



## **BOSCH PASSES HIGH SCHOOL'S SECURITY TEST**

High technology cameras and monitoring equipment from Bosch Security Systems have been selected for a new project for St John Fisher Catholic High School in Wigan to significantly upgrade its existing CCTV technology.

Unique Integrated Systems worked alongside Tony Hollinrake of Wigan Council's Security Solution Section to design a system that could be watched by school staff and operatives at the council's remote monitoring centre. Considering the size of the school, and the need to monitor a range of buildings, an extensive and high specification system was required that would maximise security and help maintain high standards of health and safety.

As Tony Hollinrake explains: "Wigan Council's Security Solution Section worked very closely with Unique Integrated Systems and St John Fisher Catholic High School on what was needed to upgrade the system. We decided upon a Bosch-based CCTV solution that supports teachers in protecting pupils and the school during the working day but also enables our monitoring centre to monitor activity at night when the gates are closed."

Phil Derbyshire, a Science Teacher at St John Fisher and supervisor of the project comments: "It's a 1,000 pupil school so there is the need for a highly effective and adaptable security system. When we had CCTV first installed the number of incidents dropped, but as people got used to the system they found the flaws and the problems came back.

"Since we installed this latest system, the number of incidents has fallen dramatically again. Not only have the external problems dropped, but for example when a child loses a bag, we have been able to resolve it as we can play back recordings from the cameras and see what has happened.

"We do not have many problems at St John Fisher, certainly no more or less than any other school of this size, but whenever we do we know that they can normally be resolved with the assistance of CCTV. We are extremely happy with the new Bosch camera system; it is working perfectly and doing everything we had hoped it would."

The installation comprises the full range of Bosch technology including fully functional domes, Flexidomes, and Dinion static cameras. "We have used Bosch cameras on a number of schools in the Wigan area and

could not be happier with their performance,” says Operations Director at Unique Integrated Systems, Mark Ashall. “The flexibility and reliability of the Bosch cameras is second to none.”

FlexiDomes utilise advanced 15-bit imaging technology, already proven in its Dinion cameras to exploit the full potential of today's imaging chips. With their 540 TV-line resolution, FlexiDome cameras are able to produce extremely sharp and detailed images and handle difficult lighting conditions, including an Auto Black feature to counteract the effects of fog or glare, NightSense to compensate for fading light, and backlight compensation to ensure clear images when viewing entrances.

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