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Project title: Using ICT to improve teaching and learning and raise standards

Project aims of use and objectives

- To explore how developments in ICT can help improve teaching and learning and raise standards in the secondary schools of Bradford.
- To equip staff in the secondary consultancy team with the skills and confidence to use this new technology with departments in the LA to improve teaching and learning and raise standards.
- To enable staff and pupils in schools to engage with this new technology and improve teaching and learning/raise standards through its use.

Project outcomes

- Imaginative and effective ways of using ICT to improve teaching and learning and raise standards explored, identified and trialled.
- Relevant personnel trained and confident in using ICT to achieve these aims.
- Increased interest in and experimentation with the use of ICT in core subjects across the curriculum that is designed specifically to improve teaching and learning and to raise standards.

Project evaluation

The success of the project was evaluated through:

- student and staff feedback
- the successful uptake of new technologies in schools as a result of consultants modelling pilot technologies.

Evidence of success

The pilot technologies were modelled extensively by secondary consultants during LA training and events such as Bradford's "GCSE Skills Roadshow". This approach gave students and staff the chance to explore the use of new technologies in context, which led to schools' increased uptake and use of them. In addition, due to the success of piloting these technologies, Bradford's secondary consultancy team expanded their use of other new technologies, leading to our reputation as a leading edge authority in the use of ICT.

Summary

We achieved all of the intended objectives, and have independently continued to expand our knowledge, understanding and use of new technologies as we now recognise the powerful impact ICT can have on improving teaching, learning and achievement.

The future

We will continue to lead on the use of new technologies to improve teaching and learning and it is our aim to seamlessly weave innovative ICT use into everyday practice, and every child's learning.

Other information

We are happy to discuss the impact that embedding new technology use can have on improving teaching and learning, and how to ensure this. Please contact Jenn Plews for more information in the first instance at jennifer.plews@bradford.gov.uk.

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