

Pushing the Boundaries of Learning

Rickmansworth develop a holistic ICT plan to enable anytime, anywhere learning – with a seamless front of class experience

Summary: Rickmansworth School are a large Secondary Phase Academy, with a Sixth Form, based in Hertfordshire — a particularly competitive area for parents deciding where their children will attend. With over 1,200 pupils the school is undergoing renovation across the site to ensure it can **maintain its high level of attainment and drive outstanding education**. Two particular areas of expansion are Front of classroom technology and pupil's access to Curriculum resources.

Consultative Approach: Working with any School on their plans for Audio-Visual, front of class solutions and device scheme for students requires a considerable amount of consultancy and discussion. **There are a huge number of variables and every educational institute is different;** from educational vision to pupil demographic, technology preference to teaching ability all these elements needs to be reviewed to ensure that your School, Academy or College is ready.

For Rickmansworth the front of class needed to be **clean to avoid distraction**, with an extended whiteboard area for teachers to use both a large scale interactive space and a writing panel. Alongside minimum size requirements, the School also wanted a control panel that **eliminated downtime** when connecting or changing device.

As a forward thinking School we pride ourselves on our use of technology. **Odyssey Education have worked with us on a number of projects and each time, it has been a successful, stress free deployment with expert advice to help phase the deployments, meeting tight timescales and our budget.** From consultancy through to implementation and sign off, working with Odyssey has been stress free and enlightening.

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Rickmansworth School



Odyssey use our in-house developed framework for 1:1 and device projects called: **Empowered Learning**. If planned well, device schemes have can empower learners to study at their own pace and have **dramatic effects on all Curriculum subjects** in a range of ways.

Following a period of trial and investigation an **overarching solution was designed that drew on best of breed technologies to impact teaching and learning** in the most positive way possible.



Technology Choice: With such a large variety and assortment of technologies Rickmansworth spent a long time investigating various options with the help of Odyssey before making choices. **Odyssey have developed key strategic partnerships with industry leaders to offer customers a specialised and comprehensive portfolio.** For their specialist front of classroom technology Odyssey recommended Epson as a projector that provides a number of advantages over the competition.



Real Value for Money: From filtering and e-safety to selecting an installation team that provide the best possible AV finish Odyssey provided **expert advice and free evaluation trials and sessions** for Rickmansworth School. Odyssey provide **free of charge consultancy, throughout, for Empower Learning developments.** As part of the ongoing discussion with Rickmansworth there are several key areas of development that need to be established prior to a phased introduction of student and staff devices.

When introducing new technologies, we ensure training is sufficient to minimise support issues. In addition warranties and ongoing maintenance ensure a system with longevity.

Result Driven: The project at Rickmansworth is ongoing; with a phased approach to deployment happening by year group. So far the filtering, servers, cabling infrastructure and wireless have been **upgraded in a sustainable manner to fit the Schools budget.** Odyssey are working with Rickmansworth to **engage with students, teachers and parents to encourage the scheme and highlight e-safety.** The end goal will be holistic, pervasive technology which will create a positive impact on collaboration, engagement and hopefully attainment.

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