



Background

Founded in 1791, St Marylebone School in London is a successful, multi-faith comprehensive school for girls aged from eleven to eighteen. The school provides an exhilarating and inspiring learning environment that provides an opportunity for all pupils to achieve. Traditional principles underpin a modern, forward-thinking outlook that gives students the confidence and skills to know they can succeed in whatever they choose to do.

2010 marked the grand opening of the new Blandford Street building, developed as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme. As well as providing sixth form pupils with outstanding learning spaces and facilities, the new site has also enabled all years to benefit from the superb DT and Science suites. A totally refurbished library has also opened at the Main Site and has proved to be hugely successful.

The Challenge

As Head of ICT, Waheeda Shaikh explains, the investment in new technical facilities at the school presented several challenges to ICT teachers; "With the increased use of computers across the curriculum comes a greater need to ensure the equipment is used and managed appropriately. A Classroom Management solution was therefore a key purchase in order to achieve this objective."

NetSupport Solution

NetSupport School has enabled St Marylebone to introduce some clear 'best practice' processes into their ICT labs. Student focus is key and teachers have the ability to centrally monitor the resources, online or otherwise, that the students are accessing during a lesson. Although it's rare that internet or application restrictions have to be applied it is reassuring to know that NetSupport School enables this to be done very quickly and this is backed by an Internet SafeSearch feature that overrides the search settings for most leading search engines and prevents inappropriate content being returned within search results.

Another widely used feature is the Testing Module. This enables student progress to be tested in a 'fun way'. An intuitive designer enables teachers to create bespoke tests and exams containing a variety of different question types. These can then be automatically sent from the teacher machine to each student PC for them to work through. When finished, results are automatically displayed on the teachers screen and reports can be printed off instantly.

The Student Survey feature compliments the Test option perfectly. This enables students to be polled for instant feedback on a particular subject and again the results are displayed on the teacher screen.

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