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iPads@AUEA

AUEA is not only a state of the art building, but also a state of the art IT and eLearning facility. Part of this is the provision to allow students to use their own personal learning devices within the Academy, which research has shown improves student outcomes, engagement and learning opportunities for students.

WHY IPADS?

When the iPad came along it not only revolutionised the computer market, but also the way that learning can work in schools. With easy web access, learning, and revision specific apps, plus integration into schools tracking and information systems, the iPad is an ideal learning device.

At AUEA students will be able to; track their academic and learning progress; access their My Learning Space, email, and timetable; as well as receive and complete their independent study. AUEA also is equipped with a state of the art media system which also will allow students to access learning videos and resources through their iPad.

BIRMINGHAM eLEARNING FOUNDATION

For over 10 years BELF have been working in partnership with schools, parents and sponsors so that ALL pupils have access to learning technologies both at home and at school regardless of their background. The result is over 35,000 personal learning devices to pupils in over 45 schools in Birmingham.

AUEA in partnership with BELF are excited to announce the proposal of an innovative iPad scheme for all students at AUEA. For details on other Birmingham projects please see:
<http://www.belf.org.uk/ipad-launch/>

HOW IT WORKS?

If parents /carers sign up for the scheme, your child will be equipped with an iPad for use at home and at AUEA. Parents then make a monthly donation to the eLearning foundation over two years.

The cost benefit to parents and students is that you get access to our educational rates for iPads, which normally retail at £350-£400 and also are able to spread donations over two years.

The table below shows our proposed monthly donation.

Proposed donation £14 per Month	If all parents/students are able to donate the £14 per month (£2.80per week) – the scheme will be completely cost neutral.
£12/10 per Month	If parents/students donate £12/£10 per month (£2.40/£2 per week) the scheme will run at a loss. This will mean that AUEA will have to subsidise the scheme, which means that this will reduce resources for your child at AUEA.

BELF
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We help establish successful and sustainable programmes through:

- o Independent advice, information and support, backed by a wide range of support materials, templates, etc.
- o Ensuring schemes fit into the sustainable donation/grant loop; handling the collection of parental donations through our Donorflex system; handling parents’ financial queries; and helping schools assess whether outright purchase or leasing or is best for them. We help build the funding case for the 1:1 schemes from the mix of available funding streams – including where appropriate, a degree of school funds like Pupil Premium.

Last year, all of this came together at AUEA – Aston University Engineering Academy. We now have a showcase where a large number of iPads were leased by the school to provide whole-school 1:1 student provision, and the parental donations that we receive from a large group of supportive parents effectively provide the funding to meet the leasing payments. More important than the financial balance though is the presence of a group of motivated 14-19 students impressively demonstrating the potential of a 1:1 scheme on a daily basis. Our message to other secondary schools is that this success is scalable and replicable.



BELF A conference feed..... Staff and Pupils at Aston University Engineering Academy took us through their top 10 Apps voted for by students. All students have an iPad and they have a great system for identifying when and where they can use these - Green, Amber and Red zones mark out areas that are 'go' or 'no-go' for iPads. A tip worth picking up in other schools!



