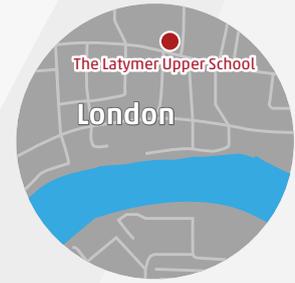


Case Study

Latymer Upper School



Introduction: Latymer Upper School is a selective independent school located in Hammersmith, west London, England, lying between King Street and the Thames. Founded by Edward Latymer in 1624, it is now a coeducational school with over 1200 pupils.

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Teacher of Biology

Firefly has changed everything. The type of lesson you can conduct is powerful because it can be discussion-based, which gives the students the ability to learn independently and boosts engagement.



3x Increase in learning platform usage

50% reduction in time spent on admin

100% A*-C GCSE grades since Firefly

5+ A*-C GCSE increased from 62% to 100% within one year of using Firefly

What challenges were they facing?

Using traditional textbook and paper methods for learning was inefficient, expensive and unengaging. The school knew that in order to complement its elite status it had to invest in technology and systems that would put it at the leading edge of the learning experience for both students and teachers.

What has been the outcome?

Firefly has been transformational as Latymer now have the flexibility to make use of ground-breaking teaching styles such as flipped learning. The students use Firefly to access research materials and information ahead of the lesson so they attend

it already informed, giving them a real advantage. This learning can also be directed as the ability within Firefly to embed YouTube videos, Twitter content, image galleries and links to further reading means the teacher can ensure pupils are independently researching the right materials.

Assessing pupils is now significantly easier as the seamless integrations within markbook make collecting and viewing data on students simple. Teachers are also saving time by using Firefly to complete marking at times that suit them. Teachers no longer have to wait for all the textbooks to be handed in before they can start marking. If some of the students have completed the assignment early, teachers can use their coffee breaks to mark it early and get ahead of their workload.

Why did they choose Firefly?

Latymer needed a platform that could deliver lesson planning, homework setting, strong visual appeal and most of all, ease of use to drive widespread user adoption. Firefly was the only solution that matched all of that criteria. It was also really important for the school to have a system that would support their 1-1 iPad strategy and Firefly is perfectly suited as it works seamlessly across multiple mobile devices.

What are their plans for using Firefly going forward?

The next phase is to roll-out the parent portal feature of Firefly at the start of the new school academic year. This tool will be used to drive parental engagement, bringing them further into the learning conversation and ultimately driving forward pupil performance.



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