



Case Study: The Perse School



The Challenge

Founded in 1615, The Perse School in Cambridge is a leading independent co-educational day school, educating children from 3–18. Known for academic excellence and a broad curriculum, The Perse combines modern facilities with strong pastoral care.

Before esenda, the school managed high-volume payments through PTX and Bacstel cards, which limited flexibility, especially when staff needed to work remotely, and created operational risk around access and security.

High-Volume Payments, Made Effortless

As one of the UK's leading independent schools, The Perse processes a significant volume of parent payments each year. Before esenda, this created three major challenges:



HEAVY ADMIN
BURDEN

**high volume swamped
manual processes**



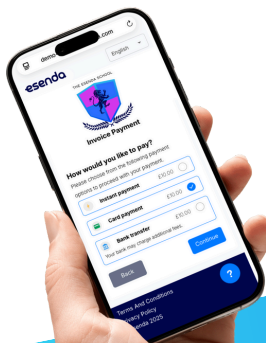
TIED TO
THE OFFICE

**No flexibility for
remote work**



NOT
SECURE

**legacy tools weren't
up to scratch**



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The Solution

esenda provided The Perse with a secure, cloud-native BACS platform built for scale and resilience. With no bacstel cards and no on-premise dependencies, the finance team can now approve and manage payments from anywhere, with secure access controls and full audit visibility.

Setup was quick, and the finance team now has a reliable, high-capacity system that keeps pace with their needs. With over £100m processed through esenda by The Perse in their first 18 months with us, and trusting us with files in excess of £2m, esenda is proud to have them as one of our highest transactors.

“At The Perse School, esenda gives us real peace of mind. It’s fast, secure, and intuitive to use, aligned with our needs, and delivers a genuinely smooth experience throughout”

-Aishah Anjum, Finance Manager, The Perse School, Cambridge

Results: Faster, safer, smarter

Since partnering with esenda, The Perse School has seen:



**Trusted by 150+ education institutions,
processing £1.5bn each year.**

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