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Supporting Independent Schools in Scotland

Introduction



Behind every successful independent school is a network of dedicated partners who share its values and vision.

This brochure highlights organisations that work hand-in-hand with schools across Scotland, offering specialist expertise in law, employment, catering, uniforms, technology, and insurance. More than just service providers, these partners are trusted advisors and collaborators, helping schools navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and create the best possible environment for pupils to learn, grow, and thrive.

Working with SCIS means being part of a network of 70 diverse independent schools across Scotland, ranging from large city day schools to small specialist residential schools for pupils with complex additional support needs. Through our joint endeavours we help to empower member schools to maintain the highest standards of academic delivery and pastoral care while also fostering collaboration and sharing best practice across the sector.

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CEO of the Scottish Council of Independent Schools

CEO'S STATEMENT

SCIS provides substantial value through representation, professional development, and practical guidance. It actively negotiates and advocates on behalf of the independent sector at the highest levels of government, ensuring the sector's unique contributions are understood and valued. SCIS offers an extensive Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme with over 65 courses annually for teachers and support staff.



Agilico

Agilico is a UK workplace technology company and trusted supplier to many SCIS members. Supporting over 10,000 customers, including organisations across the education sector, Agilico helps improve efficiency, reduce costs, and drive digital transformation.

Our expertise spans managed print services, document and information management, process automation, and cloud telephony solutions. Our mission is to “make work easy” by providing technology and expertise that streamline workflows and support flexible working.

Services include managed print, digital document management, automated invoice processing, cloud VoIP telephony, and agile working solutions.

Rebranded as Agilico in 2021, the company is committed to sustainability through its Agilico Zero programme and aims to achieve Net Zero carbon emissions by 2030.

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Aspen

Aspen People are specialists in executive recruitment, working in partnership with organisations to attract and secure exceptional leadership talent. With extensive experience across the education sector, we understand the distinctive opportunities and challenges facing independent schools and the importance of securing the right people to lead and govern them.

We recruit across both executive and non-executive appointments, from Head Teachers, Bursars, COOs and HR leaders to Chairs and Board members. Bringing outstanding leaders and organisations together through deep sector knowledge and thoughtful search, we build long-standing relationships with individuals who can bring a genuine

commitment to purpose alongside the skills and strategic leadership needed to make a real lasting contribution. Our approach combines rigorous search with a focus on ensuring every candidate experiences a well-considered and respectful journey.

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Brodies

As Scotland's leading independent law firm, Brodies provides a full-service legal offering to education clients across Scotland. We understand the unique opportunities and challenges facing independent schools and regularly advise education providers on governance, charity and regulatory matters, employment issues safeguarding, data protection, commercial contracts, property and estates, dispute resolution and strategic projects.

Our approach is to act as a trusted adviser, working collaboratively with clients to provide practical, commercially focused advice that supports effective decision-making and long-term success.

We recognise the importance of balancing educational excellence with evolving legal, regulatory and operational requirements, and we tailor our support to the specific needs and culture of each institution. We bring together market-leading education sector specialists with experts from across our full-service practice.

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Direct Global

Direct Global is a leading UK energy and utilities consultancy, helping schools to reduce costs, improve efficiency and take greater control of their essential services.

Our comprehensive capabilities cover energy procurement, energy management, monitoring, metering, water, waste, and payment solutions. We combine industry expertise, innovative technology and data-driven insights to identify savings, improve operational efficiency, and support long-term sustainability goals. By managing complex energy contracts and optimising consumption to providing real-time energy intelligence and tailored utility strategies, Direct Global facilitates schools with the ongoing support needed to manage their utilities more effectively.

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Easy4u partners with schools to equip them with the right technology and directly offers flexible laptop rental or purchase options for parents, with no credit checks or interest.

We're designed to make educational laptops accessible and affordable for pupils and staff without adding financial or administrative burden on the schools.

Easy4u allows schools to provide robust, secure devices for learning, whilst handling everything from production to repairs. We're also proud Authorised Service Partners for both Dell Technologies and Microsoft Surface.

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Levy & McRae

At Levy & McRae we specialise in getting results for our clients. Over the last 140 years, we have brought our extensive expertise to assist clients in resolving a wide range of the most challenging, demanding and complex cases which have come before the Scottish Courts.

The firm acts for both corporate and individual clients. We build strong relationships with our clients leading to us fulfilling a trusted advisor role. We take time to understand our client's needs and objectives, and always provide pragmatic and commercial advice.

The Firm has strategic partnerships in place with other law firms across the world enabling us to deal with cross border issues. We were delighted to have

ranked in The Times Best Law Firms for 2024 as voted by other lawyers. This is an endorsement of the excellent legal services we pride ourselves on providing to our clients.

