

Case Study

Ninestiles Academy



Ninestiles Academy is a secondary school with academy status situated in Acocks Green, Birmingham, England. It is a mixed comprehensive academy with 1,400 students, including 60 in the sixth form.



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Firefly is so easy to use, and this has made the start of lessons so much faster as teachers are calmer and have all their resources well organised. Calmer teachers translates to calmer students, and this has increased school attainment.



100% increase in exam results performance

61% of Firefly use is outside of school

50% less time spent on admin tasks

What challenges were they facing?

Ninestiles previous platform had a messaging system that the school found laborious and slow which made it hard to communicate with teachers and students. In addition, as the school progressed its 1 to 1 iPad strategy, they needed a platform that translated seamlessly onto this device.

What has been the Impact and outcome?

Ninestiles now keep everything to do with school life on Firefly, including all CPD, absence requests, policy documents, school trip details, appraisals and student referrals. Ninestiles have a nominated member of staff who does all the uploading of the lesson content at the start of the term. This then means that the

majority of the teaching staff don't have to worry about where their resources are or what they will be teaching. Firefly has also made cover lessons for absent staff obsolete as the lesson structure is all already available online and can be taught by whoever is available. When new teachers join Ninestiles they are delighted by how easy it is to find online resources. Firefly also makes it very easy for staff at Ninestiles to build lesson pages that are impressively visual and engaging.

Having all of the resources online, well organised and visually appealing means that teachers can get lessons started immediately. Firefly has put an end to the days when it would take up to ten minutes to get lessons underway because the teacher couldn't find their teaching resources. Now, there are calm teachers and this translates to calm students. All this makes learning processes easier and student attainment higher.

Firefly also makes it easy for Ninestiles to make great use of student data. Not only do they export it so that tutors can get a clear view on how the students are performing, it is also shared with the students so that they can also see their own progress. This approach is another step for Ninestiles in their journey towards supporting Student-Centred Learning.



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