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Energy-Efficient DELL Desktops at Esher College

Teddington, Middlesex – With 1,600 full-time and 1,000 part-time students to support and provide for, Esher College's IT requires versatile mainstream desktop computing and robust systems management in order to cope with the high demand from end-users. When the need for a desktop refresh of 170 units arose, the college's IT Management asked Jcom to provide a product in line with the institution's environmental sustainability policy. The objective was to find a power-saving solution able to fit in with the college's existing computing environment.

Due to its energy-efficient technology, Jcom recommended the deployment of DELL OptiPlex™ 780. These desktops were designed to offer a small footprint with shrunken chassis but wide-ranging options, making the product one of the world's smallest fully functional commercial desktop PCs. The product has an integrated power supply and Intel vPro technology, which enabled the college to manage the system remotely. The OptiPlex 780™ is also Energy Star 5.0 and EPEAT Gold qualified, offering a power supply that's 88% efficient, dramatically minimising power consumption.

The Intel vPro technology was another benefit that reduced the need for software-related desk side visits. It allowed IT staff access the desktops even when the machines were turned off. With their platform designed to be universally standard, the solution also made it easier for the college's administrators to resolve future issues and order replacement parts locally, if required, saving precious time. On a demanding IT environment like the college's, the Dell OptiPlex™ 780 was the best fit to provide Esher College with a durable, stable and greener platform that also offered comprehensive security, control and management capabilities.

About Esher College

Esher College is a large sixth form college specialised in 16-19 education. The institution is one of the few colleges in the country to achieve 'Outstanding' in all areas of its last two full Ofsted inspections and was awarded Beacon Status in 2005. The full time provision covers a full range of A level, AS level and Applied A level syllabuses and a small number of GCSE subjects. All students take level 3 courses as part of their programme of study. Every student takes a diverse range of enrichment courses including Key Skills, AS Extension Studies, tutorial, the Extended Project, work experience, sport and drama and other additional studies courses. In 2009 over 90% of Esher College's students went on to Higher Education.

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