

Having grown from a starting point of just seven pupils through to 164 pupils today, Adcote School has experienced significant change. As the school expanded and the staff needs changed, Double First Ltd has continued to provide the solutions the school required to ensure a continued delivery of high quality education.

Headmaster

Gary Wright BA(Hons) MA
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Bursar

Richard Walker

About the school

Adcote School in Shropshire is an independent and boarding school for girls aged from 4 - 18 years. The school was founded in 1907 and is set in a Grade 1 listed country house built in 1879.

About the Headmaster

Prior to joining Adcote School, Gary Wright was Deputy Head at St Piran's School in Maidenhead. He is married with two children.

Adcote School in Shropshire began with just two day pupils and five boarders. The numbers continued to rise steadily over the years until 2009 when they surged from 113 to 164 in 2011.

The school is set in a Grade I listed building and has 50% of pupils choosing to board. It is a member of the BSA, ISA, ISBA and the ISC associations.

Adcote School is always ahead of its time and continually tries to find new ways to be innovative. This approach extends through all aspects of school life, from the staffroom to the sports field, from the Bursary to the boiler (which can be fuelled with recycled kitchen oil!).

This might explain why the school selected Double First Ltd in the 1980s to provide the Accounts software for the Bursary, becoming the company's very first customer.

Adcote School has remained a Double First customer since then, choosing to add further software products as they were released. The school is now using

Double First Engage as the school's Management Information System (MIS).

"Double First Engage makes staff's lives more easy and streamlined," explained Gary Wright, Headmaster. "For example, processing our school reports is much easier, especially as Double First created a reports template which looked exactly like our previous one."

As well as Double First, the school uses Microsoft Office with virtual and back up servers, a Joomla based website and is installing Moodle throughout 2011.

"We have good access to computers throughout the school and we're fully equipped with WiFi so it makes perfect sense to keep all staff and student information in one place. This is particularly useful during staff meetings when discussing pupil-related issues, such as the Gifted and Talented Scheme"

Gary also explained how communication had been made even stronger. "All the information we need is to hand so it's improved our teacher-to-parent communication. And all our training was delivered either on-site or remotely, so everyone is getting good use from this."

"It's good to have Double First software operating throughout the whole school and we're very happy. We wouldn't have expanded it if we weren't."

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Gary Wright, Headmaster of Adcote School