

One of the UK's leading High Schools installs the new Internet and Web filtration solution from CensorNet to improve service, manageability and reduce costs by 50%

Alsop High School Technology and Applied Learning Specialist College is the largest school in Liverpool with 1800 pupils and is in the top 3% nationally. With over 1200 networked devices offering capacity for up to 600 concurrent users.

Requirements

The school felt that their existing web filtering solution was not performing effectively and at the same time possibly out-dated and not providing value for money. CC Communications was invited to create a more effective solution which could meet the schools needs and also address its current issues.



“CensorNet is easy to install and now implemented, easy to manage. For system administration, reports and management tools are so easy to use and have full control on which sites we would like our pupils and staff to access.” Roger Kennett, Head of IT

The school required a solution that was easy to set up, provided an accurate and full reporting system that could easily be managed and updated in-house. While the school wanted a system that would prevent access to inappropriate sites, they also wanted flexibility, to enable different levels of access for different groups of users. For example, they wanted a less restrictive policy for teachers and Sixth Formers than for pupils in year seven.

They required that the new web filtering solution had to conform to very stringent rules set down by Becta ‘keeping learners safe while ensuring the effective and innovative use of technology throughout learning’.

“Censornet has allowed us to enhance the online experience for both staff and pupils by giving us effective and granular control of the internet. We can now tailor the user experience appropriately. The Censornet platform allows us to set suitable profiles for groups within the Alsop School without much administration. Once the initial configuration is done there is very little to do other than tweak the group settings. For this reason, together with the very effective block lists, I would recommend the product for an educational environment.” Neil Ankers, Network Manager

Alsop chose CensorNet™ Professional.

This is a web content filtering and content-control solution which is easy to use and which offers a valuable reporting system for accountability and visibility. This allows staff to monitor inappropriate use of the Internet and instantly address with confidence any situations which may arise.

“We now have in place an effective internet solution which supports, rather than hinders learning and teaching by enabling students to access the vast range of resources available and at the same time eliminating exposure to inappropriate sites.” John Patino, Deputy Head

One of the many policy features of CensorNet is a special ‘Advisory’ mode. This allows certain users to override blocked pages if they deem them acceptable for their work purposes. This maximum flexibility satisfied the different needs of both staff and pupils of different ages assuring pupils’ safety while teachers are still able to access sites to choose content for delivery to pupils.

CensorNet Education Specialist Gold Partner

Our UK educational reseller, CC Communications who have been an approved supplier for over 3 years are experts in the Education sector had been talking to Alsop to ensure the right solution was implemented.

Keith Cotterill, Director comments “CensorNet Pro is a fantastic solution that I feel very passionate about. It has now been developed into an industry strength product that offers the end user manageability, flexibility and safety across the Internet. Censornet is extremely competitively priced against Today’s established brands making this software the most complete and competitive filtering system available in today’s market.