

## Carmel Technology College

- The Client** Carmel RC College, a Specialist Technology and Vocational College, is a mixed school providing education to 1,100 11-18 year olds of diverse ethnicity and academic ability. Consistently achieving good levels of attainment, in 2005, Carmel moved onto implement TALMOS from Core in order to spread good practice and enhance teachers' continuing professional development.
- The Need** Carmel initially required a system which would save teachers time on lesson planning and they needed the ability to share resources, creating a more joined up approach to teaching and learning. A system pre-populated with content was also appealing, encouraging use from day one.
- More recently their needs have been focussed on providing fast access to resources and communication tools, not only for teachers and students but also for parents and the wider community.
- The Solution** Carmel has a bespoke solution based around SharePoint with the TALMOS Lesson Management System integrated within the portal. Their communication portal enables single sign on access to all information required by a specific user. Teachers have read / write access to SIMS from home, they can also access their My Documents and any network shared drives from home. Students can access homework and lesson specific resources, they also have a range of communication tools available to them including wikis, blogs and forums. The Lesson Management System enables the teachers to plan and deliver lessons using their SIMS timetable, share lesson resources, collaborate with colleagues, generate schemes of work, evaluate the effectiveness of lessons, assign work to students and store marks in an intuitive on-line mark book.
- The school are pleased to be able to enhance parental engagement by having a range of information and resources available to parents including real time attendance, assessment and behaviour information.
- The school boasts a uniform lesson planning structure across the whole school. Teachers are able to use key word and curriculum specific searches within TALMOS in order to find resources specific to their lesson. This enables cross curricular sharing of resources and best practice throughout the school.
- The Result** The use of their TALMOS solution enables teachers to concentrate on delivering content rich lessons by reducing planning time and making everything they need available through a single sign on.