

## School Success Story

### Bullers Wood School, Bromley

Bullers Wood School in Bromley is motivating pupils and improving grades by offering online vocational courses alongside their GCSEs. The Nutrition and Health course is delivered online through vision2learn for **schools** and allows the pupils to go that extra mile and gain the grades they are striving for in their GCSEs.

#### Pupils take control of their own learning

With vision2learn for **schools** e-learning the students can learn at their own pace on computers, completing units and submitting work via the online environment. The Nutrition and Health course includes units on diet, nutrition and food issues, including a wide range of healthy eating tips, resources and ideas. The students complete exercises, such as researching and creating their own healthy eating plans and menus to help them to eat a healthy balanced diet, while teachers can track the students' progress as they go, receiving assignments and sending feedback via the internal email facility.

#### The sky's the limit!

In September the school will be introducing **WorkSkills** - vocational units focusing on work-related subjects that will slot into the existing curriculum timetables for pupils already studying for BTEC qualifications. Bullers Wood School is taking the lead when it comes to meeting the government's goal for 14-19 year olds: to give young people the knowledge and skills that employers and the economy need to prosper in the 21st century.\* Pupils can choose units from a broad selection of work-focused modules to build a flexible, personal course of study, which meets their individual needs. This will give them the skills they need to enter the workplace in Bromley or pursue further education. The **WorkSkills** qualifications have been developed by Edexcel, the UK's largest awarding body. Edexcel accredits and endorses **WorkSkills** on vision2learn for **schools**.

Sharon Newman, Deputy Head at Bullers Wood School, commented: *"The Nutrition and Health courses have worked really well, we were able to personalise learning to suit our pupils and as a result they have gained valuable points towards their GCSEs. We now look forward to introducing the WorkSkills courses in September - all of our pupils have to undergo work experience so the modules will work hand-in-hand with that. Our pupils can*



*learn the theory, put it into practice and gain a certified qualification for their experience. This will be valuable when the pupils move onto further education or employment, particularly in the current economic climate, as proof of their capability in the workplace."*

Jonathan Ovenden, Business Development Director at Creating Careers added: *"Bullers Wood School is leading the way by offering its pupils WorkSkills courses. Pupils will leave with the right skills to thrive in a working environment and local employers will certainly recognise what a difference these courses make. Government funded reports suggest that as a nation we need more skills to prosper in the future so where better to start than in our schools?"*

\* (Delivering 14-19 Reform: Next Steps, Department for Children, Schools and Families, October 2008)

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