



## Case study: Walsingham College

Larking Gowen assisted Walsingham College (Affiliated Schools) Limited with advisory services in relation to their sale of Quinton Hall School to John Lyon.

### The deal

Two of North West London's most successful schools are to merge, creating a single school that will educate 800 children from Harrow and surrounding areas.

Quinton Hall School, previously owned by Walsingham College (Affiliated Schools) Limited, will come together with The John Lyon School, a 144-year-old day-school in Harrow-on-the-Hill, to form a unified 4 - 18 years school with attached 2½ - 4 years nursery. The schools will continue to operate on both sites.

### Our role

Larking Gowen Corporate Transactions was asked to undertake the following:

- Preparation of a detailed information memorandum
- Advice around the heads of terms
- Handling financial due diligence enquiries
- Tax advisory
- Assisting solicitors to draft the legal paperwork

### Client:

Walsingham College  
(Affiliated Schools) Limited

### Industry sector:

Preparatory school

### Transaction:

Business sale

### Key highlight:

Larking Gowen prepared an information memorandum and co-ordinated a detailed due diligence process whilst working to a tight deadline and overcoming logistical issues presented by COVID-19 restrictions.



### Comments

Ruth Ward and Richard Mantle, Director/Trustees of Walsingham College Trust Association Limited, said, "Jack was a linchpin of the transaction in his work on our behalf on the information memorandum and due diligence process. Dedicated, calm, approachable, practical and professional - he made such a difference day by day in his support for us."

Jack Minns, Larking Gowen Partner, said, "The strategic fit between Quinton Hall School and John Lyon School is obvious, with many graduates of Quinton Hall School already moving on to John Lyon school, prior to the merger taking place. The Board of Directors at Walsingham College (Affiliated Schools) felt the demands of leading a school far away from the Shrine's base in Norfolk, meant that finding a partner with a local school would be in Quinton Hall's best interest. In John Lyon they have found a great partner to ensure the amalgamated schools flourish going forwards."