Academy, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Acting for Stonyhurst in relation to Stonyhurst International School Malaysia.

Acting for Kingston Grammar School in relation to Kingston Grammar School China

Acting for Malvern College in relation to:

- Malvern College Qingdao
- Malvern College Chengdu
- Malvern College Hong Kong
- Malvern College Egypt, and
- Malvern College Switzerland

# Meet the Team

## Transactions



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