

Case study: Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh

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Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh is based in Limerick City, part of Limerick and Clare ETB with an enrolment of 620 pupils. The school places particular emphasis on choosing the best solutions and partners to enable it to fulfil its commitment to its pupils and parents.

Why VSware?

We asked the school why they chose VSware

Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh decided to change it's Management Information System (MIS) provider in March 2014. They had grown impatient with the restrictive and needlessly complex option that had been in use in the school since opening in 2006. The staff had spent a considerable amount of time researching all MIS providers operating in Ireland and finally chose VSware:

'Opting for VSware became an easy choice when we saw all of the feature-rich functionality of the system, and the infectious desire of the VSware team to continually improve how the system can save school leaders' time, while also providing compelling feedback on pupil attainment, pupil attendance and teacher data.'

Start Attendance Date

25/07/2016

End Attendance Date

29/07/2016

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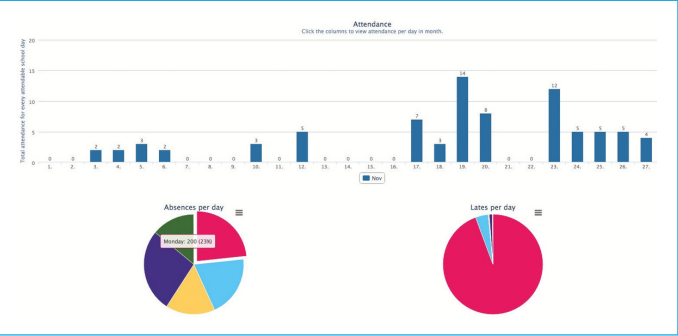
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| <div></div> <div>Luke Butterly (6D)</div> | ✓ | SCH | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <div></div> <div>Faye Caffrey (6D)</div> | ✓ | ✓ | SCH | ✓ | SCH |
| <div></div> <div>Karen Crosby (6D)</div> | SUS | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| <div></div> <div>Sophia Dempsey (6D)</div> | ✓ | URG | SUS | ✓ | SUS |
| <div></div> <div>Ryan DOOLAN (6D)</div> | ABS | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <div></div> <div>Jordan Dunne (6D)</div> | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ABS | ✓ |
| <div></div> <div>Amber Harford (6D)</div> | URG | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| <div></div> <div>Bernard Kristoff Kean (6D)</div> | ✓ | SCH | ABS | ✓ | ✓ |
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Teacher engagement

The principal was astounded with an adoption rate of 100% amongst staff to record attendance on the system for every single class period. This was not the case with the previous system used in the school, as it took far too long to take the roll. He explained: 'teacher training in the daily use of VSware was completely hassle-free. The entire staff embraced VSware because of it's very intuitive and unrivalled layout and functionality. Staff immediately understood the potential of the system and loved it's ease of use throughout'.

Flexible reporting



The principal believes that the ultimate benefit of using VSware is the amount of data school management can view in the Dashboard, which provides vital snapshots of the school's activity which school leaders can scan through during the day, whether in school or at a meeting outside of school. He commented:

'one of my favourite attributes of VSware is being able to totally customise your report templates in Word format and include all of the data that the school wishes to share with parents through reports. For years, I grew increasingly frustrated and impatient with how our school's reports were being generated. VSware's approach to empowering school management to create beautiful and highly functional reports is truly admirable and meritorious.'

Administration staff adoption

VSware provides considerable savings in time, both in terms of not having to seek training in using the system, but also in how fast reports, lists and other data requests can be processed and manipulated.

'Our Admin staff would never consider going back to the system we used in the past'

One such example is VSware's excellent class list management 'drag and drop' functionality. This enables schools to move pupils between class-groups quickly and efficiently for the teachers class lists, while also automatically updating the pupil's timetable and teacher list.

