



Brompton Hall School



Brompton Hall is a North Yorkshire LA Residential Special School for up to 60 boys whose ages range between 8 and 16 and who have social, emotional and behavioural difficulties that have profoundly affected their academic performance and personal relationships. The staff seek to create a safe environment that allows pupils to come to terms with their problems and to change their behaviour, remove the barriers to their achievement and allow them to make full use of the educational resources available to them.

We asked Mark Mihkelson, Headteacher at Brompton Hall, why he decided to introduce ActivExpression into his school;

‘At the initial presentation, it became abundantly clear that the ActivExpression system would become an invaluable asset to our curriculum delivery. The facility allows teachers to display the pupil responses on the screen anonymously which is a tremendous advantage as it allows the less able and less confident pupils to make responses discreetly and this had immediate appeal. The system also provided us with a wealth of assessment material, providing an ongoing record of pupil progress through topics, highlighting areas of weakness and assisting with planning and individual target setting. It also provides a useful record of progress for cumulative and formative assessment and report compilation.’



The school have found that the pupils take a more dynamic and proactive part in lessons and affords them the opportunity of assuming greater levels of ownership and responsibility for their own learning.

‘Our pupils have responded extremely well to the system and after an initial period of ‘playing’, they very quickly accepted them as part of the everyday classroom equipment. The handsets are very easy to use and can be registered to individual pupils at the start of the lesson. All of our pupils enjoy using them and enjoy the variations to lessons that they provide, but the real advantage is that everyone in the class becomes engaged in the lesson and pupils who would normally need a great deal of encouragement to respond to a question, will quite happily respond via the handset. **The development in self confidence that this has generated is quite astounding.**’

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