

The Alpha Meridian College

The Alpha Meridian College in Greenwich, London provides further and higher education for British and international adults. In accordance with the UK Border Agency Regulation, the college is required to track international students' visa and passport details.



The Challenge

The Senior Leadership Team was in search of a multi-purpose solution that helped to monitor important data as per the UK Border Agency's requirements, as well as one that helped to improve the management of the college's pupil database and to produce better reports more efficiently.

The college requires quick and easy access to important pupil data. Teacher data entry and data viewing was a big bonus that was not initially expected.

The last requirement was for an effective and very flexible timetabling software package. The college had difficulty when conducting initial research as most timetabling solutions were geared towards school and not college requirements.

The Decision

Colleges are all too aware what a rarity it is to find a good yet flexible timetabling solution suitable for a higher education institution. Having analysed the various options available, the only company that offered a solid Management Information System (MIS) and were prepared to create a facility to track pupil passport data was Bromcom. It is a rarity to find a good and flexible timetabling package suitable for a higher education institution, this was compulsory. e-Timetable fits the bill exactly.

Being a higher education organization, courses need to be less rigid than schools and Bromcom was able to accommodate this.

The Bromcom MIS offers access anywhere with no need for client installation. This is because it is a browser based solution which makes implementations and upgrades quick and simple.

A Wide Range of Pupil Data

Thanks to Multi-Year Reporting, pupil details such as visas, attendance and grades can be tracked over a number of years. This makes retrieving such important data quick and easy. Reports can be produced at the click of a button hence dramatically reducing the burden on administrative staff and giving them time to deal with more important college matters.

Efficient Reporting

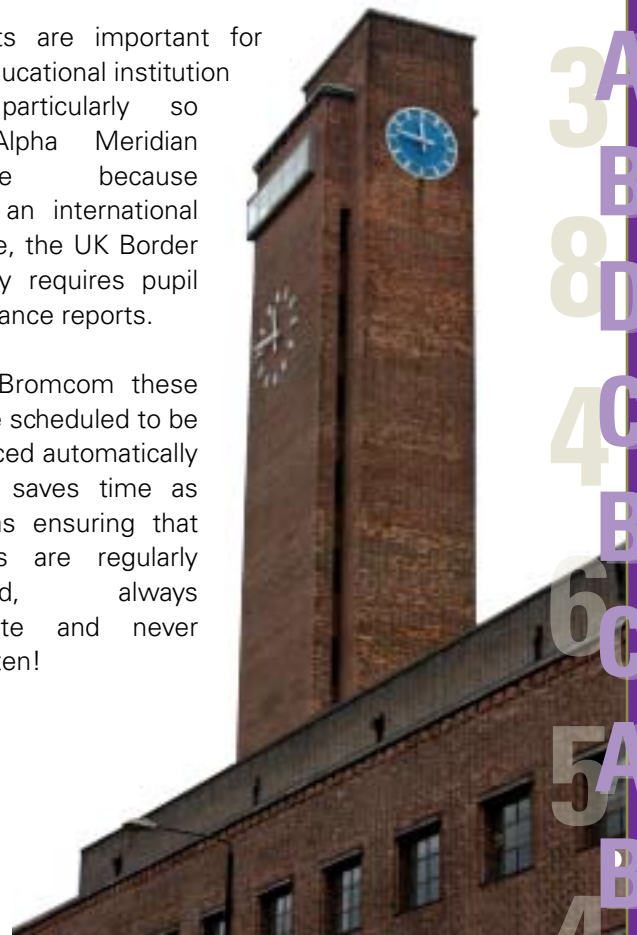
Reports are important for any educational institution but particularly so for Alpha Meridian College because being an international college, the UK Border Agency requires pupil attendance reports.

With Bromcom these can be scheduled to be produced automatically which saves time as well as ensuring that reports are regularly created, always accurate and never forgotten!



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The Bromcom Uniqueness

- The Bromcom MIS is a web-based application which means that it can be accessed via internet or intranet using a standard web browser.
- The architecture is scalable for different sized institutions without compromising response time. The number of servers and platform software required depends on the institution's structure; for small schools a single server may suffice.
- The MIS framework design is such that minimal training is required as the software structure and interface design is common across all the different modules, providing the user with a familiar look and consistent behaviour. There is no need to have a background in IT to use the software as it is so intuitive to use.
- The Bromcom MIS provides accurate student tracking and reporting using the central .NET enabled SQL server – all parties requiring important pupil data such as the Senior Leadership Team or Education Welfare Officer can access it whenever they want.
- Reduced hardware requirements as fewer servers are required for maximum performance hence reducing expenditure on the investment.
- No extra network hardware is needed due to efficient utilization of the network capacity.
- Greater empowerment for staff; giving them the authority to access information about their classes and pupils rather than having to ask Administrative staff.
- Bromcom is all too aware of the sensitive nature of pupil data; hence the Senior Leadership Team can be sure that only authorized personnel can access pupil data.

The Conclusion

Alpha Meridian College is very happy with their decision to move to the Bromcom system and would recommend it to all colleges.

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