



What we can help Academy Schools measure,
Academy Schools can manage . . .
what gets managed gets done.



Our Mission Statement

***Our Mission is to turn knowledge into value for the benefits of our clients,
our team and our community and to enjoy doing it!***

This is the Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP way and we are committed to it!

With regard to Academy Schools, this means . . .

At Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP we believe that we are a part of the community in which we operate rather than being apart from it.

In our eyes, it therefore follows that whilst we are a commercially driven organisation, we also have a responsibility to support the work of others in the "Not for Profit" Sector (NFPS) of the community in which we serve. We do this by firstly seeking an appropriate and sustainable amount of work from this sector, secondly pricing the investment that our clients in the sector make in our services to ensure they always perceive Best Value for the money they spend and thirdly, setting aside and returning a portion of that price to them in support of their Aims and Objectives.

The Government Academies Programme has expanded at a pace, establishing a dynamic and exciting new sector within the Not for Profit market and accordingly we are looking for ways in which we can serve those working in this area.

Because we already act for independent fee paying schools across the UK we have an understanding and perspective on the particular issues and pressures facing this sector.

In addition, two of our partners have direct experience of working with Academy Schools as part of our commitment to this Programme.

We offer wide ranging services, which we will tailor to the particular needs of your school in furtherance of your short/medium/long term Aims and Objectives.



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Why Choose Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP

We provide Specialist Business and Tax Advice.

Here are our Key Distinguishing Features:-

- **Partner Led Services** – Allocation of two partners both of whom have direct experience working with Academy Schools.
- **Commitment to the Education Sector** – Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP regard the Academy School Sector as the most dynamic area of education in the last three/four years and we wish to be associated with it.
- **Commercial Experience and Approach** – We at Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP are experienced Financial and Business Advisors.
- **Relationship and Communication are Fundamental** – Close day to day involvement of the Partner(s) and Senior Accountants plus free unlimited meetings and telephone support on all finance matters.
- **Competitive Fees and No Surprises** – We at Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP offer our Academy School Clients FIXED FEE ARRANGEMENTS over 3 years whereby we undertake to reinvest not less than 10% of our fee in the services and facilities available at the school.
- Our work is guaranteed to our client's complete satisfaction. Should our clients be not completely satisfied with the services we perform, we will at their discretion either refund the price or accept a proportion of said price that reflects the level of our client's satisfaction.

In the 24 years that we have offered our clients this guarantee, we have never been called upon to honour it.

- **Highly Valued Clients** – We at Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP are enthusiastic about working with the Academy School Sector for the purposes of both assisting with and contributing to the deliverance of their aims and objectives.



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Benefits of Choosing Pitt Godden & Taylor LLP

- **We will Manage the Transition** - a smooth hand over with minimal disruption to you.
- **Immediate Planning** - in order to ensure mutual understanding of requirements.
- **Tailored Approach** - in order to determine the key risks for greater assurance and meet your deadlines.
- **Partner Led, Team Continuity** leading to efficient and consistent service levels year on year.
- **Partner Attendance** at meetings ensuring regular senior level input and prompt decision making.
- **Unlimited Support Service** by meetings, telephone and email giving access to our team and other specialists for ad hoc queries.
- **Newsletters and Updates** ensuring that our Academy School Clients are up to date with best practice in the sector.
- **Business Review Meetings** allowing our Team to be proactive throughout the year.
- **VAT Health Check** as part of our FIXED FEE ARRANGEMENT in order to provide assurance and compliance and optimise VAT recovery.
- **Bespoke Training Session** for Governors also as part of our FIXED FEE ARRANGEMENT enabling Governors to be up to date with Current Legislation and Best Practice.
- **Access to Non-Audit Services** offering to add value and best advice for our Academy School Clients.



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... What Defines Our Approach



Now That You are Up and Running . . .

