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# A seamless learning journey with Hopwood Hall College & University Centre

Hopwood Hall College offer a wide range of online courses to school leavers, adult learners, & employers, including apprenticeships.

Their aim is to raise aspirations by encouraging & enabling people of all ages.

With two campuses in Middleton & Rochdale, Hopwood Hall College aim to provide inspiring opportunities for all learners & make a positive impact across the business.

Hopwood Hall College & Virtual College by Netex have been working together to provide digital training for their staff & students since 2019.

## Challenges

Prior to working with Virtual College by Netex, students accessed Virtual College's online courses via the College's virtual learning environment (VLE).

Students would have to be physically present within the college to access the VLE, so the training wasn't available remotely. This was also the case for staff joining the company, having to wait to complete their induction training.

The College wanted to create a more seamless learning journey for their students & staff. They wanted to understand their learners more and how they could provide better training opportunities.

So, they began their search for an independent Learning Management System (LMS) that could house their online training and create a more positive learner journey. Alongside creating a better learning journey, they aimed to expand their community learning offering to attract more students to the College by offering a vast range of digital courses.

# How We Helped

# Learning Management System

To support their ambitious aims, Virtual College by Netex provided Hopwood Hall College with an LMS that houses Virtual College's digital courses as well as their own digital resources to support their community learning & staff training. The intuitive LMS has a built-in reporting function which Hopwood College find very useful.

The reporting function allowed them to track their learners progress whether for students or staff members. By using an API link, Hopwood College have been able to connect their HR System to the LMS to track the progress of staff members undertaking their induction training. The Content Creation tool within the LMS is another important feature for the college.

**Namaan Mohammed, Digital Learning Manager** tells us about a great example of how the content creation tool has helped them meet a short training deadline.

'We recently worked on a project where all staff members needed to be trained on the new JCQ examination rules within a short time frame. As a result, after creating the SCORM packages we decided that Virtual College's LMS was the best way to deploy the online training.

The content was uploaded into the LMS quickly & efficiently. We could immediately track the progress of completions. Being able to upload our own resources has been really helpful for us, the LMS is now our only system for staff training.'

Alongside the reporting & content creation tools within the LMS, the assessment & evaluation tool is also vital to Hopwood College's training programme to help their learners understand what they have learnt.
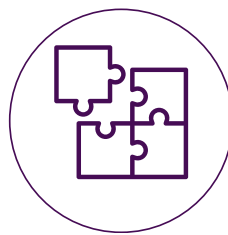
# Digital Training Courses

Virtual College provided Hopwood Hall College with an extensive library of online courses to be used by both their staff and students. The College found that Virtual College offered digital courses that matched their community learning vision & offered mandatory training topics for their staff

**Here are a few of the top courses the college's students and staff use**

Hopwood College's staff domain's top courses include:

**Microsoft Excel 2016**

**An introduction to the Autism Spectrum Training**

**E-Safety**

Hopwood College's student domain's top courses include:

**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022**

**Managing Your Professional Digital Profile**

**Get Moving, Get Healthy**

# The Results

Hopwood Hall College have a vision to grow the number of enrolled students significantly in 2024. By using Virtual College's LMS the number of trained students is rising and will continue to.

**2,600** active users in student domain

**850** active users in staff domain

# Here's What They Had to Say

'As an LMS it's brilliant. Very user friendly, simple and straight forward to setup'

'The platform is really easy to use and the support has been brilliant'

'Virtual College's LMS has been the best system we have seen compared to other LMS providers'

# Why Choose Virtual College by Netex?

At Virtual College, our purpose is simple; to change the shape of workplace training. All our training resources are built with one objective: to put your learners first.

This not only means designing engaging and interactive courses, it also means providing the highest-quality information at all times.

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