

With the construction of modern new facilities in August 2003, the administration of Gracemount High School decided that only a SANAKO Lab 100 language teaching system (formerly Elice) could advance the goal of improved language studies performance by students.

GRACEMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL

- Located in southern Edinburgh
- Student population of 500 pupils, from the first to the sixth year
- Students of mixed social backgrounds
- Languages offered: French, German, Italian

THE SANAKO SOLUTION

- SANAKO Lab 100 (Elice) - the affordable digital language lab
- Servicing three classrooms with one moveable master trolley
- PALE system
- Digital audio files offer new teaching possibilities

Customer Overview

Gracemount High School is located in the southern part of Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh, and is home to nearly 500 students. The school takes students through from their first to sixth year of secondary education, and operates in a community that is socially diverse.

Improving Language Skills

With the opening of new facilities that would accommodate the school's three language learning classrooms, the language teaching department wanted to ensure that the technology investment would advance their goal of improving students' language skills. The school's Head Teacher also wanted to invest in a system that would be appropriate for teachers with different teaching backgrounds and experiences. They contacted Sanako's local partner in Scotland, Educational Services

Scotland and found that the digital SANAKO Lab 100 would be the ideal solution for them.

Learning for All

The language teachers at Gracemount High School are still developing a relationship with their Sanako Lab 100, and are enjoying the process. Working with digital audio files rather than cassette tapes gives them so many new possibilities. According to Principal Teacher of the school's Modern Languages Department, Kevin Ryalls, the system looks good, and has the added advantage of serving three language teaching classrooms with one portable master station mounted on a trolley for easy deployment in any of the labs. The teacher controls the lesson from the teacher PC and each student is equipped with an easy to operate user audio panel and headset. The student user audio panels are plugged into the walls around the classrooms providing the school with typical PALE layouts.



SANAKO Lab 100 can be installed as a PALE system.



Students have fun while learning.



TECHNOLOGY APPEAL

- Many teaching features to experiment with
- Students get fully involved in learning
- The technology appeals to students
- Offers students more independence than traditional teaching methods
- One flexible system services three teaching locations

Clear Technology Benefits

For Kevin Ryalls there is an obvious technology benefit involved in using the Sanako Lab 100. The teachers are now getting to know the wide range of functions this digital system offers, while the students, who are more familiar with technology, are taking great pleasure using the modern language learning tools.



SANAKO Lab 100 Software



User Audio Panel

Independent Learning

According to Mr. Ryalls, there is no doubt that the Sanako Lab 100 has been a good investment for teachers and students at Gracemount High School. "The students are very enthusiastic about the technology," he explained. "They have fun speaking to each other, recording their conversations, and getting involved in the other activities this lab offers." Mr. Ryalls added that these traditional learning activities, provided in a modern vehicle have given the students much more independence in their learning, in a manner that is appealing to them. "This means they don't only listen to the teacher, there are many activities they can engage in, and for them it is fun, because there is a lot to play with while they learn." The language teacher said the installation of the new PALE system in the new building with its modern facilities has also helped raised the profile of the school in Edinburgh.

For more information about Gracemount High School, visit their website at: www.gracemount.edin.sch.uk

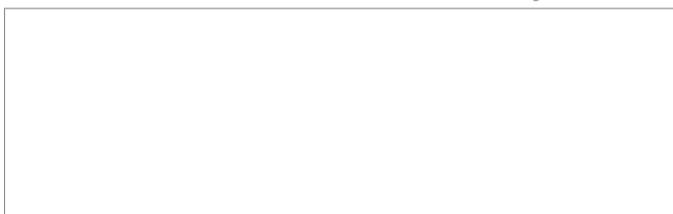
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