

Alpha Plus Group Case Study

Alpha Plus Group goes live with new finance system from Eclipse Group



Alpha Plus, a group of 18 independent schools and sixth form colleges, has implemented SunSystems with implementation and support provided by SunSystems specialist, Eclipse Group www.eclgrp.com. The new financial accounting and business management software will enable Alpha Plus to streamline month end reporting, speed up invoice processing times and reduce the level of manual administration in the finance department.

Eclipse has also integrated SunSystems with a number of other applications which are currently being used by Alpha Plus including Engage from Double First and Earnie Payroll from IRIS.

With a turnover in 2009 of £40m, and a total of 750 employees, Alpha Plus has been growing rapidly. Eclipse's

implementation of SunSystems provides the Group with a flexible, scalable and efficient financial accounting system that can support the organisation's ongoing plans for expansion.

The new system provides the Group with the robustness and flexibility needed to meet the organisations requirements moving forward.

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FC Alpha Plus Group (Client since 2008)

Infor financial management



Eclipse combines education sector expertise with market leading Infor SunSystems software.

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Infor SunSystems helps education establishments deliver ongoing efficiencies and meet complex reporting requirements.

Susannah Brown, Financial Controller of Alpha Plus Group explains, “Since Eclipse implemented SunSystems, transaction processing and posting speeds have been improved significantly and the production of management reports is now much quicker and easier. We have also been able to cut down the time spent on data input, whilst reducing the potential for posting errors by automating input where possible.”

Brown continues, “SunSystems allows us to import data from other systems easily,

it’s fast and reliable and it provides us with excellent reporting functionality. We now have a strategic finance platform that can be enhanced and added to both as the organisation expands and requirements and processes change.”

Commenting on the decision to select Eclipse Group as Sun-Systems implementation partner, Brown says, “Eclipse have a proven track record of implementing SunSystems over many years and their knowledge of the product is excellent. During the implementation process Eclipse’s project management was very impressive and this ensured that the system went live on time and within budget.

The level of ongoing support from Eclipse is also excellent and there is always someone on the end of a phone who is able to speak with us and resolve any

queries we have. Eclipse clearly understand the requirements of the independent education sector, which coupled with their accounting and IT knowledge gives us real confidence in their ability to support our organisation as we continue to expand.”

Gary Waylett, CEO of Eclipse Group concludes, “Having implemented SunSystems, Alpha Plus Group now has a very fast, reliable and flexible financial accounting system that can be easily integrated with their other business-critical systems. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Alpha Plus Group and helping them to achieve their future business objectives.”

To find out how Eclipse can help your organisation streamline its core finance and accounting processes please call +44 (0)203 866 8800.