

The Hazeley School Eclipse Case Study

The Hazeley School is a brand new state of the art comprehensive school in Milton Keynes catering for pupils between the ages of 11 and 18. We opened in September 2005 and are now using Eclipse 2 as our Library Management System.

We began by using Accessit but found their newly released version 8 to lack the functionality that we required. It was unable to deliver the high specification required to serve the busy, vibrant and very heavily used Library which, at Hazeley, is right at the centre of learning. For this reason, we looked into alternative provision and were very impressed by the software that Micro Librarian Systems had to offer.

Operating on an RM network system we were very concerned to ensure that any Library Management System would be compatible and Eclipse 2, being completely CC3 compatible, has proved to be a very good option (I used Softlink's Alice in

“The Eclipse user guide is easy to follow and, where necessary, we have found the MLS support desk to be both efficient and extremely helpful, any problems being solved in the least amount of time possible.”

“Eclipse 2 is efficient and reliable and has the functionality to support my work as a professional Librarian.”

It is simple to use but sufficiently complex to offer a wide range of tools to make my work easy and leave me free to concentrate on other aspects of Library work. Having tried others, I wouldn't ever choose to use any other system and I would very happily recommend it to other Librarians.

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my previous school and I had problems with running it on the RM network which is one reason why I opted for Accessit's web based version).

Our IT technician found Eclipse 2 very easy to install and MLS carried out a data migration. There were a few problems with this but they were not insurmountable and we were kept regularly informed of the progress. The system has now been up and running for over half a term and we are delighted with its high specification functionality but, at the same time, simplicity of use.

The Hazeley School takes a whole school approach to the encouragement of reading. We are registered with the National Reading Campaign initiative 'Reading Connects' and carefully monitor both individual and class/house reading patterns. We run several initiatives to encourage reading and the wide range of report options in Eclipse 2 enable us to identify where encouragement, support and further input might be required. It also enabled us to run a Reading League table which culminated in several different awards being given out at the end of term awards ceremony, all made possible by the extraction of data from Eclipse 2.

