

## Boardworks KS<sub>3</sub>+KS<sub>4</sub> ICT *Review*

Boardworks resources offer teachers great flexibility; presentations can be exhibited on the interactive whiteboard and discussed as a group; alternatively independent learning can be encouraged by allowing students to progress through the content on their own computer at their own pace.

This product thoroughly covers the KS<sub>3</sub> curriculum with 9 main areas: Using ICT, Successful Projects, Finding and Recording Information, Communicating Information, Modelling, Handling Data, Control, Measuring and Monitoring Data and Managing a Project. While you can easily use these resources to pick up and teach, for those who like to put their own stamp on things or incorporate the latest technology news and current affairs into class discussions, you can simply open the presentations up in PowerPoint and edit them! You can even combine text, images and interactive activities from several presentations to create a summary or 'end of topic' revision lesson.

The new 2010 GCSE specification has left many departments with obsolete, out of date resources. Boardworks ICT has it covered – from databases and the computer misuse act through to blogs and social networking. The KS<sub>4</sub> section also includes support for controlled assessments. Boardworks presentations are colourful and exciting, offering a breath of fresh air and a welcome change from the monotonous yawn that can be synonymous with GCSE theory lessons.

These presentations are not designed to be a replacement for the teacher, nor are they a ready-made scheme of work. They do, however, become a great tool to bring variety and differentiation to lessons, enthuse students and stimulate different learning styles. Use them to introduce new topics, to check progress during lessons and to consolidate learning at the end of a lesson or topic.



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