

Case Study

St Gabriel's School
Newbury

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Having used Double First's software in the bursary since 1994, St Gabriel's School in Newbury decided to roll out Double First Engage across all departments. The objective was to move to a single system which could take care of all school's needs.

Principal
Alun Jones

Bursar
Noel Erskine

Vice-Principal
Cath Sams

Database Manager
Amy Kail

About

St Gabriel's School is a day school for girls in Newbury, Berkshire, occupying a Grade I listed building in 54 acres of parkland. The school is home to 500 girls, 60 teaching staff and 20 support staff.

St Gabriel's School is a thriving day school community which combines traditional Christian values and strong pastoral care with a progressive, 'real world' attitude. The school is situated two miles south of Newbury and occupies a beautiful Grade I listed building in 54 acres of parkland.

Previously, the school was managing data and information through multiple systems, none of which were speaking to one another.

Therefore, the school invested wisely to ensure the school objectives would be met with a single Management Information System (MIS). Alun Jones, School Principal, explained why the right MIS was so important.

"The right MIS for any school is a big decision, especially if you want to target, monitor and run the school effectively," Alun explained. "Numerous people at St Gabriel's are involved in the development of the children so it's crucial that everyone can access the information which is relevant to them."

Staff from all departments carry out regular 'round table' meetings to discuss each child's development so there is a real need to share consistent data.

As the school Principal, Alun Jones also required the ability to see all relevant

information on any child at a glance. "There are times when I need to see how well a pupil is progressing, whether there are issues with invoices, what school trips the child has been on, their latest report and what musical instruments they're now learning. Seeing this 'at a glance' is very important.

Noel Erskine, Bursar, explained the key to the success so far in implementing a school-wide system. "Putting in place the right champions and the right support is essential for successful change management. Our Database Manager has worked very closely with Double First to ensure everyone in the school is fully onboard. We have more and more information going into Double First Engage."

St Gabriel's evaluated all MIS providers before selecting Double First Engage.

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