



Headteachers of all schools

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Dear Colleague,

LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATION PROJECT – COHORT 2

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the latest exciting developments with regard to the South Gloucestershire Learning Through Innovation Project. The Learning Through Innovation Project Management Team recently carried out an evaluation of the progress of the project to date and submitted this to the DfES along with a bid for additional funding in order to extend the project to more South Gloucestershire schools.

For you information the evaluation can be accessed from the web site on <http://www.southglos.gov.uk/ed/advisory/ICT/acrobat/ProjectBid2d6.pdf>

The DfES have recognised the impact of this unique project and have demonstrated their continued support through providing funding in order to involve a further cohort of 20 schools.

Although many head teachers have already informally registered interest in becoming involved in the Project following the Leaders of Learning Forum, it will now be important for them to formally apply.

The evaluation of the training for cohort 1 has resulted in a number of changes being made to implementation of the project for cohort 2. Colleagues should be clear that the project is based around the creative use of ICT to support accelerative learning across the curriculum and the need to firmly embed successful teaching and learning strategies in relation to this aim. It should be seen principally as a teaching and learning project and not as an ICT project. The project brief that was submitted to the DfES can be seen in full on the web site. Colleagues should be aware that the funding level we have received will not provide the

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level of hardware received by cohort 1 schools and the project team will be discussing this with successful schools.

The purpose of this letter is to invite colleagues to formally apply to become involved in cohort 2 of the project. Applications are invited from all schools not currently involved in the project. Existing cohort 1 project secondary schools may wish to submit an application for a department that is not currently involved.

Colleagues should be aware that in submitting an application they are committing themselves to the list of commitments listed on the attached sheet entitled 'criteria for school selection'.

If you are interested in applying to take part in Cohort 2 of the Learning Through Innovation Project please complete and return the attached form by the end of the **17 May 2004**.

The form can be returned by fax to (01454) 868967 or e-mailed to a member of the Project Management Team (see the addresses below).

Yours sincerely



on behalf of the
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