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Making the most of technology is essential for all schools, but for Bradford's Carlton Bolling College, it is especially important.

The 1300 pupil secondary school has undergone a massive turnaround since 2002, when it was in special measures.

The school is now a specialist college, with a very clear vision of its future and key to that vision is bringing technology into the classroom.

So appointing the right partner to work with on ICT was vital for the success of the project, according to John Patefield, assistant head teacher and City Learning Centre manager.

"In the last four years we have invested extensively in technology, funding interactive white boards for all classrooms and providing more than 90 laptops,"

"The developments in technology have been welcomed by staff, but we wanted to take things a step further by installing a Learning Gateway."

"We were already involved with Microsoft through the Partner School scheme and they recommended three providers, who could help us create our vision of the future. "

Rebecca Ahmed, Head of ICT Faculty, said: "It was an easy choice for us to pick Innovit. They had a great deal of experience in the sector but could also offer a personal service which the other huge companies were unable to.

"Andy and his team at Innovit were able to look at what we already had and make choices which made the best of our budget."

The Learning Gateway was installed in June and has been undergoing testing over the summer holidays.

A pilot scheme was launched on September 1, working with the humanities and maths departments to realise the potential of the system.

"The feedback so far has been very positive from both staff and pupils and we are very keen that this project be a success," said Rebecca.

"This project could well be a stepping stone to bigger things, including Microsoft IT Academy status, so we will be working as a team with Innovit and our staff and pupils to make sure we reach our goals."

Innovit managing director Andy Dent said: "We are delighted to be working with such a progressive school and helping them to create the IT structure they need.

"The Learning Gateway will allow the school to share subject data, pupils information and even registers online, making IT the backbone of the daily operation of the school."

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