

FETTES COLLEGE

Case study



Fettes College

Fettes College is based in Edinburgh, with around 670 students aged from 7 to 18 years old. Founded in 1870 and listing James Bond among its alumni, Fettes believe in the all-round education of the child, striving to deliver exceptional teaching within an environment that is constantly encouraging students to broaden their horizons.



What challenges were they facing?

Fettes existing learning platform was extremely unpopular with staff and students; it was generally slow and cumbersome to update, required a fair amount of tech proficiency to use, and students found it complex and inflexible.

Fettes believes in empowering students to shape their own learning journey. Teachers are encouraged to innovate in the classroom, so lesson plans are not fixed, and homework is not a predetermined set of assignments. Fettes needed to make a change that would support their strategic aim of freeing teachers to have the greatest impact on the learning experience.



Why did they choose Firefly?

From their first introduction to Firefly, the project team at Fettes knew it would be popular with staff and pupils. Firefly was flexible enough to accommodate the unique structure, operations, and pedagogical requirements of the school, and could be customised to the school's brand, magnifying the strength of their values and culture. Crucially, Firefly also worked seamlessly with the systems and devices they were already using which was hugely important in Fettes' BYOD environment. Finally, in line with Fettes' underlying ethos, they saw how Firefly could liberate teachers to guide and continuously adapt the learning journey, curating content from multiple publishers and sources.

"The positive enthusiasm for Firefly from all groups in the school is tremendous."

Yvonne Mitchell,
Director of Digital Strategy Fettes College, UK



How did they find rolling out Firefly to the whole school?

The leadership team at Fettes were surprised by just how easy the implementation process was. Working with Firefly, staff and pupils led the direction in which their platform grew so that they were able to enjoy its benefits from day one, before extending their use even further over time. In the first 7 months, teachers created nearly 4,500 pages, which were viewed over 3.2 million times.

Fettes feel that Firefly's support team are second to none, providing wrap around guidance and support to classroom teachers and IT staff, whilst pupils have commented that they have never been so on top of prep, school notices and changes to events.

"Firefly is immensely useful for keeping track of prep and timetables in the day to day bustle of busy school life."

Student

What has been the outcome?

Fettes has found that Firefly fosters teacher collaboration for resource sharing, best practice, and continuously improving the quality of learning; teachers and students are able to create and share rich resources, creating the ideal conditions for the flipped classroom. Staff were empowered to deliver differentiated learning without adding complexity, helping every child achieve their personal best.

What has really stood out for Fettes however, was the way in which Firefly allowed the learning experience to transcend traditional classroom boundaries. Easy to use and accessible anytime, anywhere. Firefly has transformed the homework experience for staff and students, with teachers able to constantly update and redefine activities to be relevant to a given group at anytime. The impact of this was immediate, reflected in an 8.7% increase in average grades across all year groups in the first term of use.

“Firefly is really helpful for organisation as it allows me to structure my work with deadlines in place and I can see my timetable. The best thing about it is having it on my phone.”

Student



Statistics



996,541 across
61,321 visits
Site visits
per month



100%
Staff
engagement



100%
Student
engagement

“For me, **Firefly is a great** way of keeping on track of my workload in what is such a busy environment.”

Student

“**Very useful!** Helps me keep on top of my tasks, plan when prep needs to be done and schedule when to do it.”

Student

“Firefly is extremely efficient and is flawlessly fast. It **helps me a lot** in school time to stay organised.”

Student





Powering the Modern
Learning Experience