

About: Soar Valley College

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Soar Valley College is a stimulating, caring 11 -16 community, comprehensive college with 1215 pupils on the roll. The school has a specialism in math's and computing and has been designed to maximise its links with the community while delivering state of the art educations facilities with sufficient flexibility to keep pace with the needs of modern education. The new school opened in June 2009.

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The ICT infrastructure and facilities will excite and motivate learners of all abilities and make the concept of 'anytime, anywhere learning' a reality; it will also support efficient and effective models of working helping to reduce bureaucracy.

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Mel Berry,
Principal at Soar Valley College

Anytime Anywhere learning

Each student now has access to an online Managed Learning Environment (MLE) called N-able designed by Northgate. N-able provides students with their own personalised learning area with the support and assistance they need to maximise independent study and to progress according to their own individual learning plan. Accessible through the internet from any location, the MLE gives each student their own online space to work on assignments, store work and access emails, enabling them to communicate with teachers and fellow students. Each teacher has a digital tool box to enable them to continually assess pupils' work and offer as much or little guidance as they need. N-able also allows the school to incorporate administrative systems such as pupil access and registration, as well as pupil achievements such as exam and homework marks.

The implementation of a Managed Learning Environment allows students and teachers to share and store work and resources that can be securely accessed anywhere and anytime. N-able is part of a wider ICT managed service provided for both schools by Northgate. Ever mindful of school budgetary constraints, Northgate has also looked at efficient ways to reduce the cost of ICT in both schools and so provides a centrally managed printing solution which limits the amount of printers and paper used. Accessed by identity cards this enables the schools to help control paper wastage, maintaining a 'green' school environment.