

Harnessing Technology Grant

Your Guide for 2010-11



Giving you insight into how you can access and use the Harnessing Technology Grant to support improvements in the use of technology in your school.



What is the Harnessing Technology Grant?

The Harnessing Technology Grant is the principal source of capital funding for technology in schools, with £639.5 million being distributed through this stream between 2008–11.

How to access the funds?

The grant is allocated to local authorities using a formula that calculates factors such as pupil numbers, the level of deprivation and population sparsity.

Individual local authorities will determine the basis on which funding is distributed to eligible schools. This arrangement is intended to give local authorities the flexibility they need to meet local priorities most effectively.

Beyond the technology

Promethean's ActivClassroom solutions have been developed to meet the specific needs of 21st century teachers and learners. As such, every educator can access comprehensive training either online via www.PrometheanPlanet.com/ActivLearning or face to face with Promethean Authorised Learning Centres around the country. Whatever the option, the CPD, tips and support available ensure that teaching staff have all the skills and confidence needed to make the most of their technology.



BECTA has worked with local authorities and schools to identify a set of priorities around Harnessing Technology.

Goal	What technology is available under the grant?
Greater flexibility and choice among learning options – using technology to offer differentiated curricula and learning experiences which help meet children and young people's needs and preferences.	The use of learner response systems encourages student inclusion by improving participation and confidence in children. ActivExpression turns question and answer into query, communicate and comprehension. Its full-text capability enables students to respond in full sentences as well as in numbers, symbols, maths equations, true/false, Likert scales and more.
Tailored and responsive assessment – both formative (for example, more immediate feedback on learning, better information about progress) and summative (for example, flexible end-of-stage assessment).	In line with Assessment for Learning and Assessing Pupil Progress schemes, learner response systems give educators a revolutionary opportunity to monitor and analyse data related to student progress. ActivExpression's Self Paced Learning module allows educators to create questions that are delivered to students for completion at their own pace, while the teacher can monitor their progress in real-time. This provides opportunity for real time assessment data for all learners – irrespective of ability – which can be saved, exported into Excel and integrated into school management systems.
Engaging learning experiences – for learners of all abilities, in all contexts, including children and young people who are hard to reach.	As well as providing learners with ActivExpression, a fun and familiar wireless communication tool, Promethean can further support educators in the delivery of exciting lessons through its free online community. www.prometheanplanet.com allows teachers to share resources and innovative lesson plans, access a wide variety of professional development materials, and connect with fellow teachers from around the world. With half a million members worldwide, over 95,000 members in the UK alone and 16,000 digital resources from enthusiastic publishers and educators, Promethean Planet is becoming the leading source for educators seeking inspirational learning experiences.
Strengthened relationships between families, schools and learners – with an emphasis on integrated information systems and use of online tools to provide information and improve parental engagement.	With the ability to gather in anonymous or named responses from the class, assessment data can be saved and uploaded to a secure virtual learning environment for sharing with parents. Because ActivExpression allows teachers to instantly see student answers, teaching and learning practices can be adapted during lessons which can contribute to improved results and strengthened relationships throughout the school community.



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