

Case Study

United World College of South East Asia

The Search for a New System for Learning

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UWCSEA trialed the use of Moodle in a range of subjects, and also assessed Blackboard in their search for a new learning system that was powerful, easily accessible and inviting for both students and teachers. They chose Studywiz and are delighted with the system's capacity to continue to meet and incorporate their needs as they transform their learning environment through the integration of technology.

Fact File

United World College of South East Asia

- International school in Singapore
 - More than 2800 students in K-12 from 63 nationalities
 - The college comprises 5 schools, with four principals over 2 campuses
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When we were looking for a new elearning platform we wanted a powerful, yet easily accessible system. It had to be inviting for both staff and students and be easy to learn without compromising on features. Studywiz seemed to fit this bill on both counts. Now that we have been using Studywiz for around 2 years we have seen first hand that this is definitely the case.

Both Moodle and Blackboard as systems meet many of our requirements, but they are both firmly rooted in the American University market. We wanted a product whose primary market was the K-12 sector and that we knew was going to develop in ways that suited our needs as a school, not a university. It was clear to us that with Studywiz's existing markets in the UK, US and Australia that they would have to integrate with other schools products commonly used in those markets, and so many international schools. This decision has been borne out by Studywiz developing integration with our MIS system and a range of other timetabling software used in schools. Their roadmap will only see this trend increase.

When we were looking for a new elearning platform, we were also making changes to many of our other systems, following many years of stagnation in this area in the College. One of the things we were sure of was that we couldn't foresee all of the needs that we were going to have for our elearning system. It was therefore essential to us to have a company that was going to be flexible and responsive to our needs. Etech Group, makers of Studywiz, has definitely shown itself to be such a company. The support team are first class and usually respond to our queries within a few hours, definitely within a day. Over the 2 years that we have used Studywiz, we have seen many of our feature requests included in to the system.

Studywiz not only offers good technical support but also good support for developing and advising on classroom practice. The professional development programme gives teachers a clear route through developing their skills. The fact that you can get your own staff accredited to teach the courses is also a big help in allowing flexibility in the training; both in terms of the timing of delivery and the content. It also saves you money! Apart from formal training courses we have always found the curriculum development unit responsive to ad-hoc queries and the Global Community offers a good forum for teacher to share ideas directly.

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