

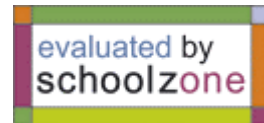
Netsupport School Version 7 - Product Evaluation

Overview

Schoolzone has a unique position in the education market place with 80,000+ registered users, circa 350,000 unique users on the site per month and 30,000 hardcopy mailings into schools every month during term time.

In May 2003 Schoolzone was awarded the contract for the DfES COL evaluation service in recognition of the many years' experience they have in peer reviews of digital learning resources: over 800 teachers have contributed to schoolzone reviews of over [40,000 educational web-based learning materials](#). Schoolzone have long-established contacts with thousands of [education suppliers](#) and [events organisers](#) who use their free-to-enter listings to market their products and services to the UK's largest online teacher community.

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Publisher	NetSupport Ltd
Version	7
Subjects	Adaptable for many subject uses
Key Stage	KS3, KS4
COL code	SZUK-netsupport

Currently Schoolzone receives up to a million users every month, making it one of the UK's most used sites, as well as the biggest - we list 41,000 educational sites reviewed by teachers, 6,000 events & organisers, 35,000 schools and colleges, 6,200 educational suppliers and many, many thousands of educational products and services.

Context

We have been so impressed with the package that a number of staff, once they have seen the package in use, have been offering to take part in the evaluation.

It has been used in a wide variety of lessons which test different areas of the software: -

Year 7 ICT lesson - to demonstrate the task to be completed and to distribute the worksheets and files required for the task.

Year 12 Physics lesson - to blank all the screens at the beginning of the lesson to ensure the students attention. Then to demonstrate the task to be completed.

Year 8 ICT lesson - to set the pupils an on-line assessment. It worked very well. The pupils enjoyed answering the questions on-line and I enjoyed the fact that it was automatically assessed.

General Supervision - it was very useful to be able to view what was happening on the computers in areas such as the sixth form centre and an unsupervised ICT facility during

lunch and break times. The technicians could monitor the use and shut down or send someone a message if they were not using the machines appropriately.

Labour Saving Aspects

NetSupport School could save time and money by reducing the amount of photocopying undertaken if the classes work from worksheets.....

Student Response

The lower school pupils were fascinated by the way work could be distributed and collected automatically; they also enjoyed the online assessment. They said they would like their end of unit theory assessment, to be completed using NetSupport School.

The interface is clearly designed and logically constructed to enable most users to find their way around the software. Graphics are used to represent either individual machines, groups or the whole network....

It also must be said that the more you use this package the more you want to use it.....The proof of its success in this school is that a number of departments have asked for it to be installed across the site.

Ease of Installation

The first installation was very easy. As we use Exchange Server with all the workstation running Windows 2000 it was possible to install the software remotely.....The technical support has been excellent.

If we experienced any teething problems the technical support team were able to solve them within minutes.

Assessment

The software allows a member of staff to design tests and examinations with the minimum of effort. The designer is very similar to Hot-Potatoes question section or Question Genie. It is very easy to use by someone with basic word-processing skills.

.....Instant surveys are also a very good way of checking that a point has been understood. A yes/no button is sent to either the whole group or selected students. The results are instantaneous.

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