“IT’S A REALLY EASY PLATFORM TO NAVIGATE WITHOUT ANY GUIDANCE.”

iTRENT-LMS INTEGRATION ENHANCING LEARNING DELIVERY

Customer: Askham Bryan College
Number of employees: 550
Sector: Education
Products supplied: iTrent HR and Payroll, Learning Management System (LMS)

ABOUT ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

Based in York, with additional campuses in Saltaire, Middlesbrough, Wakefield and Gateshead, Askham Bryan College was originally founded in the mid-1930s. The college now delivers a technical and land-based curriculum to around 4000 students.

Their vision for 2030 is to be a leading college nationally for animal science and conservation, and sustainable food production.

Askham Bryan College has been an MHR customer since 2021.

WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR

The college was using an LMS, but it didn’t have the functionality required as their needs evolved. They couldn’t get an annual update once employees had completed courses and weren’t able to renew any courses.

With their license due to expire, they decided to source a new LMS. Having recently implemented iTrent they wanted something they could integrate. They considered several solutions, but decided on the iTrent LMS.
“MHR IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS COMPARED TO OUR PREVIOUS SUPPLIER. I CAN’T SPEAK HIGHLY ENOUGH ABOUT IT. IT’S CONSTANTLY BEING UPDATED AND KEEPING IN LINE WITH TREND.”

TOM GIBSON
ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS PARTNER, ASKHAM BRYAN COLLEGE

SOLUTION
The LMS was implemented in September 2022 in very short time. The process went smoothly. The college team attributed the successful implementation largely to the relationship with their MHR contacts, who were “always really responsive. The check-in calls have been regular,” according to Tom Gibson. “We received some positive dedicated time to ensure our needs were met.”

It was a significant move for the college: “Huge for us because we’re moving into a new digital age for Askham Bryan and all of this is really positive stuff.”

As usage grows, the college looks forward to hosting webinars and seminars – reaching out to remote audiences. They are introducing some instructor-led content.

Gibson is in no doubt about the capability and value the iTrent LMS offers the further education sector. “If you want something that’s going to drive your performance, your statistics, I would absolutely recommend this.”

“I USE IT EVERY DAY AND I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THE SYSTEM. EVERYTHING IS AS YOU WOULD EXPECT IT TO BE.”

TOM GIBSON

RESULTS AND BENEFITS
Within a matter of weeks, the LMS had 500 users – most of whom undertook the nine mandatory training modules soon after launch. Another seven or eight optional courses were also added and utilised.

Other positives for the college include:

- Reduced manual processes
- Significant time-saving not having to customise reports
- Good user interface
- Simple to find fields needed
- Functionality regularly updated
- Easy to use report writing functionality and “cleaner” more efficient reporting
- Positive employee feedback – “really straightforward to use”
- Annual renewals of courses – ability to check users are up to date
- Improved ability to report on who has completed courses

Ability to create courses, add content and adapt things to be more personalised

Safeguarding checks can be done more regularly