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We are very busy with the Personal Effectiveness Tool, with more and more people signing up for the free 90 day trial of PET. Response to the tool is very positive with feedback from our recent Swindon Seminar and NFER research, both of which are detailed in this edition of the newsletter. If you have not seen the tool before or would like more information then visit our website www.petonline.org.uk, and while you are there, why not sign your school up for a free trial and see the benefits that the Personal Effectiveness Tool can bring to your school.

Best wishes

Amanda



NFER identify six approaches to assessing enterprise

At the national SSAT Business and Enterprise Conference on 23rd and 24th January 2008, the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER) fed back on the second phase of their research into enterprise assessment.

NFER visited nine secondary schools selected from the thirty seven visited in the first phase of research, two of which were PET users. Six alternative models of practice were identified and evaluated. These ranged from paper-based classroom solutions to on-line systems which enabled broader ranges of activity to be assessed. The team concluded from the research that schools needed to adopt or develop an approach which suited their own needs and local circumstances.

PET was identified as the most 'sophisticated' of the solutions, offering the following benefits;

- A comprehensive capability framework
- Promotes understanding of enterprise
- Accessibility and ease-of-use
- Encourages progression and forward thinking

The researchers quoted the following users as examples of feedback they received;

"(The tool is) invaluable in widening and deepening the understanding of staff and students about what enterprise education actually is." *Enterprise Co-ordinator*

"I thought it was really accessible... it was easy to use." *Year 12 student*

"It shows you your key attributes or skills and highlights the skills you are not good at... helping you change and show what you need to focus on in the future." *Year 10 student*

Perhaps the best piece of advice, arising from the discussion towards the end of the session, was that schools should try out solutions before parting with any money! Check out the **FREE TRIAL** at www.petonline.org.uk

The full report will be published in due course. Perfect Education is pleased to see the range of good practice up and down the country and that so many schools are working to develop this important piece of the enterprise jigsaw

The PET Seminar - Swindon

The recent PET seminar that was held at St Josephs Catholic College in Swindon was a great success.

The seminar was attended to full capacity by schools to eblo's, all with different experiences and levels of knowledge of PET. The seminar gave people the chance to see the tool and understand how it works and the

methodology behind the tool and opportunities for those who had not seen the tool before to ask the opinions of more experienced schools that have the tool. How they found PET and any hints and tips on getting it up and running in their school.

Feedback from the seminar was very positive and some of the comments are below

"Effective assessment and progression tool for teachers and students" – EBLO

"First impressions are very positive in terms of user friendliness and time" – Teacher who had never seen PET before.

The outcome of the seminar is that people would recommend the tool and think that it is value for money in terms of what the tool does and how it can help with the assessment, monitoring and tracking of enterprise activities.

Why not have a look at the tool for yourself, there is a demonstration available to view on our website.

www.petonline.org.uk.

Question and Answer

Question

We have requested our free 90 day trial version of the Personal Effectiveness Tool, but how do we get our student and teacher data into the tool?

Answer

It is very straight forward and easy to get your schools version of PET populated with the data. All you need is an excel spreadsheet exported from SIMS or equivalent data.

We need the following information about the teachers.

"Preferred Forename", "Legal Surname", "Initials"

We need to know which teacher from your school will be set up as the administrator.

We need the following Information about the students.

"Forename", "Surname", "Legal Surname", "Year", "Reg", "UPN", "DOB", "Student Status".

The data is emailed to Marie at Perfect Education. This is then added only to your schools version of PET.

Once the data is added you will be emailed to let you know all of the user names and passwords.

Do you have a question about using PET, or about enterprise learning in general? Please email us on marie.siford@perfecteducation.org.uk

Look out for more tips for using PET in next month's issue of Parrot Fashion!

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