



Laurence Jackson School, Guisborough

Laurence Jackson School opened in 1958 when it was known then as the New County Modern School in Guisborough.

Over the years, the school has developed a rich and distinguished tradition of delivering a top class education for the young people of Guisborough and surrounding area and has been awarded Specialist Sports status.



Recently, Laurence Jackson School was asked to conduct a trial of ActivExpression learner response systems on behalf of their City Learning Centre. Alison Gerrard – AST in Science - took on the challenge of becoming the ActivExpression champion in their school and using it in her classes:

“At the start of this academic year, I introduced ActivExpression to most of my year groups, using them to assess progress in lessons and whole topics. All groups have demonstrated a positive response to using the ActivExpression LRS.

As I became more confident, I introduced ActivExpression to all my teaching groups, including those with behaviour issues. I have found that lower ability groups have found using the handsets particularly rewarding. Students have said that using ActivExpression **“makes testing fun”** and that they ensure independent work. Students are noticeably more engaged in assessment activities when we use LRS in our lessons. I have also found that they have had a positive impact on general behaviour in the classroom.”



“I started to experiment with ActivExpression for Self-Paced learning. In Year 10, our students are required to complete multiple choice objectives tests and I developed some of our department test into self-paced learning questions. The students found this method of taking their test very useful and noticed that it increased engagement and enjoyment in the task.”

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