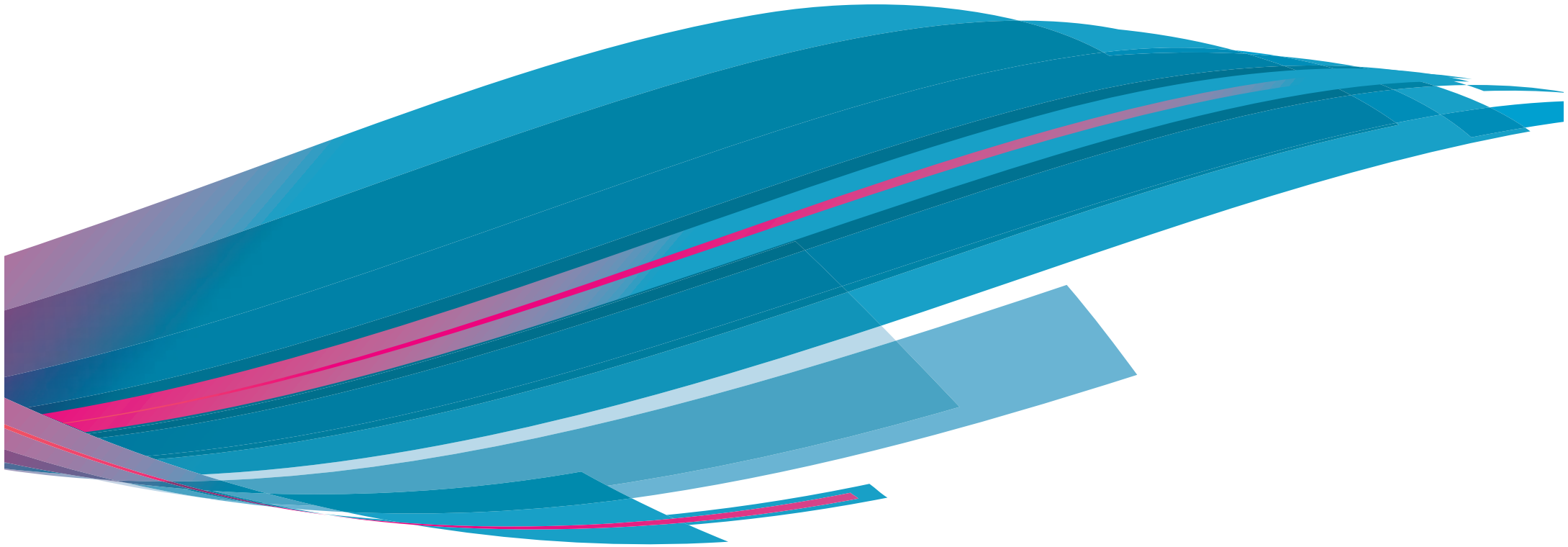


HCSS EDUCATION

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 **HCSS Accounting**

The alternative accounting software for schools and academies

We have developed a new financial accounting software package for 2016.

HCSS Accounting has been designed exclusively for the education sector; we have involved our network of experienced school business managers and leading figures from education in the development process.

The software meets your everyday financial management needs and helps you to be a more effective business manager.



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Software that simply makes life better

We have designed HCSS Accounting to not only to be quicker and easier to use, but to be more functional and intuitive than any other application available today.

To do that, we knew we couldn't just tweak a little bit of code here, or tidy up a function or two there. We wanted to change the way you work, take away the frustrations and those time-wasting work arounds that you experience today.

So we had this brilliant idea, why don't we start again, from the beginning?

