

St. Brendan's 6th Form College in Bristol required a solution which could support the Modern Foreign Languages department in providing a flexible approach to learning. The College wanted to integrate resources with Moodle, their existing Virtual Learning Environment, and provide students with a motivating language learning environment which could be easily accessed anywhere on campus or at home. SANAKO Study 1200 was the obvious choice.

St. Brendan's 6th Form College

- Catholic Sixth Form College, with 1,600 students aged 16-19 years
- The only 6th form college in the Bristol and Bath area
- Offers a broad spectrum of courses and specialises in Modern Foreign Language

SANAKO Study 1200

- 20 concurrent user licenses across 2 computer suites
- Integration with Moodle, enabling teachers and students to access learning resources at school or at home
- Model imitation and reading practice drills for effective language learning

Enhancing the Learning Environment at St. Brendan's

Mr. Daniel Esteve, Curriculum Manager at St Brendan's Sixth Form College, has taught French, Spanish and ESOL for 16 years and is head of the Modern Foreign Language department. He wanted a flexible and future-proof multimedia language suite to provide students with an interactive language learning experience.

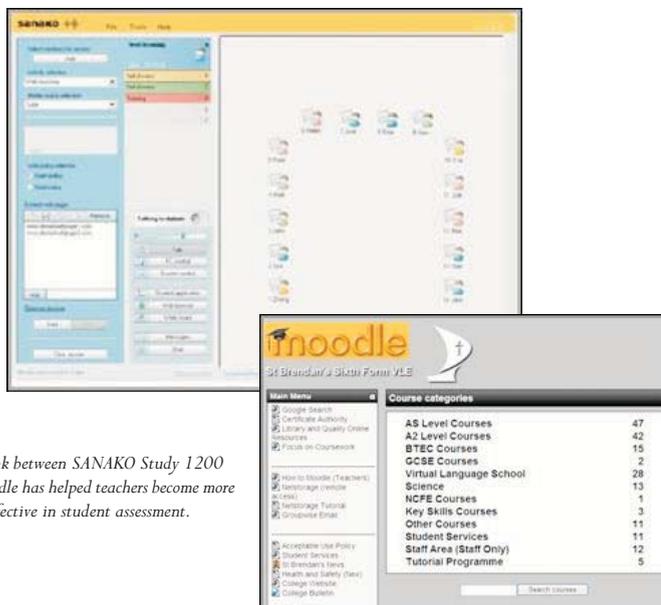
After reviewing alternative solutions the decision to buy SANAKO Study 1200 was made. "There were many options available but Study 1200 offers flexibility in that any IT room across the campus can be used by the MFL team, and fundamentally we are able to incorporate our existing materials and integrate the software to our VLE, Moodle," said Mr. Esteve.

Moodle and SANAKO Study 1200

Moodle is a free open source software solution which has allowed the MFL Department to improve the quality of teaching and learning. Student work can be uploaded, corrected by the teacher and returned to the students. "The bouncing back and forth process goes on until the task is done perfectly," explained the MFL head. These different versions with the corrections eventually form a real student profile. Mistakes are never forgotten and targets stay at the forefront of any task.

As student assignments are assessed, they can easily be linked to the effort mark also contained in Moodle. If the work is poor and the effort is poor, Moodle enables the teacher to quickly monitor how a specific student accesses resources. "We still teach, mark and assess but Moodle helps teachers to be ruthlessly effective in dealing with the needs of every single student. Every child does matter!"

"Study 1200 enables us to enhance our capabilities. In the first instance, we have linked Study 1200 with an internal language drive and through the software we have digitised and stored our audio tapes as easy to use MP3 files," explained Mr Esteve.



The link between SANAKO Study 1200 and Moodle has helped teachers become more effective in student assessment.



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Using Moodle's remote access facility, students can access these files quickly and easily. Study 1200 lets teachers treat oral work like written work, students record their presentations and the teacher adds his/her (oral) comments on the actual file. Students can then listen to their work with the teacher's words or focus purely on the teacher's comments. "We have now thrown away the tape players as it took me too long to find the right place on the tape anyway!" said the language teacher.

A Campus Wide Solution

Study 1200 is completely flexible and versatile. This software has revolutionised the use of computers across the campus. Students can only use the PC in the way which the teacher wants it to be used, and are not able to access games, music or mail when the teacher is not looking," he added.

If there are not enough PC's in the classroom, students can do the work from a PC elsewhere but they are still able to easily contact the teacher or ask for help via the messaging facility.

Students can also see on their screens what the teacher adds to the interactive whiteboard in another room. Another useful function is the ability for the teacher to collaborate and take over a student PC virtually if required, either individually or the whole class, whether or not the student is in the same room.

The combination of Moodle and SANAKO has allowed St. Brendan's to provide effective support to bilingual students who require a qualification in their own language.

As a result the MFL Curriculum Area is now able to provide support in Urdu, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Farsi.

The Future at St. Brendan's

St. Brendan's Sixth Form College recognises how Study 1200 has enhanced the way in which MFL lessons at the College are structured and delivered. "The key to student success is a clued-up teacher who plans lessons effectively, delivers lessons to all students regardless of ability and who monitors progress in real time to amend the planning stage," said Mr. Esteve.

SANAKO Study 1200 answers the real needs of teachers, allowing them to use resources more effectively and to spend more time in actual teaching rather than firefighting.

"When all students must take responsibility for their own learning, when motivation is key for students to succeed, the safety net in terms of support and extension provided by Moodle and Study 1200 is reassuring. The future of St Brendan's is therefore a future where the teachers and students are kings, where raising achievement is the number one priority and where the ICT finally takes its rightful place: working quietly in the background."

For more information on St. Brendan's Sixth Form College please visit www.stbrn.ac.uk

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