

University Church of England Academy (UCAT)

About UCAT

The University Church of England Academy (UCAT) is a leading multi-sponsor of academy schools. They work closely with the University of Chester, which has over 170 years' experience in delivering educational excellence and has been rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted. As a result of this UCAT are in a unique position to deliver high levels of teaching and learning, training and bespoke CPD to their family of academies.

Their first academy school opened in September 2009 in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire. After its highly successful first year, UCAT was recognised as one of the most improved academy schools nationally and awarded the prestigious Scottish Power 'Champion School of the Year 2010' title. Over the last few years they have gone on to sponsor five more academy schools at both secondary and primary levels.

Challenge

With an ever increasing network of academies, The University Church of England Academy (UCAT) needed to make changes to their infrastructure to enable them to expand and grow. With a current total of five academies sponsored by UCAT they needed a Network that would allow them to adequately communicate across their sites.

UCAT's ethos is represented by their three pillars of learning: Believe, Belong, Become. This approach encourages and forms the basis for a truly collaborative learning culture; something that was at the forefront of the academy's mind when looking for a Network and Internet supplier.

Solution

Exponential-e worked with UCAT to deliver 100Mbps of internet and a 25Mbps private VPLS Connection to the school's own Data Centre and centralised services. These services were provided to five academies on the VPLS WAN.

UCAT were looking for a supplier that they could be certain would meet both their demands and supply a service to the level that they required, a challenge they felt Exponential-e could successfully undertake. In line with UCAT's vision and ethos, Exponential-e is now able to supply the Network of academies with vital services which will enable individual users to develop and grow.



FEATURES

- Increased Network Connectivity between sites.
- 100Mbps, low latency Internet service.
- Security of a private VPLS to the school's centralised services.

BENEFITS

- The University Church of England Academy now has a high-speed, reliable, low latency internet service. This service will help to enable a more productive and better environment for individuals to develop.
- They also have direct access to their datacentre and centralised services through a 25Mbps private VPLS.

