

Sage MMS Implementaion | St Davids College, Cardiff

The Client

St Davids College in Cardiff is the only dedicated sixth form college in Wales, with a staff of over 110 employees across a range of departments. Facilities include a learning resource centre, multi media work stations, sports hall and fitness centre, science laboratories, art and design studio, music rehearsal studio, drama studio and theatre.

The Issue

The college has stringent budgeting requirements and a need for precise analysis and reporting of cost centre data across departments. With a detailed budgeting requirement, in some cases by individual teacher, the college required a user friendly system with cost centre functionality capable of handling monthly reporting at the micro budget level. In addition, annual changes to the budget structure at a national level by DELLS (formerly ELWA) necessitates a high degree of flexibility in formal reporting.

The client previously used Aptos, a well known system but which is designed for much larger scale public sector bodies and hence was proving unmanageable for St Davids as a relatively small 6th form college with a total budget of £4million.

The Solution

Prosys recommended that the college downsize their system to a more appropriate package, and thus a standard Sage MMS implementation was undertaken. MMS was the natural product choice, it's cost centre functionality allowing the accurate reporting of departmental spending as required by the client. A large part of the implementation time was spent devising the Chart of Accounts and Profit & Loss reports to enable the Finance team to produce very detailed Income and Expenditure reports from the new system, facilitating much clearer monthly analysis and cost control. In addition, Prosys developed bespoke reports which match purchase ledger data to nominal ledger data, saving processing time at month end.

Prosys delivered a comprehensive, bespoke training program to the Finance team, who were all pleased with the level of detail, pace and content of the training program. The college also praised Prosys's telephone support and the remote support functionality, which enables Prosys's helpdesk operators to enter the client's system whilst on line and solve any queries without the need for a site visit.



The Benefits

Since the system was implemented, the client has benefitted from much clearer reporting functionality which is simple to amend in house, and which speeds up the creation of the monthly management reporting pack. This, coupled with more effective cost control across all departments, has made a significant difference to the finance department's workload. The College is now planning to extend the scope of the system to include Sage Payroll over the coming months.

Testimonial

Lynne Pearce, Director of Funding and Finance, stated "We needed a system which fitted the organisation, and Prosys delivered just that. We found them very conscientious, and would certainly recommend them to other educational establishments".

