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Last Chance to Book into our free seminar on November 20th, [Charity Law Update](#).



Led by Jane Grenfell, LBMW Charities Manager – this covers issues around CIOs, trustees' duties, and compliance. Also input from Alex Ffrench and Sam Ketcher of WilliamsGiles Accountants, Charity specialists and

Education Answers sponsors.

Coffee from 10.30 for 11am start - LUNCH PROVIDED. With good bookings now, our ability to fit everyone into our magnificent Boardroom may be limited, so book early to avoid disappointment! [Click here to book.](#)

Money Laundering in Schools. This has hit the headlines again with fresh focus from government on independent schools (and legal firms!). Alyson Howard of Macintyre Hudson, who partnered with LBMW at our recent 'What next for academies' consultation, describes the choices of approach for schools receiving fees as tough: either create enhanced due diligence which unless very intrusive may not reveal criminal activity; or file large numbers of 'Suspicious Activity Reports' to cover in any situation where there may be doubt. This could swamp the system and it could also reduce the numbers of students as parents may be unwilling to expose themselves to such a possibility. Her firm, and no doubt other professionals in the accountancy and audit sphere, as well as LBMW in our legal world, continue to work to develop solutions for clients to these issues – solutions which will work, without diminishing opportunities! Further details will be notified to you.

Academies, although not in receipt of fees, are independent schools as far as the law is concerned – so MATs may want to think this through as well.

New Contact Details. Education Answers users, and others in the network, are given immediate notice of new papers, issues, and topics through our 'twitter' feed. This has been renamed [@Answers_LBMW](#) so please 'follow' us to ensure you get notifications automatically.

Reminder - thoughts on Related Party Transactions. A great deal of discussion took place at our October seminar, and indeed at the subsequent Buildings Officers'

Conference. The definitions of 'at cost' and 'related parties' do not yet seem to be in alignment. Whilst we await resolution of the technical issues being discussed, please do call us if you have a pressing issue which relates to this. Our [paper available via Education Answers](#) continues to represent our best understanding, and has attachments which provide further information.

Dates for the Diary



David Whittington, Jane Grenfell, Simon Foulkes and others from the LBMW team help newly appointed CSBOs (and others wishing to refresh their knowledge) to get to grips with the legal and regulatory framework - from school sites to capital programmes, and all points in between! Coffee from 10:30, first session starts at 11. Please [book from this link](#).

2nd October 2019 – Schools Conference – a great agenda is being planned and more details will follow. In partnership with **Edentree** sustainable and ethical investments and the **Ecclesiastical Insurance Office** – we have confirmed speakers in Ann Bamford, Strategic Education and Skills Director for the City of London, who is a most interesting speaker and thinker; and Helen Simpson, Chair of 'Trustees Unlimited'. Discussions are under way with other highly interesting people, and we also aim to have a highly expert panel to discuss all issues around Financial Risks in the Education Sector which should be critically important for all concerned. Please [save the date](#) and [preregister here](#).

www.educationanswers.co.uk is now a vital resource for all involved in school organisation, academy conversion, and education administration. LBMW runs [regular seminars and conferences](#) for all involved in the issues affecting schools, universities, colleges, and academies.

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 Education Answers itself now has some internal rebranding on the search results and 'inner' pages – this is as we prepare to develop a second web-portal 'Charity Answers'. Users of Education Answers and Charity Answers will be able to search across both sites, so your existing account will not need to change.

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