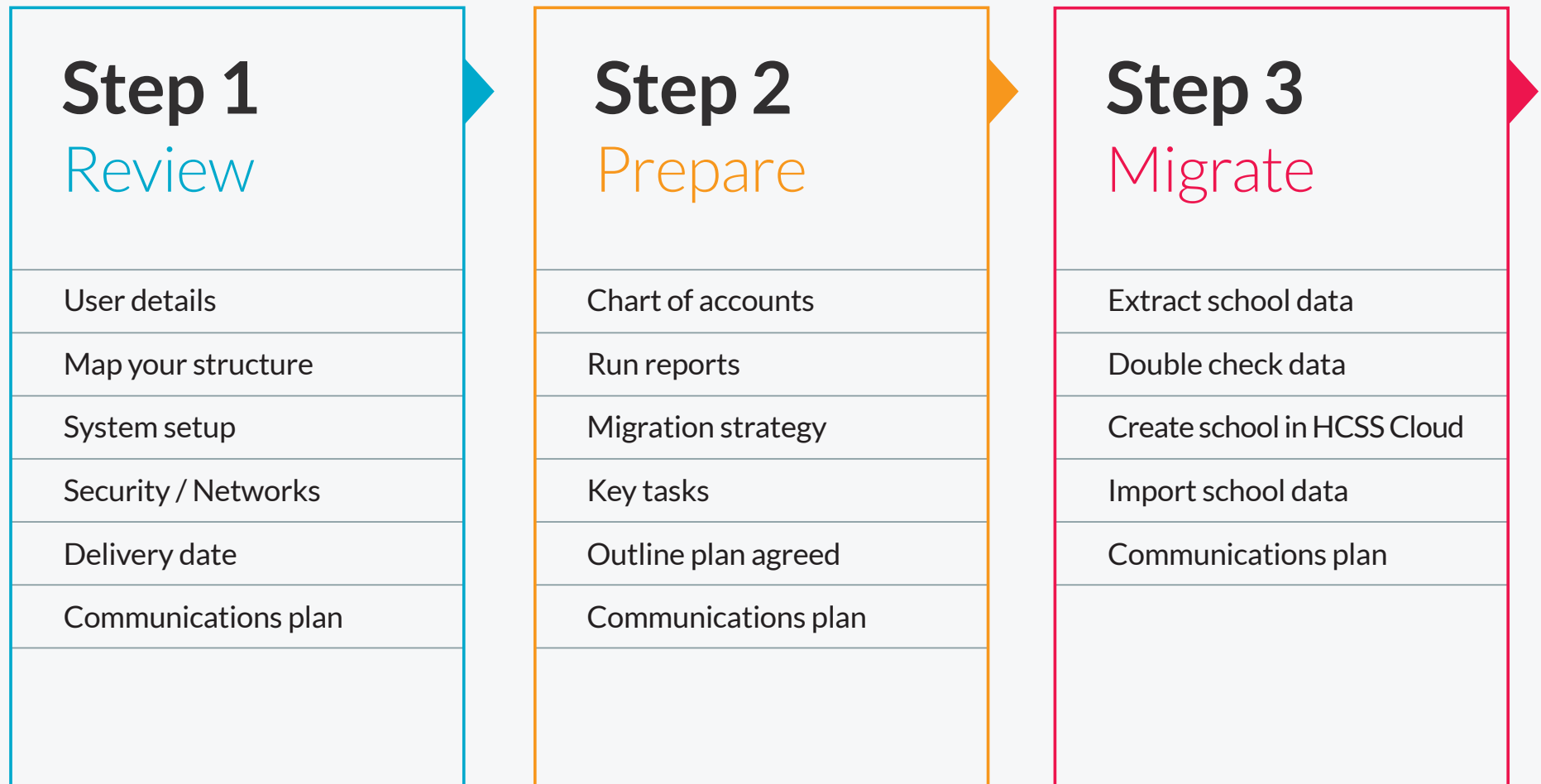
We listened to your years of experience then set about designing the financial accounting software package that you wanted.

All those essential functions and a modern user interface. Compelling stuff, but that's what you should expect from HCSS Education.

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Switch to HCSS Accounting in just five steps

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You decide when and our consultants will do the rest





The **only** accounting software designed exclusively for the education sector

Step 4

Activate

System setup & testing

Network checks

Functional walk through

User training

Communications plan

Step 5

Review

Service review

Delivery checklist

Customer feedback

Customer signoff

Powerful and irresistible **features**

- ▶ The UK's first completely online financial accounting package for schools
- ▶ Delivered through our secure cloud
- ▶ Accessible through all devices
- ▶ Users benefit from “anywhere, anytime” access to the software
- ▶ Dedicated dashboards for all your stakeholders
- ▶ No more locally managed software or hardware
- ▶ Configurable to your organisation
- ▶ Powerful yet simple reporting tools
- ▶ Designed for novice and advanced users
- ▶ Reporting for the CFR and SOFA returns



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About **HCSS Education**

HCSS Education provides practical and effective solutions to the business of education.

For over 30 years, schools, academies, multi-academy trusts and local authorities have benefited from our extensive knowledge and understanding of the education sector.

Via cutting-edge software, training and consultancy, our customers experience a comprehensive approach to strategic financial management, budgeting and accounting.

Driven by user-focused product development and a deep-rooted passion for continuous improvement, our experienced consultants and trusted software solutions transform decision making for education professionals.

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I find the HCSS team very approachable and responsive to our requests for assistance and support. Having met people from the wider team recently, they impressed me with their ethical work ethos and customer focus.

Rachel Carter, Finance Manager, The Kennal Academy Trust (TKAT)



Transforming the way you work with HCSS Accounting

With potential funding reductions on the horizon and increased financial uncertainty, there has never been a greater need for robust financial management in schools and academies.

