

Changing the
conversation in
UK education.

A GUIDE

to the budgeting and
forecasting platform that
academy trusts can **trust.**

An introduction

Welcome to the Dutch ~~revolution~~ REVELATION

Trusted by more than 400 multi-academy trusts in the Netherlands, Anago's budgeting and forecasting platform has seen a rapidly growing base of UK customers since its arrival on the market in 2023.

This downloadable guide provides an overview of the platform's main features, demonstrating how Anago helps academy trusts to budget better.

Through Anago's platform, academy trusts can build budgets at both school and trust level, quickly and accurately. The software automates DfE returns and reports, and offers data-driven insights into staffing costs.

The platform itself is accessible and easy to use, giving leaders clear visibility of their trust's financial health. By removing the need for manual inputs that are required for spreadsheets, it also improves the accuracy of reporting, which in turn informs more effective decision-making.

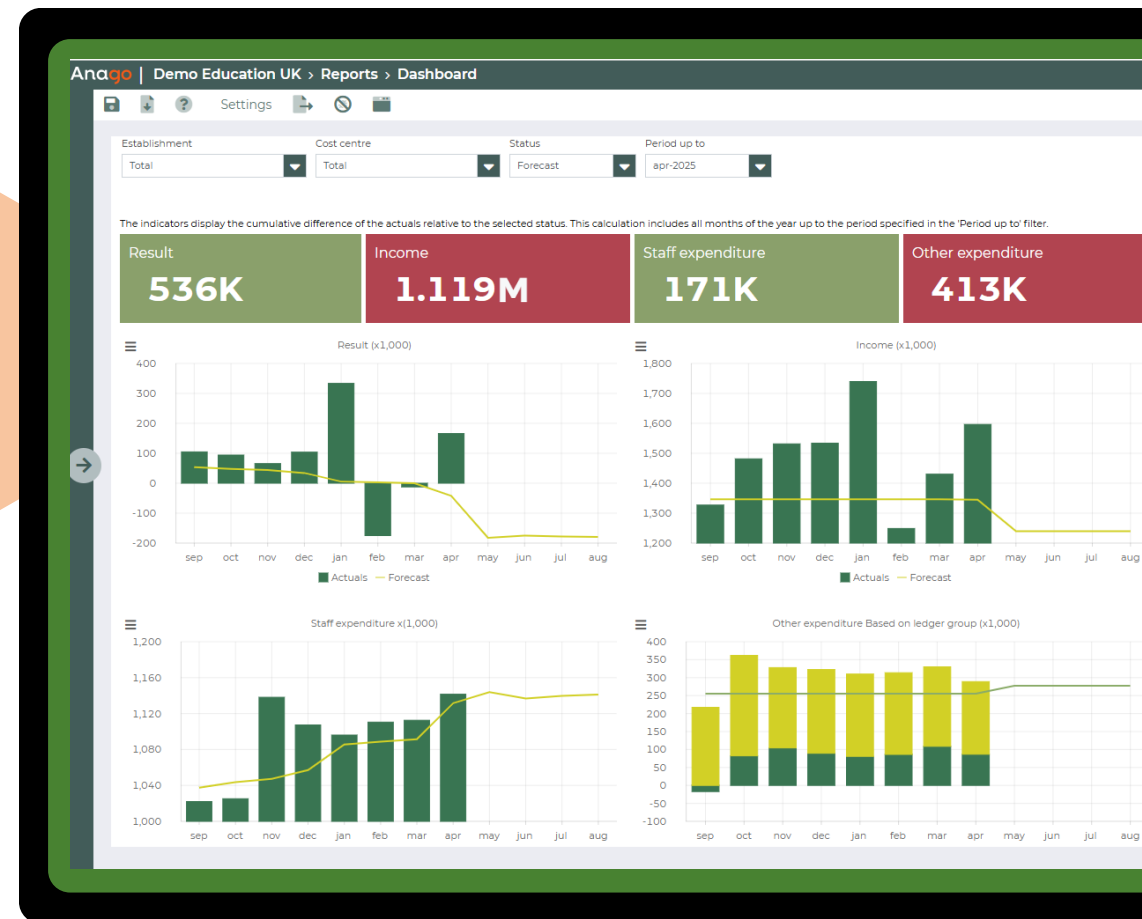
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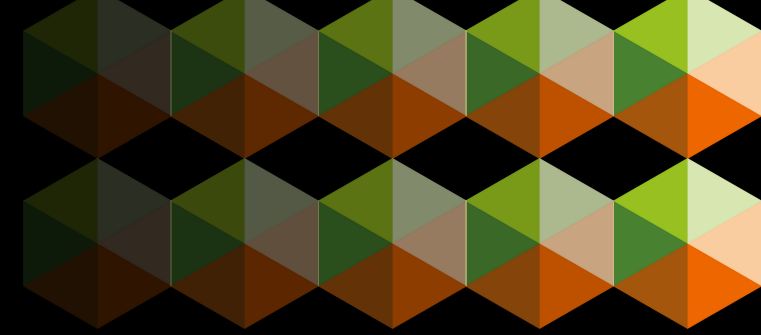
Get instant oversight of your trust's budget health with Anago's dashboard, which provides a visual picture of your most relevant data.

