

Changing The Way We Learn



Kirkby City Learning Centre



**Management Board
Annual Report
2002 - 2003**



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The Management Board

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Leanne Hornsby, Centre Manager

Clerk to the Management Board:

Mr James Burke, Development Manager, Kirkby City Learning Centre



City Learning Centre Staff

Centre Manager: Leanne Hornsby

Development Manager: James Burke

Technical Manager: Andrew Taylor

Resource Development Officer: Niall Walsh

Receptionist: Doreen Griffiths

Knowsley Community College Placement Students: Martin Crowe, Liam McClintock

Appointments Effective from 1st April 2003

Resource and Technical Assistant: Ross Jervis

Receptionist (Part-Time): Tracy Atherton



Progress in Brief

DfES Good Practice Recognition

Several projects that are taking place at the Centre are featured on the EiC DfES Standards website as examples of City Learning Centre good practice case studies.

CLC Reporting System Developed

The Centre has developed a booking, monitoring and reporting system that is now installed in all three Knowsley CLCs and on recommendation from the DfES is being sold to CLCs nationally.

Bespoke eLearning Resources

Several eLearning resources have been developed to support all Key Stages and a variety of subjects. These resources available via the Centre's website and the Knowsley Learning Place.

Curriculum Projects

The Centre has worked closely with schools from the Primary, Secondary, Special and Higher Education sectors. These activities include preparation for SATs, GCSE and training teachers. The Centre's website and associated resources have been linked to the SGFL, Devon and Wigan Intranet sites.

Community Access Begins

On Tuesday 4th March, the Centre opened it's doors to the community. A variety of courses are being offered from PC Doctor to Digital Photography. Some of these courses are being offered in partnership with Knowsley Community College.

Business Partnerships Established

The Centre is working with VEd to develop virtual reality curriculum materials for English, Maths and Science initially, with a view to marketing the resources to the wider academic market. Other business projects include an online keyboard activity with Keyboard Crazy and citizenship resources with North West Life, Big Issue.



Progress To Date

What has been the impact of Kirkby City Learning Centre so far?

The Centre has been open since 1st September 2002. The statistics below show the impact that the Centre has had to date. The Centre has been received very positively by both it's partner and wider Knowsley schools and community. Details of current and future projects can be found in the Project Development Plan available on the Centre's website at www.kirkbyclc.org.uk/documents.

Visitors

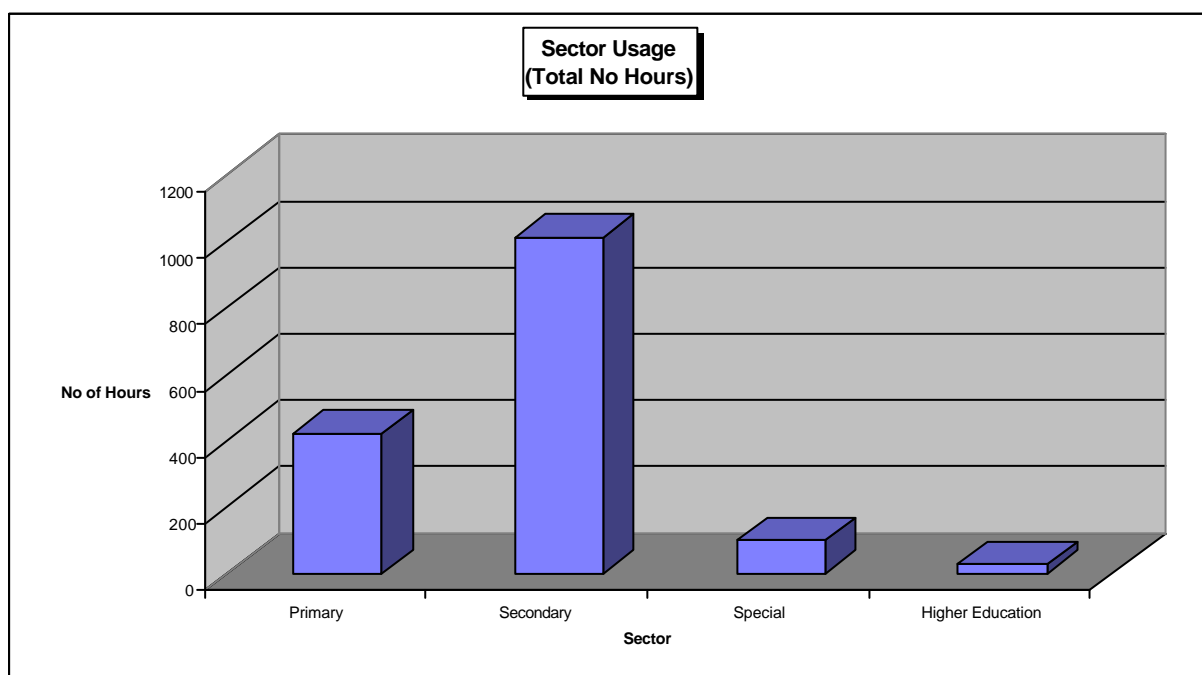
Since opening, Kirkby CLC has had many visitors in addition to those using the facilities within the Centre which has been summarised below:

Schools	KMBC	Community	Business	Other CLCs
607	375	86	138	50

School Usage

The table and graph below show the usage of the Centre by sector in hours and % time.

