



DMS NetFlow takes care of routine administration



for Bishop's Stortford College.



Founded in 1868, Bishop's Stortford College is now one of the top independent, co-educational schools in the country. As a day and boarding school for 4 to 18

year olds offering a flexible approach to boarding, the College can cater for the needs of different families and provide outstanding opportunities for each child within a family.

DMS - A Committed Supplier

The Bishop's Stortford College Network Manager Steve Bacon was familiar with most of the DMS team, their commitment to the education arena and their understanding of the real requirements of teachers and network technicians alike. "There is a comfort factor working with DMS," says Steve. "The team is definitely in tune with the situations we face and highly responsive to our needs."

Active Directory Accessible

The College looked around before going ahead with a new management system, despite their long standing relationship with members of the DMS team. Once Steve had examined the options, he came down on the side of DMS NetFlow. "One of the factors in deciding to go with DMS NetFlow", says Steve, "was that unlike other offerings we saw, which take over and lock out the Active Directory, NetFlow is a plug-in which leaves the AD accessible.

"We had a smooth rollout and support from DMS has been first class, what we have come to expect from previous dealings with Jim Prendergast and his team".

Intuitive Interface

DMS NetFlow has been designed with users in mind and presents a front end which Microsoft Windows users will feel more than at home with. "It's a nice interface" says Steve "It's well thought through and makes managing user properties, files and folders friendly and intuitive."

Routine Work Covered

"DMS NetFlow speeds up and simplifies so much of the day to day jobs says Steve Bacon, "All of our routine user and network management is done without us having to dig into Active Directory. In fact, we don't really think about what it's doing in its control of Active Directory, it just works, it's seamless. Routine jobs are just that, we can easily move batches of PCs, printers, students or staff. Moving users between groups and making sure policies are pointing to the right place is simple drag and drop – user management with DMS NetFlow is a dream."

Controlled Assessments

The tracking feature in DMS NetFlow enables the college to reinforce its coursework regulations. "For their coursework, or controlled assessments, pupils are only allowed to access resources on the network at certain times" says Steve. "DMS NetFlow tracks pupils' use so we can run reports to show if any students have accessed the network outside authorised times.

Nothing Like DMS NetFlow

Steve Bacon summarises his feelings about DMS NetFlow; "We have found nothing on the market like it. There seem to be more systems available these days but most don't have the same number of features as DMS NetFlow and many that do, make the Active Directory inaccessible. Most important, we have never come across software authors that are on the ball like the DMS NetFlow team. They are always listening and developing new features which are appropriate for our use."