

Epic in Education

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Epic have developed e-learning, blended learning and support services for schools, further/higher education, lifelong learning and workforce development. Our clients include Ufi, Capita, Learning and Skills Council, and BECTA.

University of Birmingham 'Skills4uni'



For students living away from home for the first time, university can be a daunting experience.



Skills4uni gives prospective students an idea of what to expect from their degree programme and university life. The course includes tools to help students identify what kind of learner they are, advice on critical thinking, how to make best use of the library and practical tips on taking notes/asking questions in lectures.

An evaluation of the programme has demonstrated its true business benefits. Drop-out rates amongst first year students have halved and there is clear evidence that users are better prepared for university life than non-users.



2010 National Training Award Winner: 'Partnership and Collaboration'

2010 Training Journal Awards Finalist: 'Best e-learning programme'



UNIAID 'All about U'



With the introduction of fees and student loans it has never been more important to be financially savvy at university.



UNIAID, a charity dedicated to helping young people overcome financial hurdles to higher education, commissioned an online game to help students face and master the challenges ahead. Creating an interactive micro-world it gives students opportunities to explore real world financial problems, giving them the skills required to succeed in education, without financial worries/debt. This groundbreaking programme won three awards in 2007.



National Training Award Winner: 'Regional Award'

World of Learning Award: Winner: 'Learning Innovation of the Year'

E-Learning Age Award Winner: 'Best e-learning project securing widespread adoption'

Harper Collins 'Maths e-Resources'



Collins Education strives to offer the best student resources and exceptional teacher support to schools, be it through print or technology. To complement the updated GCSE Maths Higher and Foundation textbooks they required over 300 e-resources designed to help teachers inspire students to excel at Maths.

Epic mapped requirements to examination board specifications and national assessment objectives. A series of creative resources illustrate key concepts across the maths curriculum:

- **Question & Answer** – quick questions against the clock create competition
- **Maths in the news** – video clips with discussion points/questions
- **Paper animations** – explanations of maths concepts through animated story-telling
- **Pupil demonstrations** – videos of pupils demonstrating mathematical concepts
- **Worked exam questions** – with answers, hints and mark allocation
- **Common misconceptions** – maths book jottings and explanations

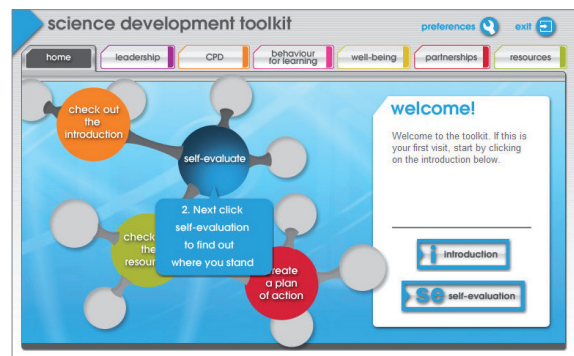
These innovative, interactive resources are changing the dynamic of classroom teaching, enabling teachers to demonstrate how maths is applied, illustrate concepts to develop new ways of understanding and prepare students to solve problems under exam conditions.

Capita National Strategies 'Science Development and Retention'

“Over 50% of science teachers drop out either during training or within the next five years.”

NFER report.

Government and industry are driving for better science education, but how can this be achieved with a constant turnover of science teachers? Retaining staff is a key challenge we were keen to support!



Our toolkit approach aims to improve opportunities for science teachers in five key areas, as part of their continuous professional development. The e-learning is used by subject leaders in team briefings and one-to-ones to assess development plans and provide guidance for action plans in classroom lessons.

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