## **KM FIEX**

## **Berkshire**

## **The Marist Schools**

## Bringing ICT to life in a leading independent school

The Marist Schools are a group of Catholic independent day schools for girls aged 2 1/2 to 18, including a Nursery, Preparatory School, Senior School and Sixth Form. They fully outsourced their ICT support to RM Education in March 2015.

Based in Berkshire, the Marist Schools have 560 girls on roll between the Nursery, Preparatory, Senior and Sixth form, with 60 teaching staff working to developing the girls as a whole person and allowing them to flourish in a caring, nurturing and Christian environment.

In March 2015 they completed a formal procurement exercise for ICT support, and RM Education were delighted to be selected as the preferred supplier. Their RM Flex service commenced within two months and they have recently embarked on a major upgrade programme in ICT over the coming three years to help them maintain their high standards of academic achievement.

In this interview with Rachel Friar, the Bursar, we hear why they chose RM and how the partnership will flourish in the future.

We chose RM Education to be our ICT support partner because they 'get it'. RM understood and respected from the very outset that The Marist Schools are unique and didn't come to us with any prescriptive solutions, or fixed ideas...

**Rachel Friar** Bursar, The Marist Schools



"As a school, we want ICT to just work, for our staff and pupils to be confident that they can easily log on and have swift, safe and reliable access to their files and engaging media rich resources, both inside and out of school."

"Instead, they offered us the benefit of their 40 years' experience of successfully supporting ICT in thousands of schools. For example, RM's free, but comprehensive initial ICT audit provided us with a detailed and readily understandable review of the status of ICT in school and their consultancy has energised us to investigate alternative technologies and teaching approaches, whilst considering how to get the best value and longevity out of our current ICT hardware and plan for sustainable investment.

"The modular nature of RM's ongoing support service means that we can benefit from best value by taking those services that best meet the current and changing needs of our school. "Following a smooth transition we are looking to take full advantage of this partnership and plan the next phase of our ICT development. RM's team of specialists are a fantastic and creative resource who are now actively helping us to bring our ICT plans to life in the classroom and enhance the experience of teachers and pupils.

"We are looking forward to the challenge of seeing what we can achieve together next in the partnership over the coming terms."

With our RM Flex support service we benefit from an improved support provision compared to our previous in-house team.

**Rachel Friar** Bursar, The Marist Schools



Let's work Together.

If you would like to talk to RM Education about a bespoke ICT support solution for your school, delivered by a trusted partner, please email your details to **flex@rm.com** and we'll get in touch, or call us on **0808 172 9534**.