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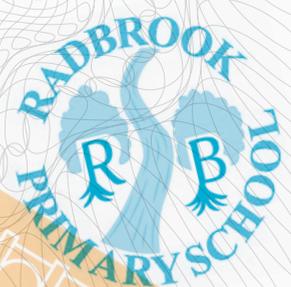
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Plot your course and let Thorne Widgery be the pilot to your academy's success...

TW + Xero = X for Education Financial Software

As well-respected academy accountants, we recognise that conversion can sometimes feel like a journey into uncharted territory.

Or maybe you are a MAT in need of a helping hand to ensure your expansion plans really take off?

Let your financial management soar into the CLOUD with our X for Education award winning accounting software created especially for academies.

X for Education – your passport to academy success!



You can rely on Thorne Widgery and its innovative services to get your academy's plans off the ground and reach new heights...

- ✓ Support for your school pre and post-conversion
- ✓ Experts in Academy Cloud Accounting and School Administration systems
- ✓ EXCLUSIVE Financial Management software developed for academies.
- ✓ Tailored to the needs of School Business Managers, Head Teachers, Accounting Officers, Auditors and Governors

**Years experience
within the team
auditing schools**

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X for Education Price Comparison 3 School MAT

	Set up Costs	Annual Cost
TW XfE	£4,175*	£1,860*
Alternative A	£16,800*	£10,700*
Alternative B	£32,600*	£8,100*

*like for like comparison as at May 2018



Price is another positive factor. Compared to what we were paying for our old system, X for Education is cheaper, but also a much better and more useful system.

Jayne Kaye, School Business Manager,
The Cambridge Park Academy, Grimsby



Moving our MAC finances across to XfE has been instrumental in enabling us to gain clear, concise accessibility and sight of all the finances across the trust in a matter of minutes instead of days, and all in one place. Our historical MAC data was also transferred into XfE so we have complete financial history from day 1 to view and report on.

The in-built functionality means I can view and produce real-time reports in both written and pictorial formats, to quickly capture benchmarks and trend information.

A requisition system with sign-off parameters that synchronises with our scheme of delegation has reduced time and paper and are supported with a clear audit trail.

Both financial and non-financial detailed data such as income, expenditure, creditors and debtors as well as staff and pupil ratios can be viewed, providing the Senior Management team with greater insight and decision making capabilities.

I would recommend XfE for its ease of use and cost and time-saving benefits and combined with the collaborative expert support from the team at Thorne Widgery has given us peace of mind

Simon Williams, Business Director & Company Secretary,
Pope John XXIII Catholic Multi Academy Company

What our academy clients have to say...



XfE gives me what I want... the power to drill down and report in whatever way I want. We have three schools on board and no-one is flapping from a finance point of view – so that's got to be a positive!"

Peter Rickard,
Lead Head of the Severn Bridges MAT



This was the first time we have undergone an audit having had XfE in place for a full year. The audit was – dare I say it – easy! Having XfE in place made the whole process much easier and a lot less hassle."

Rachel Lovell, Academy Business Manager,
Stretton Sugwas Church of England Academy



Being able to scan in documents and in particular emails which I save as PDFs is a really useful function. When I have paid an invoice and have this confirmed by the bank I scan this in too, which means the audit trail is all taken care of."

Rachel Etterley, School Business Manager,
Radbrook Primary School



We were really pleased with the installation – I was able to start working through a backlog of purchase orders the same day that it was installed. Everything was done behind the scenes and last year’s information was imported onto XfE so I could access the previous year’s records easily... I’d give the installation 10 out of 10”

Jayne Kaye, School Business Manager
The Cambridge Park Academy, Grimsby



As the Head I need quality information to make informed decisions – if I am the ‘pilot’ then XfE is my financial ‘cockpit,’ from where I control the school’s operations.”

Andrew Teale, Head Teacher St Paul’s Primary School
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Compared to our previous system, XfE is clearer and easier to use, the screen layout is a lot more user friendly, the dashboard means everything is accessible and support is a lot easier to access.”

Emma Stackhouse, School Business Manager,
Holmer C of E Academy

Cloud accounting with Xero and Thorne Widgery brings a number of benefits including...

- Compliant with ESFA legislation
- Straightforward fund and GAG accounting
- Pay-Scale budgeting and forecasting
- Bank feeds direct from your bank
- Powerful, accurate reporting
- Secure multi-user access
- Backed up and secure at all times
- Regular automatic updates
- Cost-effective
- Beautifully SIMPLE to use
- MAT consolidation plus Individual school reporting
- Unlimited secure Document storage
- Portal access - granular access
- Schemes of delegation

All available with X for Education



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“Everything is so much easier than our old system, in particular reporting. It has the capacity to allow us to go completely paperless. It’s also very intuitive and easy to navigate through.

XfE saves us time. The loading of information, bills, purchase orders etc. is quick and simple. We just scan it in and it’s there – there’s no longer loads of paperwork to file. Retrieving documents is very simple too. I wouldn’t go back to my old software now - our experience with XfE has been very good.”

Shirley Hirons Office Manager,
Burghill Community Academy



I now update the school's assets and depreciation every month. Previously I only did this twice a year as I had to do it on a manual spreadsheet – running this using XfE, as soon as the invoices come in, means I am more in control and have a truer reflection of the estate.

What is really good is the fact that I have been able to continue working on XfE without any rollovers which with the old system would not have been possible. In the past I would have had to wait until the end of year balance and the journals. With XfE I just carry on as normal – it doesn't become this huge event and I don't have to stop work because the audit is taking place.

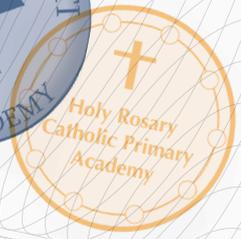
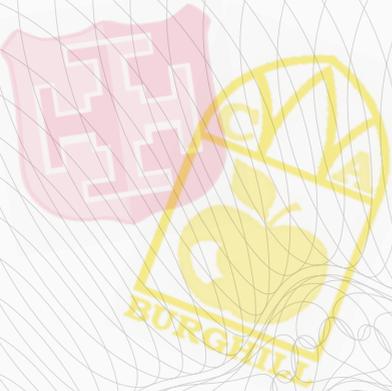
The audit process itself was a lot less effort – certainly in terms of the amount of time the auditors needed to spend on-site. While they were here I just carried on working and their work did not interfere with my ability to use the system.

XfE has also made it easier for me if I need to ask for anything from our auditors – it has further cemented what was already a solid business relationship.

This was our first year of undertaking a full audit having used XfE. Compared with last year when we were using the old software I would say the audit experience has gone from 7 out of 10 to 10 out of 10 – I cannot imagine how the experience can get any better!

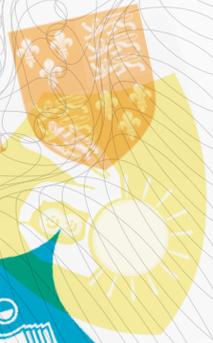
- **So easy to use**
- **So user-friendly**
- **I wouldn't want to work anywhere that used a different software package – that's how much I love Xero!**

Jayne Kaye – School Business Manager,
The Cambridge Park Academy, Grimsby



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Financial management and reporting software for academies

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The MAT Control Centre

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this portal enables users
to have different access,
authority and visibility rights.



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