

South East Regional Network operators event, 11th February 2010
About today's speakers

Alan Brown has worked in IT since the late 80's, setting up his own consultancy in the mid 90's specialising in programming VB and MS SQL. In 2001 he took up an appointment as Head of IT with a private language school and in 2005 took up an appointment as Director Data Services for a Catholic Secondary School. In 2008 he was appointed as Computing Support Manager at Canterbury College. Canterbury College has a student body approaching 10,000 and approximately 850 staff. Alan's department of 17 support some 3,500 workstations with all of their attendant peripheral devices.

Warren Sealy has been working for Symantec Hosted Services for over eight years. He started as a pre-sales engineer and is now the head of training and knowledge management. In that role, he has presented our services to audiences around the world. With a background in Security Management and technical support, he understands the needs of, and can speak to the challenges faced by, companies looking to secure their web and email communication.

Graham Francis is Director of IT Services at Havering Sixth Form College, where he has been employed since May 2000. Graham was previously employed for 13 years at Barking College. Graham is currently responsible for the management and development of the I.T. infrastructure at the college. The college makes use of several applications to monitor and maintain security across the entire platform. These applications are configured by I.T. Services staff themselves, providing a flexible approach to teachers I.T. resource requirements. His role also includes recommending to the college how Web 2.0 technologies can be used to support teaching and learning and is currently involved in investigating how Twitter, Second Life and other applications can be used for this purpose.

Patrick Griffin is IT Director at St Francis Xavier Sixth Form College in South London; he has overall responsibility for the college network which supports administration and curriculum. He teaches on computing courses and until recently organised and delivered Microsoft courses for network technicians from across the UK, this training was targeted at the FE Sector and covered a wide range of topics including Active Directory, Exchange, Network Infrastructure. He also delivers training on behalf of UCAS to schools and colleges for management of on-line university applications. As well as looking after the IT infrastructure and an IT Support team, Patrick gets involved in most curriculum developments, the latest being the VLE/MLE portal for the college. Patrick has over 25 years of involvement in Educational Computing in Schools and Colleges in London.