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Gateway College



Currently situated in the centre of Leicester, Gateway is a thriving further education college providing excellent educational opportunities for the people of Leicester and Leicestershire.

Within the next three years Gateway College will re-locate to an attractive Greenfield site, which represents an exciting and important forward stride for the college.

Over three million pounds have been spent over the past six years to ensure that our present and future students have the best of everything. An air-conditioned Learning Resource Centre provides up-to-date ICT facilities, and houses a well-stocked loan and research library and study area. The College has over 350 PCs networked across the College, with fast Internet access on all machines in local drop-in rooms.

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The Librarian's Perspective

The LRC has 36 PCs for student and occasional timetabled class use. Prior to using MyPC, computer use was on a first come first served basis, with no time restriction on use. In order to encourage our students to manage their time in a positive way and to maximise the use of the computers in the LRC we looked at the computer booking systems available. After looking at several products, we decided MyPC was the product most suitable for our needs and the needs of our students.

ITS have been very supportive, from ordering the system, training days, implementation and technical support on the rare occasion we have had a problem. Despite our apprehension, the students accepted the booking system from day

one. The system has been set up to allow students to make a computer booking from any networked computer in the college or from the dedicated booking kiosks. Even the students appreciated the benefits to them of the booking system.

Students are allowed to make four bookings a day for a total time allocation of two hours. As a result of the time limit, computer time is at a premium, no time to mess about, behaviour has improved, and there is a more studious atmosphere. MyPC has lived up to its publicity; the benefits have exceeded our expectations.

Mary Hardy. Learning Resource Centre Manager.

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The Student's Perspective

'MyPC is easy to use, I can book a computer up to a week in advance, useful when there's a course work deadline'



Pooja 1st Year A Level Student.

'I like to plan my week. I don't have a computer at home so I need to be sure I can use a computer at college when I have free time, MyPC lets me do this.'

Kishan 2nd Year Art Student.



The Tutor's Perspective

MyPC is excellent. PCs are block booked for my lesson; the additional password ensures only my students can use the designated machines. The machines are available for the start of my lesson, unlike last year before we had the booking system, when you would have to ask students to give up the machines you need for your class. Not the best start to a lesson!

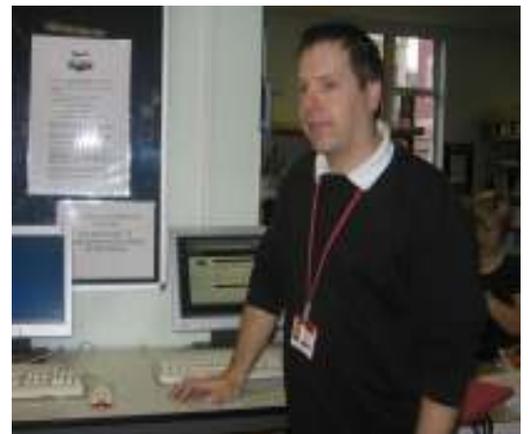
Diane York. Tutor.



The Technician's Perspective

MyPC was very straightforward to install onto the network and LRC when we initially set up MyPC. Throughout term breaks we have reinstalled the software onto the LRC machines as part of our standard image with ease. Initially when we first had MyPC we re-branded the logon screen with Gateway College logo and colours, this was also simple to complete. From a technical administrator perspective, changes that need making in MyPC settings are very trouble-free. MyPC support has provided the answer, quickly and promptly to any technical issues that we have encountered.

Andrew Wright. Technician.



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