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CREATE AN Online Learning Community FOR YOUR SCHOOL

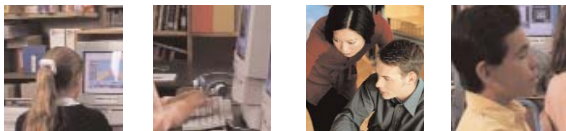
Connect: teachers, students, parents & governors

Access: resources and information from school, home, library

Share: online learning resources

Communicate: email, instant messaging and discussion forums

Enhance: learning and teaching throughout the community



In recent years many international schools have created a significant new way to communicate and share knowledge - by developing their own online learning communities.

The life cycle of learning is a complex, multi-faceted process, impacted significantly by both direct and indirect influencers that play a vital role in the total learning experience, including students, parents, teachers, and administrative personnel. FirstClass solutions are uniquely designed to facilitate and enhance communication, collaboration and knowledge sharing throughout this life cycle of learning by providing the foundation for secure online communities that connect these stakeholders both in and out of the classroom.

What?

- Collaboration tools
- Discussion forums
- Resource sharing areas
- Secure email & instant messaging
- Resource calendars
- Centralised address book
- Group & personal calendars
- Permissions-based curriculum areas

Who?

- Students
- Teachers
- Headteacher
- Parents
- Support staff
- Governors

Why?

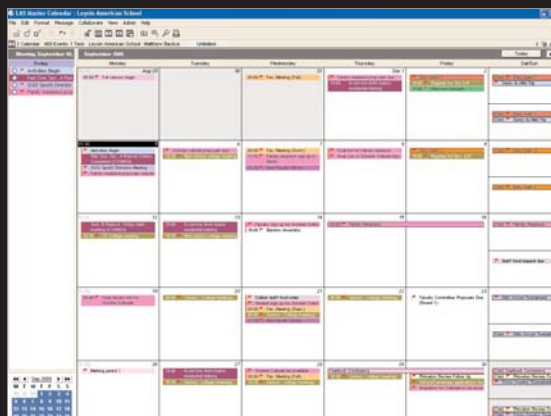
- To create a secure school network
- To connect teachers, students & parents
- To share use of online learning resources
- To enable flexible access from any location
- To involve parents & governors
- To facilitate teacher & peer discussion groups
- To enable collaborative learning

Where?

- Classroom
- Home
- Library
- Office
- Any location with internet access



A student's FirstClass desktop



FirstClass Calendar

For the school

- a learning system that will evolve and develop organically with constantly renewed content
- reduced paper-based communications and administrative costs
- local community and international links
- instant access to resources for new staff
- totally secure environment
- multi-platform functionality - Windows, Mac, Linux
- low total cost of ownership
- proven reliability and scalability

For teachers

- manage & share curriculum resources
- share lesson plans and work schemes
- set homework online
- interact with peers through collaborative forums
- book resources online
- access from any location – library, home, school,
- secure email & instant messaging
- personal and group calendars
- access to contact information of parents, teachers, stakeholders

For pupils

- peer discussion & interaction
- a personalised learning space
- facilities to publish work
- flexible access to school & library facilities from any location

A selection of International Schools that use FirstClass....

The American School in London

The Anglo-American School of Moscow

ACS Egham International School

ACS Cobham International School

The American Community School of Abu Dhabi

Leysin American School

The International Schools Group - Dhahran

The American International School of Dhaka, Bangladesh

The American International School of Riyadh

The American International School Budapest

The International School of Prague

American International School of Guenzhou

Canadian International School of Hong Kong

International School of Kenya

International School of Kuala Lumpur

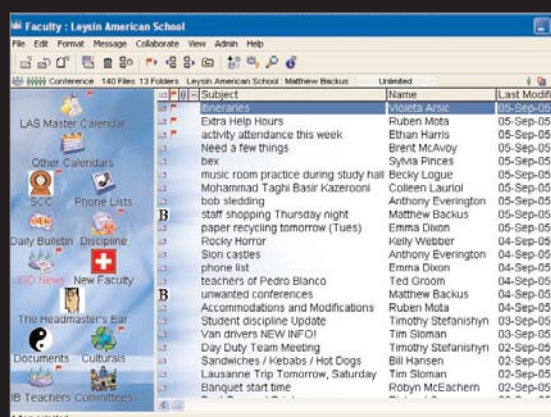
International School of Luxembourg

International School of Yanbu

TEDA International School, Tianjin, China



IT Department Desktop



Faculty Conference (shared online area)

International School Testimonials

"Our FirstClass system has been described as the heartbeat of the school. It is used for everything from official communications to posting social engagements. In addition, through the use of the web interface, it allows our faculty to keep in touch with the school while away on trips. It serves us as a portal system that connects teachers and students to school from anywhere in the world."

Steven Roberts, Technology Coordinator - American International School-Dhaka, Bangladesh

"FirstClass is very much an essential part of our communications within the Canadian International School of Hong Kong. Our students and staff use it most extensively during the school year and during the summer holidays when they are spread out over much of the world."

Edwin C. Edquist, P.Eng. (Alta.), Systems Manager - Canadian International School of Hong Kong Limited

"FirstClass has revolutionised the way we communicate electronically within our school community. Both teachers and students alike have embraced many of the FirstClass collaboration features such as conferencing, shared file space, web publishing, calendaring, and instant messaging."

Matthew Backus, Information Technology Coordinator - Leysin American School, Switzerland

FIRSTCLASS[®] ED

FirstClass ED is a new innovative application for enhanced learning management that is designed to seamlessly integrate with the FirstClass communications and collaboration platform. With the introduction of FirstClass ED, schools can now easily deploy virtual classrooms that enable teachers and students to electronically manage many of the activities associated with the cycle of learning within a class, including:

- Simple wizard-based electronic classroom creation
- Powerful tools for authoring, deploying and sharing curriculum
- Automated assignment workflow
- Flexible classroom activity management
- Effective student performance and progress tracking
- Integrated class collaboration tools
- Online reference and resource repositories

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Minimum server requirements for FirstClass (with 2000 user accounts):

	Windows	Mac
CPU:	Pentium 4 at 3.0 GHz or better	Dual 2.3 GHz Power PC G5
RAM:	1 GB	1 GB
NIC:	100 Mbps	100 Mbps
Storage:	100GB SATA or SCSI Hard Disk (50MB per user)	100GB SATA Hard Disk (50MB per user)
	CD ROM	CD ROM
OS:	Windows 2000 Server or Windows 2003	Mac OS X 10.3.x (support for 10.4.x pending)



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