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Case Study

St John Bosco College,
Battersea

St John Bosco College in Battersea, London, is a mixed Roman Catholic school for 11-18 year-old pupils. The school has a commitment to academic excellence along with a distinctive, caring, ethos which is summed up in the word RUAH, Hebrew for 'breath of life' which represents their core values of Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour



Mr Paul Dunne,
Headteacher

These were the questions that the leadership team at St John Bosco College were asking themselves.

- How can our school protect its students from the dangers inherent in ICT, when the most sophisticated users are often the students themselves?
- How can our teachers, many of whom are not ICT specialists, be reasonably expected to constantly manage ICT use?
- How can our school find out exactly what is being accessed and when and capture the hard evidence needed to tackle identified problems?



Keeping our children safe is our number one priority when it comes to their use of ICT" says Paul Dunne, Headteacher. "We faced the same issues that all schools face in trying to ensure that our children were protected from malicious or harmful content and that they were not able to circumvent the stringent safeguards we had in place to access blocked sites. We also needed to be sure that we knew exactly what was being accessed, the answer was Securus



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Trouble-free implementation

“We installed Securus so that we could get an accurate picture of ‘normal’ ICT usage and also to ascertain the functionality of the product. From that first day, when we saw how proactive Securus was - providing screenshots of every issue that was flagged up as suspicious, both on and off line, along with details of the user, workstation, time and date - we were in no doubt that it was the right solution. Even though the overwhelming majority of material captured was quite innocent, it was still very impressive to be able to take the reports to our leadership team and let them see for themselves why we needed Securus.

“Our relationship with Securus has been excellent. They have made the school feel like a partner rather than a customer. From a technical standpoint, my ICT staff have found the software very flexible and adaptable and together with Securus we have tailored the solution to meet our own specific requirements, ensuring the implementation was trouble free.”

Reassuring Parents, Teachers & Students

Securus is now fully integrated into the systems at St John Bosco College and feedback from parents and teachers is very positive. “The implementation of Securus has ensured that parents can feel confident about their children being able to use school’s technology safely,” says Paul.

“My teachers feel the same. The high degree of scrutiny and transparency offered by Securus, enables them to get on with the business of teaching, knowing that the students are safe.”

It is not only the parents and teachers who feel reassured. Pupils can also use the school’s ICT systems and know that they are being protected as well as knowing that their IT activities are being supervised in the same way as any other aspect of school life.

The use of Securus at St John Bosco helps to ensure that pupils are discouraged from misusing IT and consequently ensures that incidents of misuse are few and far between.

“Thanks to the use of key words and phrases and the detailed information provided with each screen capture we can very quickly investigate and follow up any concerns that might be raised about IT misuse.”

Paul concludes: “We have found Securus to be an invaluable tool to help ensure that our pupils’ use of the school’s IT facilities is adequately monitored and when there are concerns it gives us the ability to act quickly to resolve them with clear and accurate evidence. Blocking and filtering of websites is not enough and Securus provides us with an extra layer of protection which is vital to ensuring that we safeguard our pupils in their use of school IT equipment.”



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