Anago's dashboard provides an at-a-glance overview of a trust's finances, generated from the monthly financial report.

The dashboard can show both budget and forecast data across a specified period. The interactive nature of the dashboard also allows users to zoom into certain fields for a more in-depth view of the data.

Having instant oversight of a trust's data ensures users can always access a budget snapshot and remain prepared for upcoming milestones.





I would definitely recommend Anago to other MATs. You can have a user-friendly system that doesn't require a degree in the software to use.



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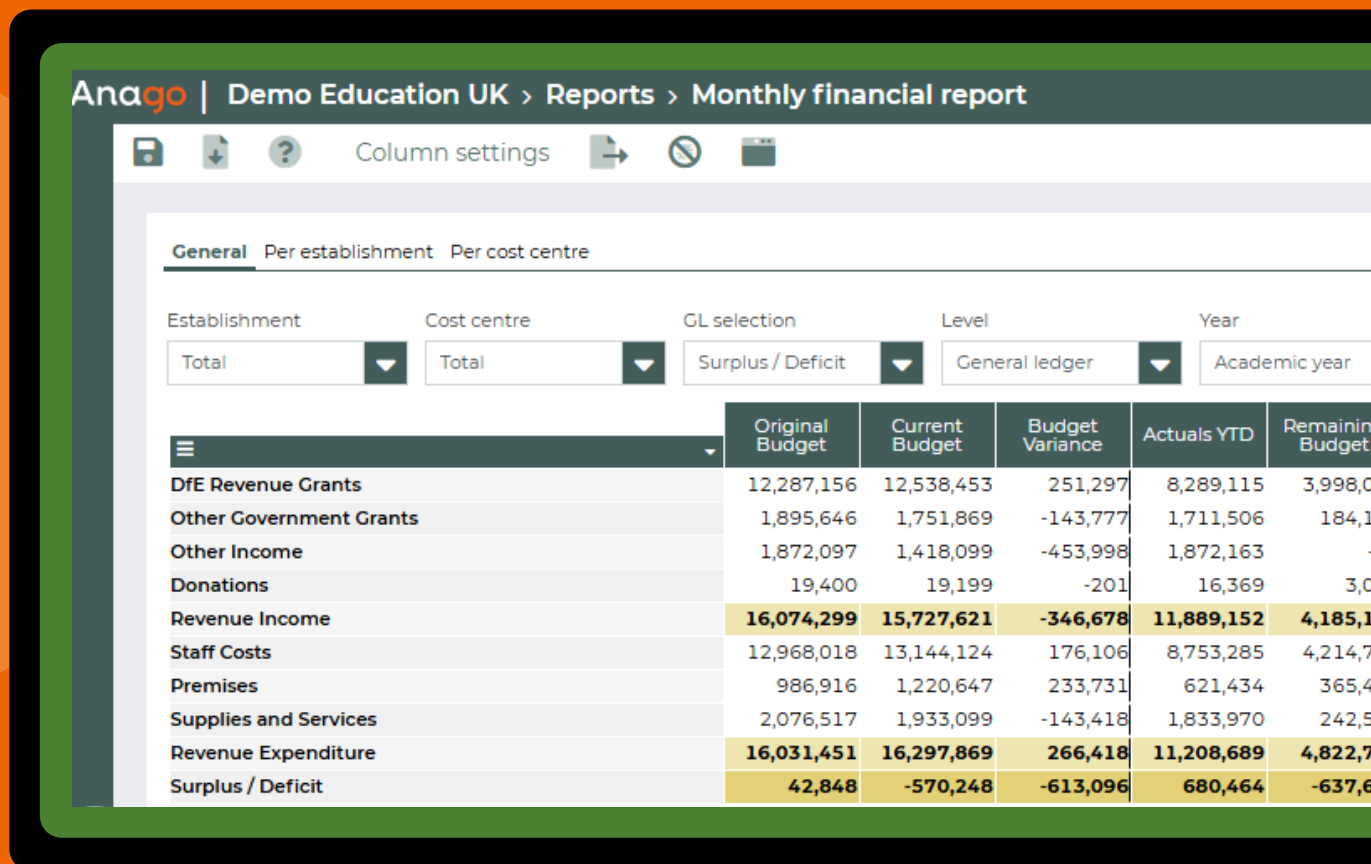
Monthly financial reporting

Create comprehensive and customisable monthly financial reports quickly, without the need for hours of labour intensive data input.

