

King Ecgbert School Eclipse.net Case Study

King Ecgbert School is a mixed secondary with over 1250 pupils ranging in age from 11-19 and has over 100 staff. The school has gained technology college status, and moved into a brand new building in April 2005 under the PFI Scheme.

The school has over 550 desktop computers and over 100 laptops on it's network running RM's Community Connect 3.

The school had been running Eclipse2 up until September this year, when we migrated on to the newest offering, Eclipse.net.

As a school, we were very keen to move to the newest version due to the integration with the schools MIS system (SIMS), network and also the 'Web Parts' functionality that is available with the newest version.

The school carried out the upgrade to Eclipse.net within an hour – this included the import/upgrade of the current Eclipse2 database to Eclipse.net, and the installation on to the server. This all went extremely smoothly.

The increased functionality of the software and the potential for future expansion has increased the confidence of the

library staff, and due to the many similarities with Eclipse2, it has meant that the staff needed little training on the move forward to Eclipse.net.

The librarian is extremely happy with this new software and its ease of use, also the similarities in the interface to Eclipse2 have meant that she is confident in using the software from the start.

The school now has Eclipse.net integrated into it's network (including 'single-sign-on' technology) allowing all staff and pupils to view their library data from wherever they are (home or school) and also to use the SearchStar module.



This coupled with MLS Connect has given the ability to automatically import users from the schools MIS database directly into Eclipse.net as soon as they join the school, or to match existing pupils up when details are updated, and even import photos from the SIMS database increasing security!

RM have recently validated the Web Parts for Eclipse.net to plug in to their learning platform 'Kaleidos Portal+' We, as a school, are very eager to use these two products together, ensuring that technology and the library are working hand in hand to ensure the needs of pupils and staff are fully met.

Andrew Gibson Deputy Network Manager

“All in all, Eclipse.net has been a fantastic addition to the school, and it is now more reliable, faster to load and fully compatible with RM CC3.”

