

Success Story

Community Academy Trust eliminates manual processes with Sage Intacct

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Driving improvement through unified financial oversight. Founded in 2012, Community Academies Trust (CAT) is a thriving multi-academy trust with 17 schools and a mission to deliver excellent community education while preserving each school's unique identity.

As CAT expanded, the need for consolidated financial information became critical to support growth and maintain high standards across all schools.



Partnering with Solutions for Accounting, CAT selected Sage Intacct as their financial management solution. Sage Intacct's cloud-based infrastructure offered the scalability and integration needed to unify financial processes and support CAT's ongoing expansion.

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Company
Community Academies Trust (CAT)

Location
Staffordshire, UK

Industry
Education

Sage Products
Sage Intacct



Community Academies Trust (CAT)

A commitment to excellence in education, CAT supports students from reception through to KS5, adopting strategies that build on local reputations and raise standards to meet the needs and aspirations of their communities.

Their collaborative approach ensures each school retains its identity while benefiting from trust-wide improvement initiatives.





“There is no paper. Documents can either be emailed or scanned directly through to Yooz and once processed through the authorisation workflow, they’re just there in Sage Intacct. We can also create our own reports if we want to, which is a really good feature allowing us to customise reports based on our own requirements.”

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Manual processes hindered growth and efficiency;

Prior to Sage Intacct, CAT relied on individual databases and paper-based systems. This led to time-consuming manual work, inefficiencies, and limited real-time financial oversight.

Scaling financial management for a growing trust;

As CAT added more schools, the complexity of managing separate databases and manual processes increased, making it difficult to maintain accuracy and support informed decision-making.

Automated, scalable financial management with Sage Intacct;

Working with Solutions for Accounting, CAT implemented Sage Intacct to centralise financial data, automate reporting, and streamline purchasing processes.

A custom web-based system was developed for cash receipting, allowing schools to post receipts efficiently without individual user licences.



Efficiency gains and improved audit readiness;

Sage Intacct eliminated paper-based methods, enabling documents to be emailed or scanned directly into the system and processed through automated workflows. Auditors can now access documents directly, reducing the burden on staff and improving audit efficiency.

Seamless integration and streamlined operations;

By integrating Sage Intacct with other business software, CAT replaced manual uploads with automated nightly transaction flows, saving time and reducing errors. Month-end consolidation is now a single, efficient process, freeing up resources for strategic initiatives.

Empowering staff and supporting growth;

Sage Intacct has enabled CAT to automate processes, improve data visibility, and empower staff to focus on high-impact tasks. The trust is now well-positioned to scale efficiently and maintain financial control as it grows.

Confidently supporting expansion and evolving needs;

With Sage Intacct's scalable infrastructure and integration capabilities, CAT is confident in its ability to onboard new schools efficiently and continue delivering outstanding education across its communities.

A partnership for ongoing success;

Community Academies Trust's journey with Sage Intacct is a testament to how the right technology and collaborative partnerships can unlock new levels of efficiency, transparency, and growth.

By embracing automation and integration, CAT has empowered its staff to focus on what matters most—delivering exceptional education and supporting every school's unique strengths.

With Sage Intacct, CAT is ready to meet future challenges with confidence and continue making a positive difference in the communities it serves.



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