

A close-up photograph of a chessboard with black and white squares. Several chess pieces are visible, including a king, queen, and pawns. A hand is seen in the upper left corner, moving a piece. The board is set on a light-colored surface.

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

Acting for Albion Ventures in relation to its acquisition of St. Martha's 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.

**“ VWV is a ‘leading light’ in the sector. ”**

- Legal 500

## 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.

Advising Roedean School on the formation of the Roedean Group of Schools and bringing Moira House School (charity) and Deepdene School (proprietor owned) within the group.

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

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.

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

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

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 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.

## International

Acting for Rugby School in relation to Rugby School Thailand.

Acting for King's College School, Wimbledon in relation to franchise schools in Wuxi (China).

Acting for the major investors in relation to a multi-million pound investment in The New College of the Humanities

Acting for Cranleigh School in relation to its campus on Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi.

Acting for Ellesmere College in relation to Ellesmere College Malaysia.

Acting for Malvern College in relation to Malvern College Egypt, Malvern College Qingdao (China) and Malvern College Hong Kong.

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## What Others Say...

*"An extraordinary focus on dealmaking in education."*  
Education Investor judges

*"A team who 'positively fizz with enthusiasm and good sense.'"*  
Legal 500

*"VWV's education practice enjoys a stellar reputation in the market as a one-stop shop."*  
Chambers & Partners

## External Independent Endorsement

- **Winners** - EducationInvestor Awards 2014, 2015
- **Finalists** - EducationInvestor Awards 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019



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