

Secondary ITCO Meeting

17th June 2008

Mike Woods talked about:

School Bulletin – search engine is available on Bucksgef.

Bucks Learning Portal (BLP), SharePoint based – should be running next year, will be paid for by county as part of Bucksgef with no increase in charges, will be way into Moodle, SIMS and e-portfolio. Rights for users can be set. By 2010 – data on achievement, attendance behaviour and SEN needs to be available to parents online, so will need to be in SIMS to be available to parents. County will employ SharePoint designer to produce what schools need. Schools will also have a shared calendar for staff.

E-portfolio – Honeycomb to be used by primary schools for e-portfolio, secondary will use Mahara as it is more structured.

BLP will be implemented with full fail over capability with two data centres at different sites for storing pupil work with full backups.

Parent passwords have to be physically given to parents. System will produce these passwords.

BLP – schools can volunteer in Autumn term to take part in pilot.

Bucksgef VLE – is now actively supporting diploma consortia, sharing resources provided by teachers.

All Gigajam courses are now available to all schools in Bucks. The courses can also be accessed from home.

Functional Skills – Andrew Dumas gave out some information about Functional Skills and the support for diploma centres next year. Two training sessions will be run in Spring term and there will be in-school support for centres. 15 schools will be new centres this year.

Centres are advised to register with an exam board to get information from them about the FS assessment. Assessment has to be task based, applying the FS. However, each board will be assessing in different ways.

Just a Minute Video Competition – open to all pupils. Create a video (<1 minute) and upload to Bucksgef by end of term. To be judged in September. Prizes will be given out on 1st Oct at E-Learning Conference.

E-Learning “Un-Conference” – 1st Oct, at BTLC – short 7 minute (or 2 minute) presentations – NO Powerpoint! Half day supply costs (£75) will be paid to schools that send a delegate.

New ICT Coordinators’ meeting, starting with lunch at Chartridge Conference Centre on 7th November, free.

New ICT teachers course, 24th September, at BTLC, free.

Mandeville School run training sessions on Microsoft software if any staff require it. Contact Hilary Walker or Matt Gunn.

Next Meeting – 6th October, BTLC 4pm to 6.00pm