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Lindsays

Scotland's independent schools look to Lindsays for all their legal matters – from governance and mergers to employment and property. Our specialist charities team works with independent schools across Scotland, combining legal expertise with the human touch.

With wide experience in your sector, we understand the financial pressures that confront you, the competitive landscape in which you operate, and the importance of reputation in attracting talented staff and pupils. From day-to-day employment and HR queries to complex governance, regulatory and strategic issues, we provide practical advice tailored to your school and your priorities. Our full-service approach ensures joined-up support whenever you need it.

Our approach ensures professional and tailored support for all your legal needs. We pride ourselves on our ability to provide comprehensive advice and practical solutions that help schools navigate the complexities of the legal landscape.

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Marsh Education

Marsh's Education Practice has a long heritage of working with the UK's independent schools – today we work with more than 1500 schools based all over the UK.

That long experience, coupled with up-to-date knowledge, has helped to shape a tailored general insurance proposition that is amongst the most comprehensive in the market. We provide covers protecting against exposure to physical, consequential, legal, management, financial, and reputational risk.

Specific covers include employers' liability, professional indemnity, public liability, property and business interruption, fidelity guarantee, legal expenses, computer and media, and

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Navigator Higgs

Higgs LLP is an Edinburgh-based practice specialising in employment law, health & safety, human resources and data protection support services primarily within the independent schools sector.

We work closely with SCIS and ISBA and we advise more schools in Scotland on employment law, health & safety, HR and data protection issues than any other legal or consultancy practice.

Higgs LLP has delivered the SCIS Employment Law Masterclass for the last seven years.

- Higgs LLP has delivered the SCIS Health & Safety Masterclass for the last five years.
- Higgs LLP' Independent Schools HR Managers Forum and Independent

Schools Health, Safety & Facilities Managers Forum are unique in Scotland.

- Higgs LLP has been an ISBA Directory Partner since 2021.
- Higgs LLP has a dedicated team of independent school specialists which include ex-Bursars and ex-HR Managers from independent schools.

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School Fee Plan

School Fee Plan (SFP) proudly partners with over 400 independent schools across the UK, offering parents a convenient way to spread fees into manageable monthly payments.

Schools benefit from enhanced cashflow, reduced credit-control administration, and full regulatory oversight provided by SFP as an FCA-regulated lender.

SFP also supports schools with tailored marketing materials and communications to help promote flexible payment options to parents.

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Stevensons

Stevensons has been family-owned since 1925, supplying schoolwear and sportswear to over 600 schools across the UK. Trusted by both established institutions and new academies, we are known for quality products, convenient shopping, and a strong commitment to sustainability and ethical practices.

Our customers can shop through our 24/7 website, retail stores, on-campus shops, and seasonal pop-ups. We also support schools and clubs running their own stores through our Wholesale and Teamwear divisions.

By combining innovation with personal service, we deliver an excellent customer experience online and in-store. Our uniform design service provides

high-quality, tailored garments, with a dedicated team working closely with manufacturers, mills, and factories to meet each school's needs while prioritising UK sourcing where possible.

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Switchshop is a UK specialist in networking, cybersecurity, and IT infrastructure solutions change to IT networking infrastructure and cybersecurity solutions, supporting schools, trusts, and public sector organisations for over 20 years. Working with leading vendors including Fortinet, HPE Aruba Networking and Acronis, we take a consultative, technically led approach to help organisations build secure, reliable and future-ready digital environments.

We pride ourselves on delivering the right solution for each customer, balancing performance, security, usability and budget while providing expert guidance every step of the way.

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The Outward Bound Trust

Outward Bound believes in young people - and that anything is possible. Established in 1941, we are an educational charity that uses the power of the outdoors to inspire confidence, resilience and self-belief.

From our six residential centres across the UK, we deliver authentic adventures that help young people discover what they're truly capable of. Each course combines the expertise of skilled instructors, the challenge of wild and inspiring environments, and a reflective learning process that brings about lasting personal growth.

We work with schools, colleges, employers and supporters to ensure as many young people as possible can

experience this life-changing opportunity. Every young person leaves Outward Bound with something real: stronger self-belief, greater resilience and a sense that, with the right mindset and support, anything is possible.

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Witley Jones

Witley Jones is a proud UK manufacturer of high quality furniture for independent and boarding schools.

With our own in house design department we create inspirational and engaging learning environments covering all areas of the modern day school from teaching walls and science labs through to your boarding accommodation.

All furniture is manufactured in our own factory in the heart of the midlands from where we are able to cover the whole of the UK. We also have our own fully trained installation teams offering nationwide coverage with CSCS cards and enhanced DBS where required.

Our furniture is tested by FIRA for rigidity and robustness and comes with a 10 year fair wear and tear guarantee. We offer a free survey and design service on all enquiries.

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