

# Education

As a leading provider to the education sector, Walker Morris supports and advises our education clients to develop and build their schools, further education colleges and universities to achieve their ambition, in what is one of the most important sectors in the community. One of our Team's key strengths is our longevity of working together over many years on assignments in the education sector and the value we place on building strong relationships and acting as a trusted adviser. Our approach is a no-nonsense and personalised approach: we understand that one size does not fit all.

We are recognised for our strong multi-disciplinary teamwork and straightforward advice. Both the Firm and our lawyers are recognised as leaders in their fields with 91 per cent of our partners being recommended in either Chambers or Legal 500 for their individual expertise.

We offer a full range of legal support covering everything from procurement and contracts, governance, state aid, employment advice and dispute resolution, pensions, real estate, construction and campus redevelopments, energy and energy efficiency contracts and dispute resolution. It is our responsibility to provide straight forward commercial and strategic advice to help you interpret and meet the new opportunities in education.



## HOW WE CAN HELP

### Supporting you as a trusted advisor

We have advised Leeds Arts University (and previously Leeds College of Art) for over 15 years on various matters. This has included real estate matters; construction advice on extensions, refurbishments and new developments (including the prestigious new film and media studios at Blenheim Steet), funding advice and a host of commercial contracts associated with day to day operation of this rapidly growing University.

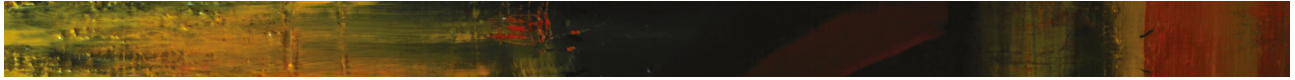
*"The advice and legal services provided by Walker Morris to the University have been exceptional. Their professional expertise and accessible approach has been invaluable to dealing with complex development, property and contractual issues. The legal advice and support we have received recently has enabled the University to meet its Estate development objectives which will provide excellent new facilities and services for our students and staff." – Leeds Arts University*

### Managing Complex Projects

Working to a tight schedule we advised on the £75 million major campus redevelopment for Burnley College in conjunction with the University of Central Lancashire (Uclan). This was the largest scheme constructed in the North under Colleges Capital Building Programme and was time critical. This project was a ground breaking, high value development involving university and college institutions. It has established a new site for the College and an East Lancashire Campus for the University.

*"Professional and courteous, Walker Morris provided sound legal advice which was backed up by access to a highly skilled and well experienced team." – Burnley College*

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### Achieving results

We work with multiple schools across the country to provide value for money high quality advice associated with various legal matters. Recently we have been particularly active in advising schools on putting in place robust professional appointments and building contracts for works procured under the Condition Improvement Fund.

*“Very professional and knowledgeable organisation. Walker Morris are always available on the phone. We value their ability to relay and convert information in a manner which is easy to understand.”* – Innovate Multi Academy Trust

### Value creators

We have acted on over 25 Academy conversions providing expert assistance during the process, working to a fixed budget and tight timetables. Price certainty and experience are of real value to institutions during this relatively new process. We are pleased to work with a number of these institutions post conversion on all aspects of legal service provision.

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Academies and conversions
- Campus redevelopment schemes
- Commercial contracts
- Data protection
- Employment
- Education consortium
- Funding & consortium
- Governance
- Health & safety
- IP, patent & trade marks
- Joint venture agreements
- Pathfinder projects
- PFI schemes
- Procurement & outsourcing
- Regulatory
- Social media
- Spin outs / buyouts
- Strategic partnering
- Student accommodation
- Student issues & complaints including litigation and OIA referrals
- Training

### WALKER MORRIS

*“A distinctive law firm valued by its clients for consistently delivering excellent results.”*

We offer our clients a full service commercial law firm focused on providing a wide range of clients, nationally and internationally, with partner led high quality advice. The national centre of excellence in Leeds that we have built offers significant advantages in terms of developing a strong team-based culture within the Firm, with the inherent value and cost effectiveness that a Leeds base brings.

The success of our model is reflected by our clients, which are drawn from a broad range of sectors. We are recognised for our strong multi-disciplinary teamwork and straight forward advice. Both the Firm and our lawyers are recognised as leaders in their fields with 96 per cent of our partners recommended in either Chambers or Legal 500 for their expertise.

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