Christ the King College

Fleet of efficient ComColors provides cost-saving solutions for college

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IT Manager

The Client

The college has around 1,300 students and an ethos that is all about working together. That's no surprise because the school was formed in 2008, amalgamating a Church of England and a Roman Catholic school.

Staff, parents and governors put a great emphasis on the individual, and the development of each child. Success, in whatever form, is celebrated and youngsters are encouraged to have a feeling of self-worth and self-belief.

The Challenge

A school the size of Christ the King has many different print requirements, with different departments and different materials required.

Because of this, the school has a fleet of ComColors. Some are in classrooms, others in administration offices.

They replaced older copiers and bulky colour printers, which IT manager Stephen Wills says were "old, noisy, smelly and producing ozone".

The Solution

Christ the King College now has 12 ComColor printers. That's a lot of printing, but it's testament to RISO machines that the school can now fully harness the power of print.

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Head of Religious Education

The ComColors are reliable partly because they are hand-crafted, but also because there is no drum, no expensive and inefficient ink cartridges to replace, and, because they use a cold printing process, no heat is generated.

The low power requirements and lack of emissions (often associated with toner-based copiers) make printing using RISO printers a much "greener" process.

RISO's unique inkjet technology has stationary print heads. As the paper moves beneath the print heads the print heads lay down the individual colors that make up the four-colour print.

The fixed position of the print head results in the high printing speeds found in ComColor inkjet printers, and it also results in a longer life span for the equipment, benefiting users.

And in schools that print thousands of documents each month, like Christ the King College, printers have to be reliable and cost-effective.

And from an IT point of view, the ComColors are ideal, mainly because of their reliability.

Stephen Wills adds: "Our role in IT is to support and guide the people who use the school's technology infrastructure.

"We need machines, whatever they are, to be reliable and robust and keep on running so that there is no downtime or delay.
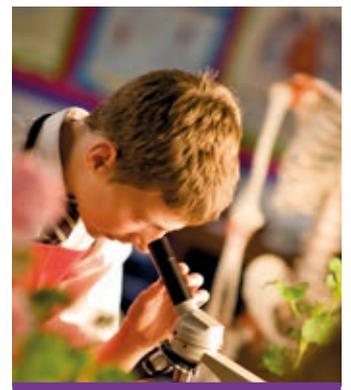
"We find that the ComColors are easy to use, with no problems and are very cost effective. Any issues that have arisen, our team can go and sort them without too much difficulty and without having to resort to calling RISO - although we know they are there if we need them. From a teacher's point of view, the RISO printers can be used in many ways, as Stuart Brenchley, Head of RE at Christ the King, will testify.

Teaching year groups 7 to 12, Mr Brenchley uses the RISO printers on a daily basis, and says that they save time and paper.

He said: "I use them on a daily basis in some shape or form. I like the settings in that you can set everything from your computer and then go to the RISO printer, swipe your card and it prints when you want them, saving time in lesson preparation. It's just a few clicks and saves valuable time for busy staff."

Mr Brenchley uses the RISO printers to print worksheets, letters to parents, and booklets. A feature he particularly likes is the ability to reduce pages from A4 to A5 so that he can print booklets - particularly useful for years 11 and 12 who have a lot of revision to do for their exams but it's also a feature that saves paper.

Christ the King College is one of hundreds of schools across the UK who are harnessing the power of print with RISO's unique solutions.