Anago's intuitive reporting function helps users easily review a trust's budget performance and compare this with their forecasting.

With flexible viewing options, users can create bespoke reports that show actuals, budgets, forecasts and rolling forecasts for individual schools or an entire trust. This information can also be consolidated into key KPIs, such as ICFP reports, allowing you to compare metrics across your trust.

Your financial reports can include individual or multiple schools, providing users with granular detail of their trust's spending month-to-month.



Anago | Demo Education UK > Reports > Monthly financial report

Column settings

General Per establishment Per cost centre

Establishment Cost centre GL selection Level Year

Total Total Surplus / Deficit General ledger Academic year

	Original Budget	Current Budget	Budget Variance	Actuals YTD	Remaining Budget
DfE Revenue Grants	12,287,156	12,538,453	251,297	8,289,115	3,998,0
Other Government Grants	1,895,646	1,751,869	-143,777	1,711,506	184,1
Other Income	1,872,097	1,418,099	-453,998	1,872,163	-
Donations	19,400	19,199	-201	16,369	3,0
Revenue Income	16,074,299	15,727,621	-346,678	11,889,152	4,185,1
Staff Costs	12,968,018	13,144,124	176,106	8,753,285	4,214,7
Premises	986,916	1,220,647	233,731	621,434	365,4
Supplies and Services	2,076,517	1,933,099	-143,418	1,833,970	242,5
Revenue Expenditure	16,031,451	16,297,869	266,418	11,208,689	4,822,7
Surplus / Deficit	42,848	-570,248	-613,096	680,464	-637,6

Key features



MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL BUDGET

Use Anago's multi-year financial budget tool to compare forecasts and actuals across both academic and financial years.

Viewing options in the platform can be filtered by the user to quickly provide the relevant data. Whether you need to compare individual schools and ledgers, review budgets before or after GAG pooling, or get a comprehensive picture of your trust's year-on-year budget, the view can be updated accordingly.

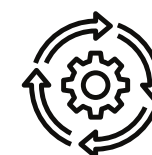


STAFF BUDGETING

Anago's platform help finance teams make faster and more effective staff budgeting decisions.

Within the platform, users can easily adjust FTEs, hours and weeks, or add new employment contracts and vacancies, with budget figures updating automatically.

With the ability to compare scenarios and time periods, analyse variances, and aet forecasts against actuals and projects, you can report, steer, and take decisive action based on real-time insights.



SIMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

At Anago, we know that time is precious – especially for stretched academy trust finance teams. Our responsive support team ensure a smooth and speedy implementation process, so you can get up and running quickly.

Whether you work with Excel, PowerBI or another platform, our software is highly flexible and easy to integrate.

Why Anago?



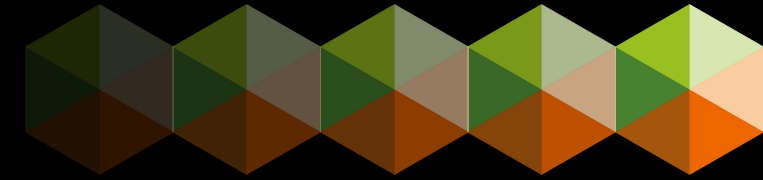
We're changing the conversation in UK education.

We do what we do to make a positive impact on the quality of education for every pupil in the UK. More effective budgeting empowers financial decision-making – and it's the students who end up benefitting.

Our platform has been built with the input and insight of finance teams from multi-academy trusts. It's an easy way to take control of finances, automate processes and harness powerful, data-driven insights.

Simply put, we've designed a budgeting and forecasting solution that's really does work for everyone.

Case study: Empower MAT



Empower Multi-Academy Trust is a network of eight church and community academies in Shropshire. The inadequate incumbent software it had in place was creating budgeting inefficiencies across the Trust.

Empower's dated budgeting solution was restricting its finance team's ability to centrally manage scenario planning, and forced the team to manually move data from its finance solution into spreadsheets, limiting visibility of consolidated financial data.

Empower needed a solution it could genuinely trust to improve its budgeting planning – so it turned to Anago.

After a demonstration with Anago's technical specialists, the team were impressed with the platform. It was easy to use, and the dashboard feature was something that had been noticeably absent in its previous platforms.

After a smooth and speedy onboarding process, Empower was set up with a budgeting and forecasting platform that offered it far more comprehensive financial control. Now, the team has the tools it needs to make faster and more effective budgeting decisions.

Results

- A budgeting platform built for the entire network
- Significant time savings in budget preparation and forecasting processes
- Improved financial reporting accuracy
- Real-time insights from a centralised dashboard
- Easier to plan out staffing scenarios
- Faster and more effective decision-making

I've been working in education for twenty years, and during that time I've implemented platforms developed by a number of Anago's direct UK competitors. This has by far been the easiest process.

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