Our support for Academy Schools isn't limited to the Annual Audit and Tax Compliance now that you have converted. It is our aim to provide a service through the year that meets your needs and expectations, which can include:-

- Training and support for your financial team.
- Assistance and support in the Annual Budgeting process.
- Assistance with the completion of VAT Returns.
- Financial Management in accordance with the DfE guidelines.
- Year End reporting.
- Funding support.
- Long Term Financial Planning to include project related matters.
- Support for the Responsible Officer.
- Ongoing Specialist Tax and VAT advice.
- Consideration of Trading Subsidiaries and the development of Commercial Activities.

As part of our FIXED FEE ARRANGEMENT over a 3 year period, our dedicated Not for Profit Team will work with you to ensure that, in addition to a thorough, thoughtful and timely audit, we will:

- Prepare financial statements in statutory format.
- Audit the financial statements and assist the Management and Governors in preparing the Trustees Report.
- Audit grants made by DfE and provide certification on the Teachers Pension Scheme (TR17A) Annual Return.



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THE TEAM

- Key members of our team are always available
- Partners with extensive Academy experience
- Team members with extensive experience in UK NFPS
- Continuity in our relationship with Academies is key
- Internal training through our membership of SWAT UK



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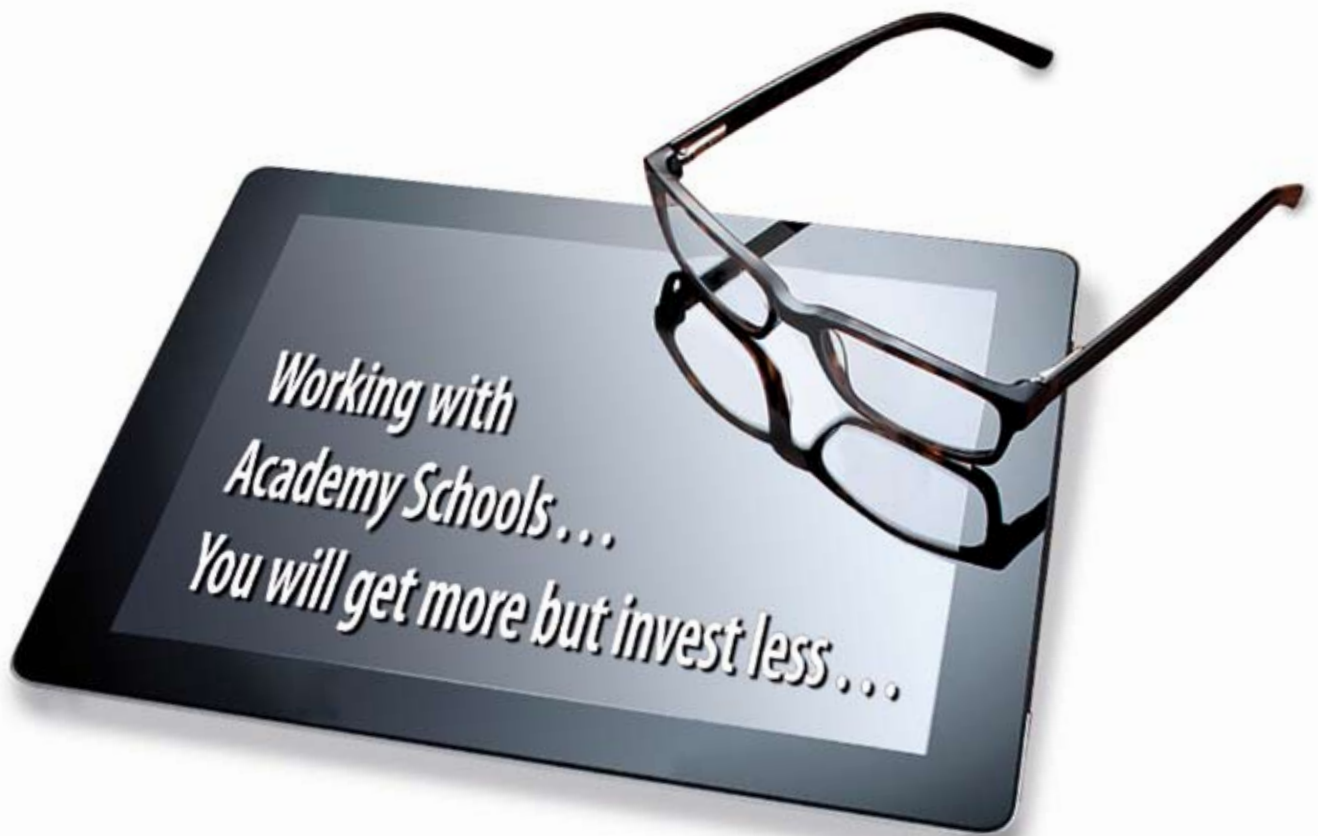
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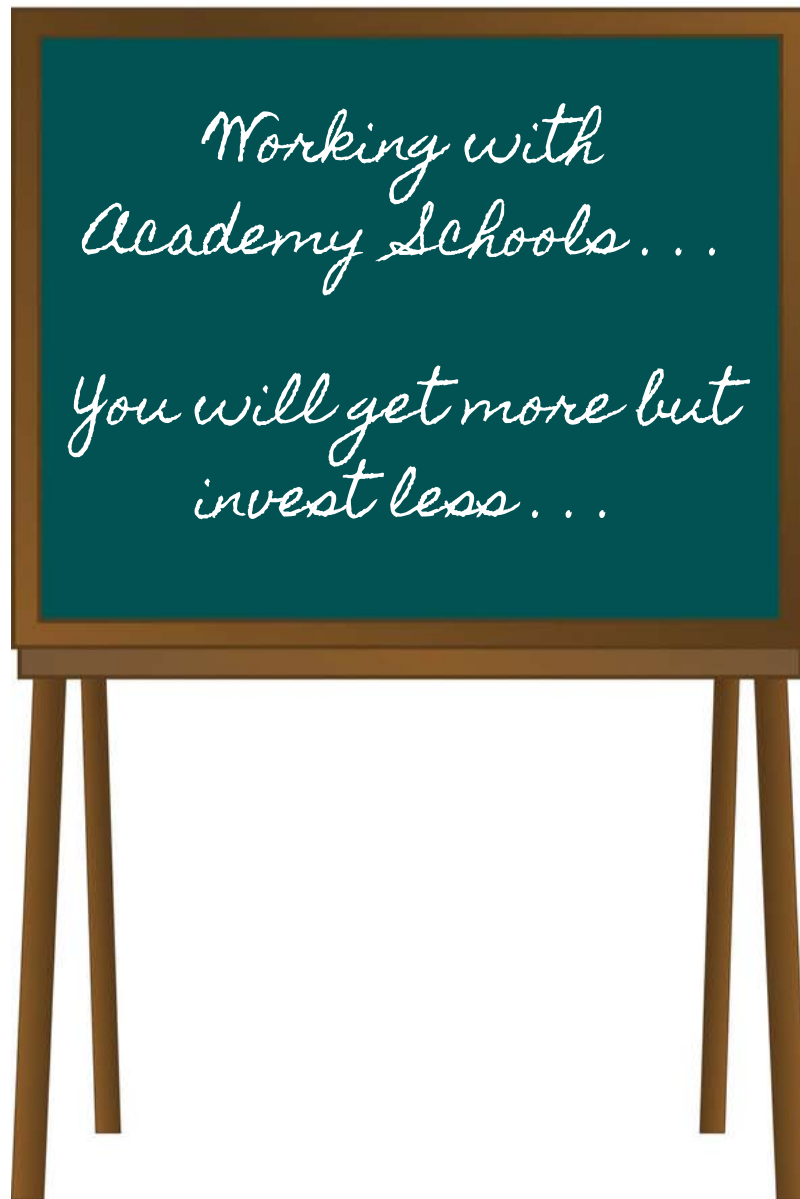


Working with Academy
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You will get more but
invest less . . .



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