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x2 people

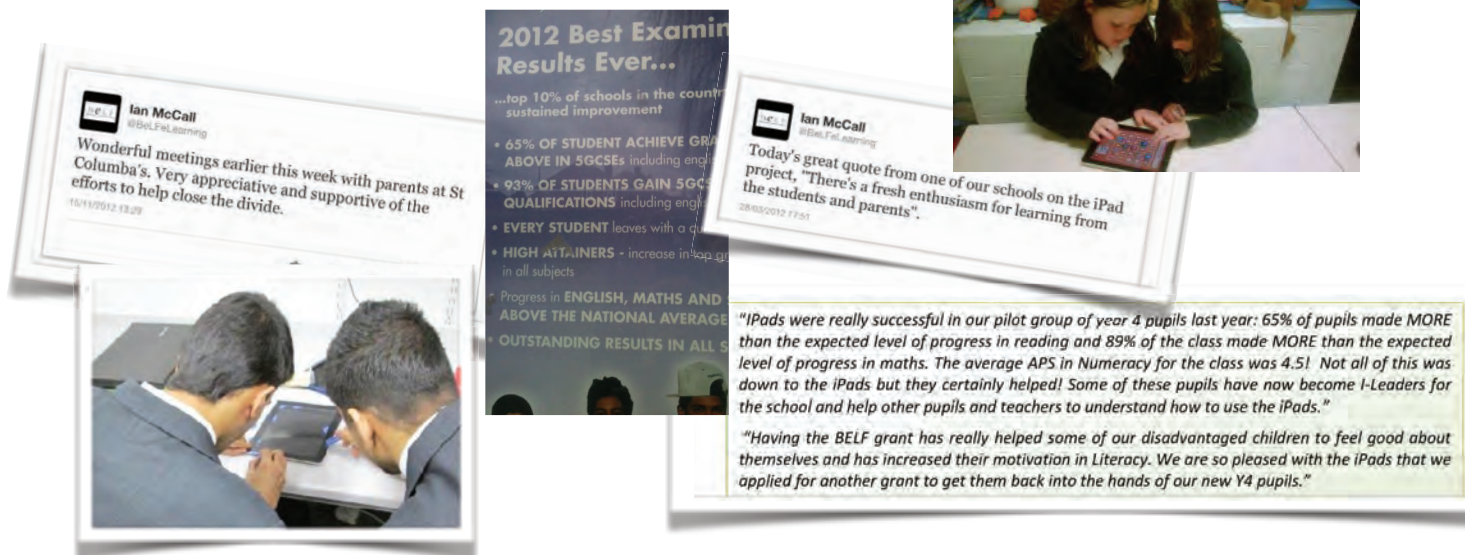
What we do in schools.



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- BeLF provides schools with a proven scheme that combines parental contributions, school resources and device providers' expertise
- School purchases devices VATfree and creates the technical and learning environment
- All children get 'latest' device, connectivity and educational content in an inclusive programme
- BeLF processes voluntary parental contributions, collects gift aid and grants funds to pay back the investment
- Parents get involved with school and with digital, get access to device, support, and their children's learning
- Schools get digitally enabled pupils, subsidised equipment and support, and higher achievement

Most importantly, we have established a community of stakeholders willing to share their expertise and experience, including; vendors with access to the latest ideas and technology; schools who have achieved real success that they are able to demonstrate; researchers who have documented and measured the gains; and thousands of students using IT productively and creatively on a daily basis - driving up the standards of education in our schools.



2012 Best Exam Results Ever...
...top 10% of schools in the country sustained improvement



- 65% OF STUDENT ACHIEVE GRADES ABOVE IN 5GCSEs including english
- 93% OF STUDENTS GAIN 5GCSE QUALIFICATIONS including english
- EVERY STUDENT leaves with a qualification
- HIGH ATTAINERS - increase in top grades in all subjects
- Progress in ENGLISH, MATHS AND ABOVE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE
- OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN ALL SUBJECTS

Wonderful meetings earlier this week with parents at St Columba's. Very appreciative and supportive of the efforts to help close the divide.
16/11/2012 13:29

Today's great quote from one of our schools on the iPad project, "There's a fresh enthusiasm for learning from the students and parents".
28/03/2012 17:51

"iPads were really successful in our pilot group of year 4 pupils last year: 65% of pupils made MORE than the expected level of progress in reading and 89% of the class made MORE than the expected level of progress in maths. The average APS in Numeracy for the class was 4.5! Not all of this was down to the iPads but they certainly helped! Some of these pupils have now become I-Leaders for the school and help other pupils and teachers to understand how to use the iPads."

"Having the BELF grant has really helped some of our disadvantaged children to feel good about themselves and has increased their motivation in Literacy. We are so pleased with the iPads that we applied for another grant to get them back into the hands of our new Y4 pupils."



If your school is interested in working with us to give your pupils the personal devices they need to enhance their educational attainment, please contact us via ian@belf.org.uk or through our website at; www.belf.org.uk

Since 2001, the Birmingham e-Learning Foundation has worked tirelessly with Birmingham's schools to enhance pupils' educational attainment. Its focus has been to help provide computers, netbooks and now the very latest iPads as well as home broadband connectivity. To date over 36,000 pupils in over 50 schools in Birmingham have been supported through various programmes. BeLF is dedicated to working with schools, parents and other partners in providing personal learning devices for ALL pupils in Birmingham. Having their own personal learning device to support their classwork motivates and raises pupils' aspirations no matter what their circumstances.