

## **Essex approach to FITS in secondary schools**

### **Essex/Becta FITS Training Partnership**

Essex LA and Becta have joined together in the **FITS Training Partnership** whereby Becta have trained a core group of Essex secondary school network managers who in turn deliver training in the FITS processes to around the county.

### **Implementing FITS Expert Workshops**

#### **Audience:**

The workshops are aimed at secondary school network managers and those staff responsible for strategic leadership of ICT (SLT) within the school. It is vital for schools wishing to take part in the workshop that both these members of staff attend as evaluations of the implementation of FITS has proved that the schools with strong and committed senior leadership support to the implementation of FITS obtained the greatest benefit.

#### **Purpose:**

- To demonstrate what is involved in implementing FITS
- To help to understand how to decide where to start an implementation of FITS
- To create an action plan for implementing FITS.

#### **Key points:**

- Full day (9am – 4pm) duration, maximum 6 schools
- Full explanation of the FITS processes
- Practical - includes 5 practical exercises
- An assessment of the school's current ICT support processes, strengths, weaknesses and future plans
- Analysis of findings to assess priorities
- Attendees leave with an action plan for implementing FITS processes in their schools.
- Workshop led by experienced and knowledgeable secondary school network managers
- Support network and community for post-workshop support

#### **Cost:**

- These workshops are free to Essex secondary schools

#### **Dates of future workshops:**

- **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May in Shenfield**
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June in Chelmsford**

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### **Secondary Network Managers Forum meetings**

These informal meetings are held half termly after school hours at schools around the county for network managers to meet and exchange ideas and experience. All secondary network managers are welcome

#### **Dates of future forum meetings:**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April at The Fitzwimarc School Rayleigh SS6 9BZ**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at St John's School Epping CMCM165EN**

### **Essex secondary school network managers Google group**

This is an online forum and discussion group for Essex secondary school network managers. For an invitation email [kim.humphreys@essex.gov.uk](mailto:kim.humphreys@essex.gov.uk)