Real-time data

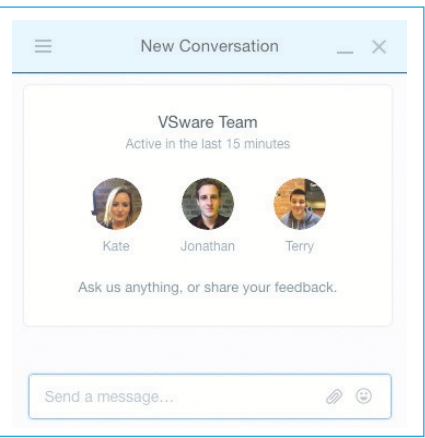
Simply searching for a teacher or pupil privies instant information about their location, next class, subject etc. As schools are such busy environments in today's world, being able to look up such data as quickly as possible is essential in order to ensure that staff are freed up to concentrate on other very important elements of school. The staff in Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh 'constantly refer to how much more efficient VSware is in providing real-time data to teachers, school Admin staff and school management' according to the principal.

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| Darren Bolland (E) | Anna Beatty (C) | Kacey Beatty (D) | Hannah Bolland (5N02) | Olisín Beatty (5N0312) |
| Michael Butterly (E) | R.J. Jenro Beatty (C) | Lucas Bissett (D) | Fionn Carrick (B) | Lionel Baffeur Carrick |
| Shane Carrick (E) | Cillian Bissett (E) | Taylor Bolland (F) | Holly Colgan (B) | Shaun Carrick (C) |
| Alishba Carrick (E) | Samuel Bissett (C) | Chiboy Butterly (D) | Katie Doyle (B) | Matthew Cullen (5N03) |
| Emma Casey (B) | Erin Bissett (5N03123) | Andzelo Byrne (D) | Conor Farrell (B) | Iminú Jones (5N0312) |
| Sean Casey (E) | Luke Boardman (B) | Shane Byrne (E) | Adam Farrell (C) | Stephie Jones (C) |
| Isaac Coleman (E) | Mileaha Butterly (5N03) | Abby Casey (D) | Killian Farrell (B) | John Bosco Keogh (5N03) |
| Melysa Cullen (B) | Leah Butterly (5N031) | Jordan Coleman (D) | Clara Farrell (B) | Modesola Keogh (C) |
| Chloe Cullen (B) | Runak Byrne (B) | Katie Colgan (E) | Mikaela Finnerty (C) | Kennedy Kelechi Leo |
| Ryan James Cullen (B) | James Casey (B) | Jack Farrell (D) | Kyle Harford (5N0312) | James Leonard (5N03) |
| Jack Cullen (B) | Trevor Casey (B) | Alisha Finnerty (D) | Tyler Harford (A) | Leah Leonard (5N031) |
| Donald Doyle (E) | Aleena Elsa Colgan (E) | Jakub Jones (D) | Alexandria Harford (A) | Ben Leonard (C) |
| Jessica Doyle (E) | Dmytro Doyle (B) | Kristyan Jones (D) | Jason Henry (A) | Nicole Leonard-Scully |
| Jason Leonard (B) | Sophie Doyle (B) | Daria Maria Leonard (D) | Katie Leonard-Scully | Leah McGann (C) |

Parental communication

Parents love the layout and configuration of VSware and Gaelcholáiste Luimnigh is delighted with the feedback it gets from parents and guardians about the features. In particular they are especially pleased that parents and guardians can access their student's data outside of office hours from a PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone.

Excellent support



The school has also noted that they do not need to contact support half as much as was the case with the school's previous MIS provider, but when they do, VSware support is always focused on getting the best solution to the query in a quick and efficient manner.

'I'm continually impressed with ideas and suggestions that are taken on-board by VSware to improve the functionality of the system. I really value a company that listens to how enhancements can benefit the provider and the school's needs'

Cloud-based timetabling

The school has used several timetabling package since 2002 and advocates strongly that: 'VSware's new on-line timetabling system is unrivalled in its simplicity of use, how streamlined it appears and how fast it functions.'

The principal explained: 'I have saved considerably on the amount of time spent generating timetables for our school. No other system allows me 'anywhere access, at anytime'. Timetablers always get good ideas and solutions to scheduling when they are away from the school office, and using VSware anywhere and anytime on any device, means that I can simulate various ideas and solutions to maximise the potential of our service to pupils in our school'.

