

Hetton School signs contract with Spider Networks for 10th Consecutive Year

Hetton School, one of the leading Technology Colleges for 11 – 14 year olds decide to continue with Edukit, Spider Networks Managed Learning Environment for their learning portal

May 21, 2008 – Spider Networks Ltd, a leading provider of school communication portals and ePortfolios for LEAs and schools in the UK, today announces that Hetton School has decided to continue with Edukit, Spider's managed learning environment for the 10th consecutive year. Hetton School is also trialing Spider's ePortfolio solution for their pupils and teachers.

Hetton School was one of Spider Networks first school deployments back in 1998. They have acted as a test bed for Spider's many new product releases over the years. As an innovative Technology College they have provided invaluable feedback that has enhanced Spider's overall product offerings.

Hetton School use the full range of Edukit including the informative homepage allowing up to date information on the school and events, email for all pupils, teachers and staff, filestorage to keep students work in progress, chat rooms to teach kids how to behave in an online environment, website builder to teach kids how to create their own websites and threaded discussion forums to keep the pupils involved in the curriculum.

"We have been very pleased with Edukit through its many transformations over the years, says Ian Simpson, ICT Coordinator. "Hetton School prides itself on technology innovation and we have enjoyed testing Spider's many new product offerings. We are particularly excited about using Spiders ePortfolio product this term."

"Hetton School was one of our first schools back in 1998. They have provided invaluable feedback and guided much of our new product development," says Jim Conroy, managing director, Spider Networks Ltd. "We look forward to their feedback on our ePortfolio which has been well received by many of our schools. We designed it to be a central repository for the pupils best work but also to encourage usage by providing a personal learning space for the pupil to keep their own diary, writings, photos, music and bookmarks."

About Spider Networks

Based in London, Spider Networks is the power behind interactive web communications. From one integrated online environment, over 1 million registered users in the school, business and consumer markets use Spider's technology to better communicate and interact dynamically within an organisation and beyond. For further information on Spider Networks' solutions, visit www.spider-networks.net or email enquiries@spider-networks.net