

Case Study

# William Farr C of E Comprehensive School



William Farr C of E Comprehensive School is a co-educational Church of England school located in Welton, near Lincoln, offering education to 11-18 year olds. Academic success and examination results are outstanding and consistently rank among the highest in the country. William Farr is also a Specialist Science College and a Raising Achievement and Transforming Learning School.



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Having spent a year investigating the VLE options available to schools we were delighted to finally chose Firefly. It is intuitive, functional and high quality. I would recommend it for every school'.



## **What challenges were they facing?**

William Farr's previous VLE system, provided by the LEA, was difficult to use and as a consequence, seldom updated or used by teachers and students. They also wanted a single system that would be able to run both their website and a learning platform.

## **What has been the outcome?**

Since installing Firefly, the most obvious improvement so far has been the ability to make resources available to students outside of school, encouraging independent learning. The website is now kept up to date and features the school calendar and news

as well as those documents that schools are required to have by law. William Farr have also been using Firefly's poll functionality to elect House Captains and Year 11 students have also been using it to put together their Leavers' Yearbook.

### **Why did they choose Firefly?**

We chose Firefly because of it's ease of use which was clearly the result of being designed by users and meeting the needs of teachers, rather than a corporate solution being designed by those outside education.





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