



Case Study

## Oasis Academy Bristol

Laura Mackie is the Assistant Principal at the Oasis Academy Bristol. Her ICT department has been using Boardworks OCR Nationals on a projector most lessons since March 2010. She says “You can use Boardworks in so many ways. Sometimes we use it to start the lesson and demonstrate; sometimes we use it to recap; and sometimes students access it individually so that they can monitor their own progress.”

“Boardworks is great for planning lessons. It gives you different ideas of how to deliver it; it gives you visual stimulants so you don’t have to create them yourself, which saves a huge amount of time; and also you know it’s all directly relating back to the criteria. I particularly like the fact that Boardworks covers the syllabus and that it uses the same language as the syllabus. Everything is broken down into very small, accessible chunks, which makes it a lot easier for us to use and deliver.”

Laura’s classes particularly like the interactive activities: “The students really enjoy the quizzes at the end of each lesson and the drag-and-drop activities. We get them to be the teacher and lead the lesson. I can just sit back and facilitate!”

“Lots of departments across the academy have invested in Boardworks. Everyone feels the same – that it’s really useful. It’s really good for new teachers, as it gives them a starting point, and it’s brilliant for cover lessons as well.”