



Case Study

# Small Heath School

## Birmingham

Balbinder Paneser is Assistant Head at Small Heath School in Birmingham. The school chose Kaleidos as their learning platform and are in their third year of implementation.

The aim of the VLE at Small Heath is to provide a really user-friendly online curriculum that would make managing teaching resources more efficient and always give students access to their learning.

One of the biggest challenges Small Heath faced in the implementation of its VLE was not a technical issue but a challenge of usage. Fear of the unknown, and uncertainty over the level of expertise required to make use of the VLE, held many people back from reaping its benefits. In 2007 the school purchased Boardworks across 11 subject areas, and Balbinder believes that the school's investment in good quality resources has made all the difference.

“The main reason we chose Boardworks was that you’ve got some very good resources there, they’re easy to use, they’re matched up to the curriculum, you can dip in and choose the parts that you want, you don’t have to run through a whole PowerPoint presentation in one go. They’re great, really – the teachers love them and it’s really encouraged people to start making use of the VLE.”