Prepare for the future with the help of an education finance specialist who understands what schools need.

After decades in the industry, HCSS Education has become synonymous with providing practical and intuitive solutions that are tailor-made for the education sector. Where HCSS Education really has the edge is that it not only supplies state of the art software, but also provides exceptional service to ensure its customers are given continued support and guidance.

Schools and academies can now benefit from the best tools in strategic financial management budgeting and accounting with the launch of HCSS' brand new offering, HCSS Accounting.

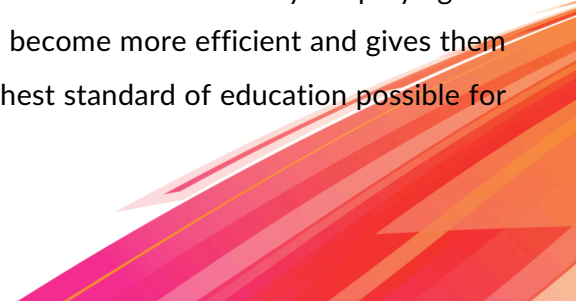
Meeting the needs of the education sector

With HCSS Accounting, HCSS has developed the first 100% online financial accounting package for education. The software has been designed in collaboration with highly experienced finance professionals from wide range of educational establishments including schools and multi-academy trusts.

After gaining direct feedback from schools, HCSS understood that the accounting systems currently on offer are just not built with the education sector in mind. The feedback they received revealed recurring issues such as poor functionality, navigation and the inability to access all information from one place, making existing packages cumbersome and time consuming to use. HCSS used these industry insights to create a software package that doesn't follow a one-size-fits-all approach and really gets to the root of the challenges and issues facing the sector.

What makes HCSS Accounting unique?

One of the most important features of HCSS Accounting is that it is incredibly user-friendly and makes daily processes easier for all users. It is more functional and intuitive than any other education accounting application available today. You don't have to be experienced to use it either - it is designed for novices and experts alike, as the simplicity of its design makes it very easy to understand and use. By simplifying the process of accounting, the software allows schools and academies to become more efficient and gives them the breathing space to focus on what they do best: providing the highest standard of education possible for their pupils.



Schools can reduce workload and streamline processes by setting up a range of profiles in HCSS Accounting, for example for budget holders, for the head teacher, for governors and for different people within the finance function. Profiles can be allocated different levels of permissions so that people only have access to what they need; budget holders can add requisitions directly into the system, so no more pieces of paper to keep track of.

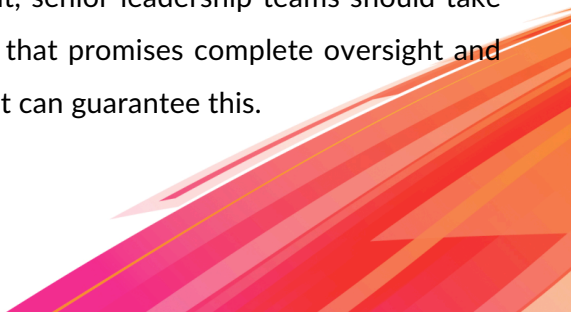
HCSS Accounting is an entirely cloud-based application, so users enjoy more flexibility and can access information in real-time through any device, anywhere and at any time. Staying late or returning to schools during holidays or weekends to keep on top of your finances is now a thing of the past. You can also use the system to access key information at internal meetings, removing the need to postpone discussions or decisions while looking for the data you need. Finally, a cloud-based solution is ideal for teams or establishments based at different sites.

Schools needn't worry about security either, as HCSS Accounting is delivered through a secure connection backed by a robust data centre infrastructure. An added bonus is that in the event of an emergency such as a flood or fire at your school, all your data is protected offsite.

One of the key strengths of HCSS Accounting is how it seamlessly integrates with budget planning and forecasting software, HCSS Budgeting. The two packages together offer a complete solution covering every aspect of managing your finances, making your life much easier.

Crucially, with budgets stretched like never before, HCSS Accounting offers great value compared to other software packages. Where other providers charge for individual user licences, HCSS Accounting operates under a site licence with an unlimited number of users – so that as many people as needed can access the system at no extra cost. You also benefit from a range of free of charge support options including webinars, seminars and access to a Customer Support team which is consistently highly rated by our customers.

With a growing anxiety that schools and academies could be facing deficits as a result of flat funding, inflationary pressures and in some cases, weak financial management, senior leadership teams should take matters into their own hands and invest in an accountancy package that promises complete oversight and transparency. HCSS Accounting is the only product on the market that can guarantee this.





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