

Case Study



Based in Greater Manchester, Hyde Technology School (previously known as Flowery Field High School) was opened by the Education Committee in 1940.

Now the school has around 1018 students aged between 11-16, all of which use PC's regularly during their lessons and spare time. Hyde Technology School is unique because of it's very high ratio of students to PC's, 1 computer to 3 students, far higher than the national average. This has been made possible by successful applications for government funding but like any other secondary school teaches the full range of subjects to meet the requirements of the National Curriculum.

In recognition of this, Hyde Technology School was designated as a Technology college 4 years ago as it places high emphasis on ICT in all areas of work. This is a big achievement for the school and a big part of it's teaching and daily life. With a constructive ICT team of 3 headed by Keith Parry (who was nominated a regional award by the Guardian for the most creative user of ICT) the school will continue to grow and encourage pupils and staff to become computer literate.

At Hyde, teachers and students use PC's regularly in lessons. A crucial part of teaching is to show students how to use the PC's and applications properly. A problem if you have to gather all the students in a class around one PC and monitor. Apart from the obvious physical limitations, the students become uncomfortable, restless and ultimately pay less attention.

Hyde Technology School recognised this problem and looked for a special solution. NetSupport School, award winning remote control software from PCS has, amongst its many tools, the ability to show one screen to others. This has transformed ICT training. A teacher can now sit at their desk, the students at theirs, and watch as the tasks are demonstrated on their own screen. In addition to this, students can request help and allow the teacher to control their PC remotely. The teacher can scan from PC to PC watching the students progress, remotely launch applications and distribute files all from a single, easy to use.

Hyde Technology School have saved time and improved teaching efficiency by demonstrating tasks from their own workstations. The students get to work from the comfort of their chairs and get a much clearer view of the task before attempting to perform it themselves, therefore improving their learning abilities.

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