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“Outstanding” Chichester College chooses Black Box for their communications infrastructure

BACKGROUND

Rated as “Outstanding” by Ofsted, Chichester College is a major centre for a wide range of academic, commercial, scientific, technical, recreational and adult education courses. Opened in 1964, the college is set over two main campuses in Chichester and Brinsbury, as well as having three separate training centres in Bognor Regis, Littlehampton and Worthing. More than 15,000 students are enrolled at the college.

CHALLENGE

To facilitate the many academic and vocational courses available, Chichester College has an array of building types; from offices and classrooms, to garages, workshops, nurseries, cafes, stables and also a life size plane for training purposes. Buildings are of various sizes and ages, each presenting their own challenges for networking and infrastructure.

With a team of twelve IT staff and responsible for managing tens of thousands of network outlets over the vast campus, the college needed a trusted and experienced networking company they could rely on, so they turned to Black Box.

SOLUTION

The relationship between the College and Black Box Network Services now spans more than 10 years. The success is down to understanding the IT team’s specific requirements, offering solutions that work for the college and working in partnership.

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Adrian Gates,
Infrastructure Engineer,
Chichester College



CLIENT:
CHICHESTER COLLEGE

REGION:
UNITED KINGDOM

WEBSITE:
WWW.CHICHESTER.AC.UK

INDUSTRY:
HIGHER EDUCATION

SOLUTION:
INSTALLATION AND
COMMISSIONING OF WIRED
& WIRELESS NETWORKS





SOLUTION (CONTINUED)

Projects have included:

- copper and fibre cabling internally throughout the whole campus
- new builds such as teaching Block G which covers four floors, the IT Centre and Data Centre Block E and the new Halls of Residence, a shared facility with Chichester University
- a fibre backbone ring linking every college block back to the server room
- all multicore voice cabling throughout the campuses
- Wi-Fi line-of-sight laser links connecting remote buildings separated by railway tracks
- Wi-Fi infrastructure cabling to every ceiling in every room of the college for a new WLAN.

TRUSTED RELATIONSHIP

Commenting on the service provided, IT Manager Adrian Gates says "Black Box is the college's preferred supplier for all of our networking needs. We have a long and trusted relationship with the Black Box engineers and project managers. Their team knows our site, they work to a consistently high standard and they will pull out all the stops to get the work done within required time scales, be that a single outlet or the complete network of a new building block. Black Box is on site with us every holiday time carrying out larger projects, as well as managing all the moves, adds and changes during term time."

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