



St Dunstan's adopts eCalendar

New product launched by VLE Support

4 November 2008: VLE Support is announcing today the launch of eCalendar which takes the pain out of creating and maintaining the school diary, ensuring it is always up-to-date and readily accessible by parents, staff and students. eCalendar has been implemented at St Dunstan's College in Catford, an independent school for 3 to 18 year olds.

eCalendar enables schools to keep an online calendar which authorised personnel can amend or update at any time. If a change is made to the calendar, then the event organiser can quickly and easily send out an email to inform the relevant people. Equally, reminders can be sent to these people at timely intervals.

eCalendar also enables authorised personnel to book out facilities such as rooms, the school minibus, projectors, etc. They can also analyse the use of a particular resource by week, month, term or year so making resources allocation more efficient and avoiding double booking or diary clashes.

Colonel Norrie Wallace, Bursar at St Dunstan's College, commented: "We are a busy school with lots going on all the time and so the school calendar is invariably a challenge to produce and maintain. We are delighted with eCalendar and look forward to it going live after half term. I think everyone at the school will benefit from being better informed. It will certainly help with the smooth running of the school, making the process far more efficient and effective."

Mark Trinick, Managing Director of VLE Support, commented: "eCalendar complements our existing portfolio of products, including our highly successful ILP software, eTracker. It is another tool to help schools communicate better, ease the administrative burden and build on the parent-teacher-pupil relationship."

Another function of eCalendar enables users to publish certain diary fixtures in a calendar on the school's website. At St Dunstan's College, for example, this might include annual events such as Commemoration Day and Prize Giving, as well as public information such the use of its Great Hall for weddings.

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Notes to editors:

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