

Case Study

Saint Pius X Catholic High School



Saint Pius X Catholic High School is a co-educational secondary school situated in Wath-upon-Dearne near Rotherham, South Yorkshire. The school opened in September 1957 with 300 pupils. Today it caters for nearly 700 pupils who are aged between 11 and 16. In September 2007 it was awarded specialist status as a Humanities College, and was renamed Saint Pius X Catholic High School. The school also has Investors in People accreditation.



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'I can't remember life before Firefly.'



1M pages viewed by 650 students

In 18 months of Firefly use

100% of students using Firefly

What challenges were they facing?

Before Firefly the school had no dedicated IT solution. Email was the main communication tool. Homework and tasks were delivered to students manually either on paper or via email and returned by students in a similar fashion. Communication was problematic and options for extended learning were limited. Leadership within the school knew they needed to provide the opportunity for extended learning so that all students could progress outside of school, regardless of their academic ability.

Why did they choose Firefly?

The decision to go with Firefly was driven by both staff and student voice as both groups were given the opportunity to try the demonstration version of Firefly and it was rigorously tested before it was chosen!

What has been the outcome?

Since the school-wide roll out in February 2014, St Pius have had over a million hits on their Firefly site. High levels of engagement with both teachers and students, means they are learning what works best for them on Firefly. Student voice has played a huge role in deciding how resources are delivered.

In Religious Studies, student feedback showed that the content offered was too text heavy and difficult to study. Firefly has enabled them to embed tasks within the religious studies section to make it more engaging. From the student perspective they prefer having access to this material, as they can access it on their phones or tablets and there's no more paper in the bottom of their bags!

For teaching staff, Firefly is very much an integral part of the development plan. Teachers who have uploaded all their resources are enjoying the option of reusing content in the next academic year. The time saved gives teachers a chance to take a step back and to evaluate what is working and what is not.



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