

St Paul's Catholic Church Case Study



Utilizing Daydream Education's Design & Technology Pocket Posters

Background

St Paul's Catholic College is a state-funded secondary school and sixth form College in Burgess Hill, West Sussex. Part of the Bosco Catholic Education Trust, St Paul's has over 1,100 students on roll and consistently achieves results at GCSE, BTEC and A level in the top 10% or above nationally.

The D&T department at St Paul's consists of 2 full time and 1 part-time teachers plus a part-time technician. It has 2 groups at GCSE, 42 students in total, all of whom have their own iPad.

Problem

Head of Design and Technology at St Paul's, Mrs Pound, wanted to find a cost-effective revision resource that ensured students of all abilities were receiving the right content in one place. Feedback from the students also indicated that they were finding too many textbooks intimidating, making it difficult to stay motivated and on top of all the reading material.

Solution

Mrs Pound provided Daydream's Pocket Poster Revision Guides to all GCSE students at the start of Year 10. Students would use them as accessible revision guides for formative and summative assessments and for further home learning.

Mrs Pound also used the Guides as part of classroom displays and lesson development to make learning more memorable.



Outcome

The Pocket Poster revision guides have had a positive impact on Mrs Pound and her students, particularly students who struggled with breaking down information into manageable chunks. The Guides have enabled the students to become more confident in their abilities, have a better understanding of the subject matter and make important gains in exams. With the help of Pocket Posters, 4-9 grades have reached a high of 84%.

"I'm so glad we decided to use Revision Guides at St Paul's. I am really impressed with the content, finish, and cost! They are such an engaging resource for students, we are a school that uses iPads for learning, but we found the students would actually read these guides without being asked.

As a parent of two students, both Y11 and Y8, I see the benefit of these guides with their strong images and revision cards – no heavy textbooks. Plus, I can help with home revision etc. it makes it sharp, I can help even whilst I am doing the cooking!

I will definitely be buying these for my children in other subjects and recommend to my teacher friends in other establishments not just because of the quality of the Guides but also as the contact with Daydream was extremely helpful and polite, quite refreshing when trying to order things in my opinion!"

Mrs S, Pound, Subject Leader for Design and Technology