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School celebrates 'outstanding' Ofsted result

A Melton Mowbray school has praised the role of its IT provider after it was judged to be making 'outstanding' progress by Ofsted.

The results for Key Stage Three from the recent inspection¹ confirm that King Edward VII School is at the forefront of embracing e-learning in Leicestershire.

They also reflect the lengths too which the school went to 're-engineer' learning – all of which were assisted by IT specialist Innovit.

The assistant principal, Tom Moore, said the results are fantastic and everyone involved with the school should be proud of the achievements that have been made.

"We started to implement our vision of a Key Stage Three e-learning base five years ago and have been working with Innovit to install and maintain an IT infrastructure which would fulfil our e-learning requirements," he said.

"Since then we have seen for ourselves the progress we have made re-engineering learning at our school. The Ofsted results serve as proof that

we are providing a stimulating learning environment for our students by making the most of the best technology available in the market.”

The four key areas the school focused on in the development of its e-learning strategy included:

- creating bases equipped with a wireless network and portable computers
- modularising the curriculum and incorporating Learning to Learn lessons and dedicated review and planning weeks
- making learning active and accessible by publishing e-learning resources through its Microsoft SharePoint server
- training students to use Microsoft Office Professional to develop skills for life and to ensure the high quality of output

The school created several suites for personalised learning within the school and also created an online environment with 24/7 access through Class Server.

On reflection, Mr Moore said that the school has learned a lot during the process and Innovit’s support was crucial in making it happen seemingly effortlessly.

“The main thing we have learned through this experience is just how motivated students are about ICT,” he said.

“There has been a genuine desire to learn both in and out of school and the resources we have made available have also encouraged parents to get involved with their children’s education and for the first time we are seeing demonstrable results both in terms of SATs and other results, as well as benchmarks such as Ofsted.”

Innovit’s managing director, Andy Dent, said: “We have forged a business which is based on working with schools and colleges to help them shape the vision of the learning environment they want to create.

"We then work with them every step of the way to put the infrastructure and systems in place to achieve it.

"We are delighted for King Edward VII School and will continue to provide support for them so that they can carry on pushing back the boundaries of e-learning."

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Notes to Editors

¹ An Ofsted inspection was carried out at King Edward VII School on 8th and 9th November 2006.

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