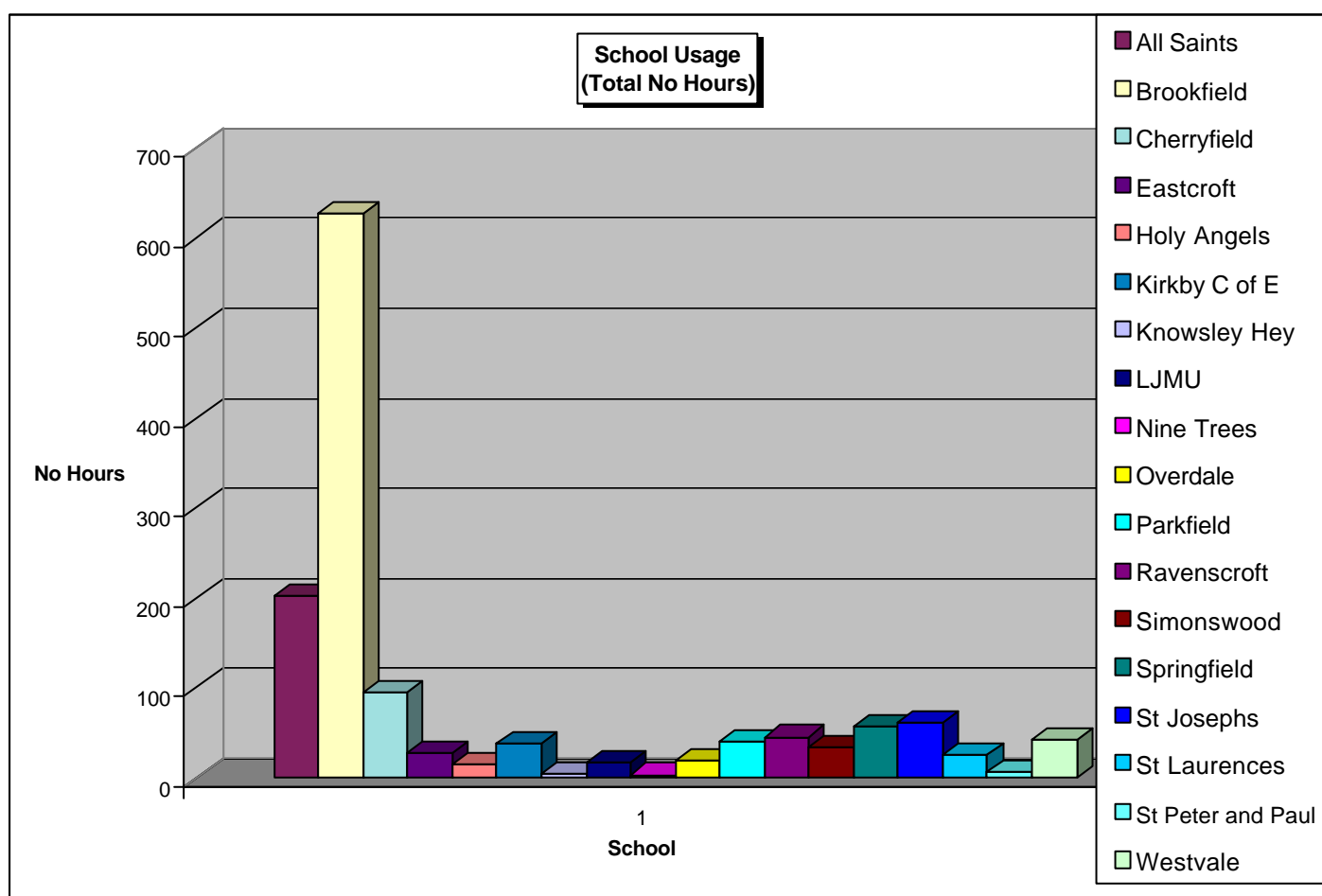
Sector	% Usage
Primary	27
Secondary	65
Special	6.2
Higher Education	1.6





Kirkby City Learning Centre has 21 partner schools and 15 are involved with projects at the Centre. In addition to physical access, many partners are also making good virtual use of the centre as detailed in the Resource Development section later in this report, including accessing the resources developed as part of their curriculum delivery. Termly visits are made to partner schools to encourage, promote, plan and support projects/activities with the City Learning Centre. An additional two schools have activities planned for the summer term. The Centre has established three operations working groups, one for each sector to encourage the use development and promotion of the facilities.

