



CASE STUDY: Bury Grammar Schools

Designing ICT infrastructures that enhance learning environments

Background

Since 2005 Novus has developed a long standing working relationship with Bury Grammar School, when the school attended a seminar regularly hosted by Novus based around the benefits of Thin Client technology. The school then took time to research this technology and in 2007 they invited Novus to bid for their service contract as they had decided to look at alternatives to their current service provider. Novus were successful and both parties signed into a five year service agreement.

Brief

Right from the start Novus was engaged to assist the school with achieving their vision with regards to the ICT design for the entire school. Having gained the full support from Bury Grammar School, Novus is proud to have played a major part in designing the current infrastructure.

Solution

Novus currently work with Bury Grammar School on a number of projects which are the initial stages of a greater project with which the school aims to deliver a sustainable ICT solution across all of their sites.

Projects that have been embarked upon include:

- New domain and storage solution
- Development of application deployment solution
- Introduction of Thin Client solution
- Completion of the campus disaster recovery solution
- Adoption of remote access solution for the whole campus.
- Creation of one flat domain for the Boys School and the Girls School

Benefits

The creation of one flat domain for the Boys School and the Girls School will be used to replicate data and the application delivery solutions for a highly available ICT provision for both schools. This will mean that any user will be able to gain access to any application or data, anywhere across the complete campus.

By adopting a remote access solution teaching staff and pupils will have secure remote access possibilities to take advantage of. This will mean users will be able to extend the learning environment usually found only on the school site outside to home use. This is a secure solution that will still be centrally managed and supported from the campus.

Adrian Brooks, IT Services Manager, commented:

“Bury Grammar Schools had a very clear vision of what they wanted to deliver and Novus understood this from day one. With their help we have a state of the art ICT solution which allows users to gain access where ever they are. The solution is reliable and has allowed us to provide an ICT infrastructure which enhances the learning environment at Bury Grammar Schools”.

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