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The High School of Glasgow Saves Time and Money with *dataflow A~Plus*

Implementing the latest version of Dataflow's "A~Plus" software designed specifically for Education facilities has led to key savings in time spent on budgeting, reporting and accounts.

Background

The High School of Glasgow is an independent, co-educational day school of just over 1,060 pupils between the ages of 3 and 18 and has an annual turnover of £7m.

Founded in the 12th Century it became the High School of Glasgow in 1834. For centuries it had been an integral part of the city's educational system, but in 1976, despite its high standing and achievements, it was closed when education in Glasgow was reorganised.

However, the day after the closure of the Boys' High School the new, independent, co-educational High School came into being following a merger involving the Glasgow High School Club and Drewsteignton School in Bearsden.

The *dataflow A~Plus* experience

Having previously used Multisoft Accounts on Unix for 12 years, The High School of Glasgow recently implemented A~Plus from Dataflow, which is the financial and administration software for education establishments.

For complete control of financial and administration affairs *dataflow A~Plus* offers the bursar's office a comprehensive solution. The software is ideal for both the small single user or larger multi-user establishments and comprises of a number of modules, including specific Parent and Pupil Ledgers.

The A~Plus Advantage

The High School of Glasgow currently has ten users of *dataflow A~Plus*, who manage all of the school's finances and associated administration. The Dataflow software is used for recording pupils' fees, charges and other pupil details, producing fee bills and processing to the unique *dataflow* "Parent Ledger".



The "Pupil Ledger" then provides a complete record for each pupil showing all their personal details with groupings including Form, House, Type and other headings that the school needs to use.

There are facilities to hold as many fees as required with unlimited adjustments against each record so the software is very flexible to use. Fees and charges can be allocated to as many fee payers as required and can be associated according to how these are managed by the school.

The automatic bill production produces professional and accurate Fee Bills to all fee payers, and Direct Debit facilities can be set up if required – which can relieve a lot of administration time. The powerful Parent Ledger has the specific ability to list pupils so that they are linked to their "parent" – so it's in this way that all costs and fees can be associated per pupil.



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Gerry Simonis is enthusiastic about the opportunities afforded by A~Plus: "We recognise that A~Plus offers the school the ability to easily, as well as closely, monitor all costs and collect all fees owed – and we are keen to get the best out of what is available from the new software to make us more efficient".

What else can A~Plus offer a Public school?

dataflow A~Plus offers many standard reports in addition to links with Microsoft Office, Word, Excel etc., together with a number of other import and export routines.

In the case of the High School of Glasgow, the Bursar Gerry Simonis is impressed with the ease of moving information to and from the Dataflow software for reporting; "Instant exporting and importing is a major benefit to us, and the ability to create specialised reports both easily and quickly is extremely helpful."

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Top marks in Financial Administration

dataflow A~Plus ensures complete control of the fees and charges incurred by the pupils and accurate accounting records. Completing term and year end accounts and predicting future budgets is straightforward as they use up to date, detailed and accurate financial data held in the A~Plus system.

This produces key savings in terms of time spent producing budgets and accounts are proving a benefit to the school already: Gerry observes: "Budgets and revisions now take just a few hours, which is very quick."

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By upgrading to A~Plus The High School of Glasgow has ensured its financial systems and processes are at their most effective to manage the many demands faced by educational establishments today. According to Gerry Simonis, "The new system gives us the ability to be in the position we need to be in to manage our finances."

Darius Mogtader, Managing Director of Dataflow UK, comments, "*dataflow* A~Plus is the perfect solution for any bursar needing to keep control of costs and fees and for ease of creating reports, *dataflow* comes with an enhanced reporting tool within Excel, to enable users to design their required management reports with ease".

Dataflow's Management Systems are already helping many companies to realise their true growth potential through streamlining their business processes. If you would like further information, please contact us on 0845 456 1020.

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