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## **Jcom appointed technology partner for Bracknell and Wokingham College Storage Consolidation & Disaster Recovery project**

Jcom UK Ltd has been appointed technology partner for Bracknell and Wokingham College Storage Consolidation & Disaster Recovery project. The College has around 12,000 part-time and full-time students enrolled every year and uses over 30 centres in Berkshire. Bracknell and Wokingham College also trains staff for nearly a thousand local businesses and works closely with local authorities on projects to benefit the community. This storage project is part of a £36 million venture for the redevelopment of the College's site and adjacent areas.

As the College's brand new teaching and administrative premises are to be completed by the end of June 2009, their IT management saw the opportunity to implement a data management solution that would incorporate more efficient ways to deal with the storage, access and recoverability of the college's growing data. Another requisite on this project was a suitable disaster recovery plan for their centres in Bracknell and Wokingham.

Jcom's proposition presented good return on investment and addressed key areas in the College's project for a new IT infrastructure. After carrying out a thorough capacity planning exercise analyzing the resource usage for each of the College's servers, Jcom recommended a server consolidation solution that included virtualisation, centralized storage and disaster recovery using VMware ESX, HP Blades and Compellent Storage Systems. The combination of these technologies will allow the College to take advantage of central data management, increase security, lower management costs and benefit from a reliable disaster recovery plan.

### **About Bracknell & Wokingham College:**

Bracknell and Wokingham College is an institution with a 40 year presence in Berkshire. The College currently enrolls around 12,000 full-time and part-time students every year. Bracknell and Wokingham College has approximately 300 permanent teaching and business support staff and focuses on the educational and training needs of all their students with ages between 14 and 19, as well as a substantial number of courses for adults. The College has an outstanding reputation with local businesses and has two Centres of Excellence for Care and Early Years.

### **About Jcom UK Ltd:**

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