



St Paul's Academy is a specialist school in Sport and Business based in Greenwich for pupils aged 11-16. It opened in September 2005 as part of the Government's Academy programme, backed by the Archdiocese of Southwark, and will eventually cater for 1200 students.

Initially the Academy is operating out of the buildings formerly occupied by its predecessor, St Paul's Catholic School, whilst it waits for its new £26 million campus to be completed on a nearby site. A four-storey temporary building has been erected on the site to provide additional accommodation, as the number of pupils on roll has already increased from 560 to 640.

We were introduced to St Paul's Academy in 2005 by education partners that we had previously worked with on other Academy projects. In the short-term the Academy was looking to upgrade the facilities in the existing building and the temporary accommodation. This would enable them to start to deliver an enhanced curriculum to their students and make an impact on the learning process whilst they waited for the new site to be completed.

During the first term, we worked alongside staff at the Academy as they were moving into and getting used to their expanded buildings. We supplied 3 Multifunctional Printers (MFPs) configured to be used as printers, copiers and scanners - one high-speed 75 page per minute mono device, one medium volume 25 page per minute mono device and one black-to-colour machine capable of producing full colour copies/prints at a rate of 24 pages per minute. These devices were located strategically around the buildings and all equipped for "Follow-You" printing, allowing the monitoring and control of copy and print allowances for both staff and students. This has enabled the Academy to stabilise their escalating print budget and significantly reduce the amount of wasted printing, resulting in tidier classrooms as well as lower costs. Students no longer have to search for their own prints amongst a pile of discarded paper, which saves time and reduces the risk of disputes arising at the end of a teaching session, leading to a calmer, more efficient learning environment.

Within the classrooms, we supplied 8 interactive whiteboards and 7 projectors to supplement existing facilities during the second half of the Autumn Term. As part of this process, we also relocated some of the interactive boards and projectors already on site, and provided training as and when required by the staff, so that the Academy got maximum benefit out of the equipment available to them. Working during term time involved careful planning and co-ordination so avoid disruption to the timetable.

Since that first term, we have continued to work closely with St Paul's Academy, because, as they have settled in, further needs have come to light. So far, we have supplied an additional 3 interactive whiteboards, 12 projectors, and, at the start of their second year, 3 more black-to-colour MFPs. The MFPs are now producing significant volume levels, and therefore ongoing support and equipment maintenance is a crucial part of our role within the Academy.

We are looking forward to assisting the Academy with the pending move to their new campus and all the challenges that this will entail. We want to provide them with the best solutions and support possible as our contribution towards future learning.

As the Academy itself says on its web-site:

"Technology is enhancing the quality of the educational experiences of our students and is an essential resource for an up-to-date modern learning facility"

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