



Scalby School achieves Technology College Status utilising the latest technology from the new HP

Scalby School in the North Yorkshire Moors is the sixth school in North Yorkshire to achieve Technology College Status and is utilising the latest technology from HP to equip the school to raise standards of achievement in technology, science and mathematics.

"Schools applying for specialist status must submit a detailed development plan to the DfES with specific targets for improving the school's overall results and raising achievement in the specialist subject. Specialist Schools are given additional financial support for their specialist and community development plans. In return they must be sources of good practice and advice on the specialist subject and must share their expertise and resources with neighbouring schools and the local community."
Secretary of State for Education and Skills

Scalby School submitted their development plan to the DfES with specific targets for improving the schools overall results and raising achievements in their specialist subject. As a Technology College Scalby School sought expert advise from the local HP Centre of Excellence on the structure for the school's current and future network as well as server and equipment requirements.

The problem – to achieve Technology College Status and supply the school with equipment that provides a good return on investment.

Scalby School has over 1,000 pupils and a catchment area of 100 square miles in the North Yorkshire Moors. Opened in 1942 the school has always been progressive and holds the Investors in People accreditation.

Earlier this year Scalby School approached Enline plc for assistance in achieving Technology College status under the Specialist Schools Programme.

The Specialist Schools Programme helps schools, in partnership with private sector sponsors and supported by additional Government funding, to build on their particular strengths, establish distinctive identities through their chosen specialisms and achieve their targets to raise standards.

Technology Colleges will raise standards of achievement in technology, science and mathematics for all their students across the ability range, leading to whole school improvement in performance. They will be active partners in a learning society with their local families of schools and their communities, sharing resources and developing and sharing good practice.

"At Scalby School we are always willing to go that extra mile to help the pupils further their achievements. We had a lack of ICT resources to reach the governments requirements for equipment. By applying to become a Technology College we were not only able to help the pupils but also other schools in our area, it also shows that Scalby School is one of the most progressive schools in the County," said Tim Hutchinson IT Director at Scalby School.

He continued, "to become a Technology College the Government required us to get local organisations to sponsor us. We approached Enline plc because their head office is within our area and they are known for working with local government such as Councils, Police and Schools."

Enline plc has been an IT solutions provider for over 15 years and specialises in the design and implementation of e-service solutions, bringing secure, structured client access to both private and public information sources. Enline plc is the HP Centre of Excellence for the area which enables them to guide any small and medium sized business towards the right technologies which will benefit their individual business needs most effectively.



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The solution – High class service and equipment for now and the future incorporating a wireless state of the art network.

After 18 months the detailed development plan submitted to the DfES was successful and Scalby School was awarded Technology College Status and the Government has granted the school £600,000 over 4 years.

With these additional funds Scalby School asked Enline plc to advise them on the structure for the schools current and future network and server requirements. They also asked companies to tender for providing the school with a number of PCs and laptops. Enline plc were short listed along with a number of other manufacturers to supply this equipment to Scalby School.

"The team at Enline plc have been extremely helpful and listened to our requirements. They gave us relevant advice to our specific needs proving they are a true Centre of Excellence. Being able to see the PCs we wished to purchase we knew these were right for us and would give us a good return on our investment," said Tim Hutchinson

Enline plc also provided Scalby School with a wireless network, which enables the school to equip class rooms with laptops and a network when the room doesn't have an existing network. These can be set up quickly and easily for an individual lesson allowing the room to be used for other subjects which don't require ICT equipment.

Because of Scalby School's success and development needs a new IT block is planned to be built next year, which Enline plc took into account when designing the school's network and server requirements.

Technology Colleges commit themselves to a four year development plan.

They have the support of industry, both financially and through the provision of advice and management support. They emphasise the teaching of mathematics, science and technology, using best practice techniques for raising educational standards. Scalby School will work with other schools and the wider community in sharing facilities and educational resources.

Benefits – Technology College Status, government funding and the opportunity to raise standards not only in the school but the local community.

"We're working with other schools in the local community enabling them to benefit from Scalby School's Technology College status. This is not only by allowing them to use the new equipment but through training, technical support and night school courses to the Scarborough community. To coin an HP phrase we aim to be a "centre of excellence" for mathematics, science and technology," said Tim Hutchinson

Benefits of Scalby School working with Enline plc include :

- Wireless network providing an instant service
- High class local service
- Quality HP/Compaq equipment
- Good return on investment
- Ongoing local support for hardware, software and IT security issues
- Staggered delivery of equipment to suit the school's development plan

"The team at Scalby School have worked very hard to become a Technology College. We're really pleased that their hard work has paid off and that we were able to help them achieve this goal. Not just the school but other schools and the local community will be able to benefit from Scalby School's achievement,"
Mike Nelsey
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