The Centre has also provided activities and support to schools outside the immediate partnership group. These include Altbridge School, Nine Trees Primary, The Elms Special School and Knowsley Hey High School.



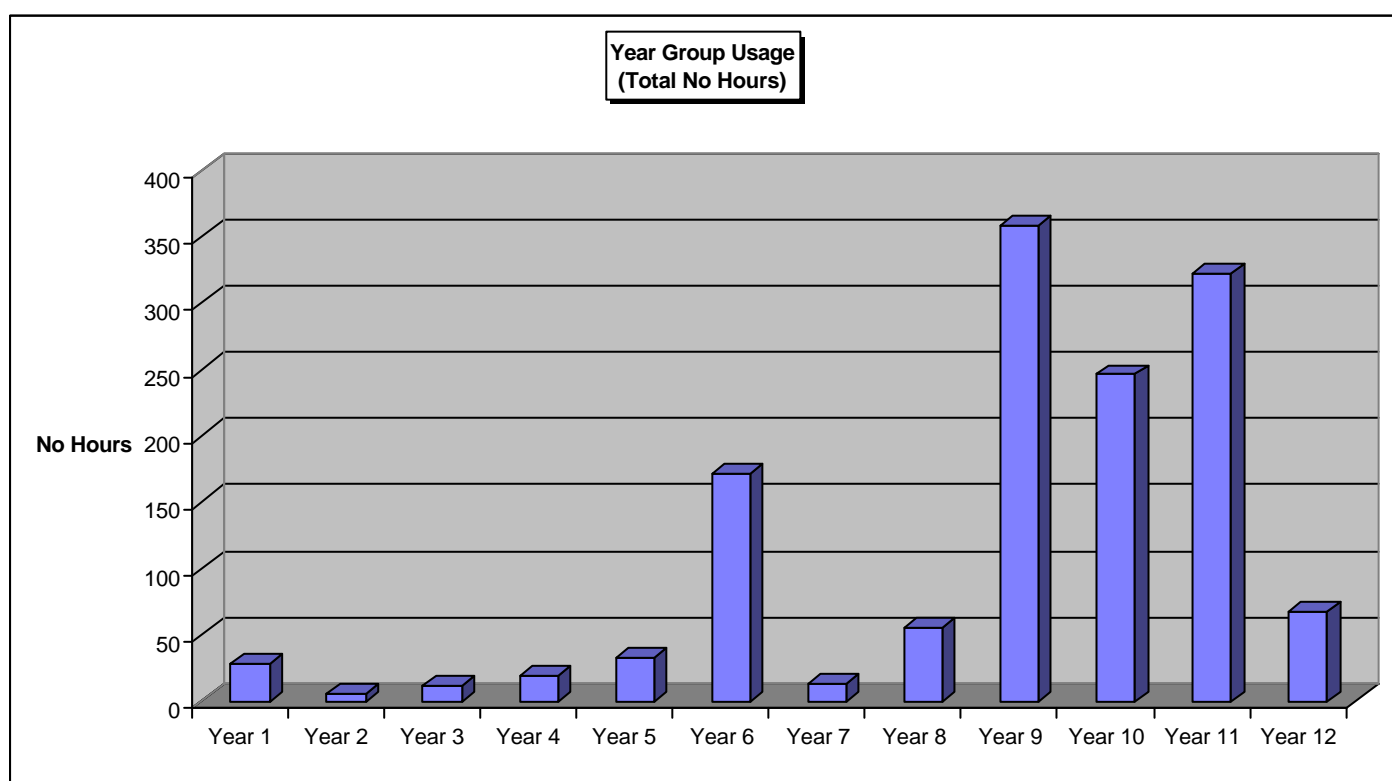
Year Group Usage

The Centre has been used by children from all year groups taking part in a wide variety of activities. Details of specific activities can be found in the Project Development Plan and monthly newsletters, all of which are available on the Centre's website. The statistics on the following page shows the % of the total time that is used by each year group, followed by a graph showing the total number for hours that each year group has made physical use of the Centre since 1st September 2002.



Year Group	Time (%)
One	2.11
Two	0.45
Three	0.83
Four	1.43
Five	2.41
Six	12.88
Seven	0.98
Eight	4.14
Nine	26.96
Ten	18.52
Eleven	24.25
Twelve	5.05

The highest proportion of usage during the school day in the Centre is booked for Year Six, Nine, Ten and Eleven; however, all other year groups are represented with one off activities to support curriculum activities taking place in schools, other EiC strand and Knowsley Education initiatives. For further details please refer to the Project and overall Collaborative Development Plans.

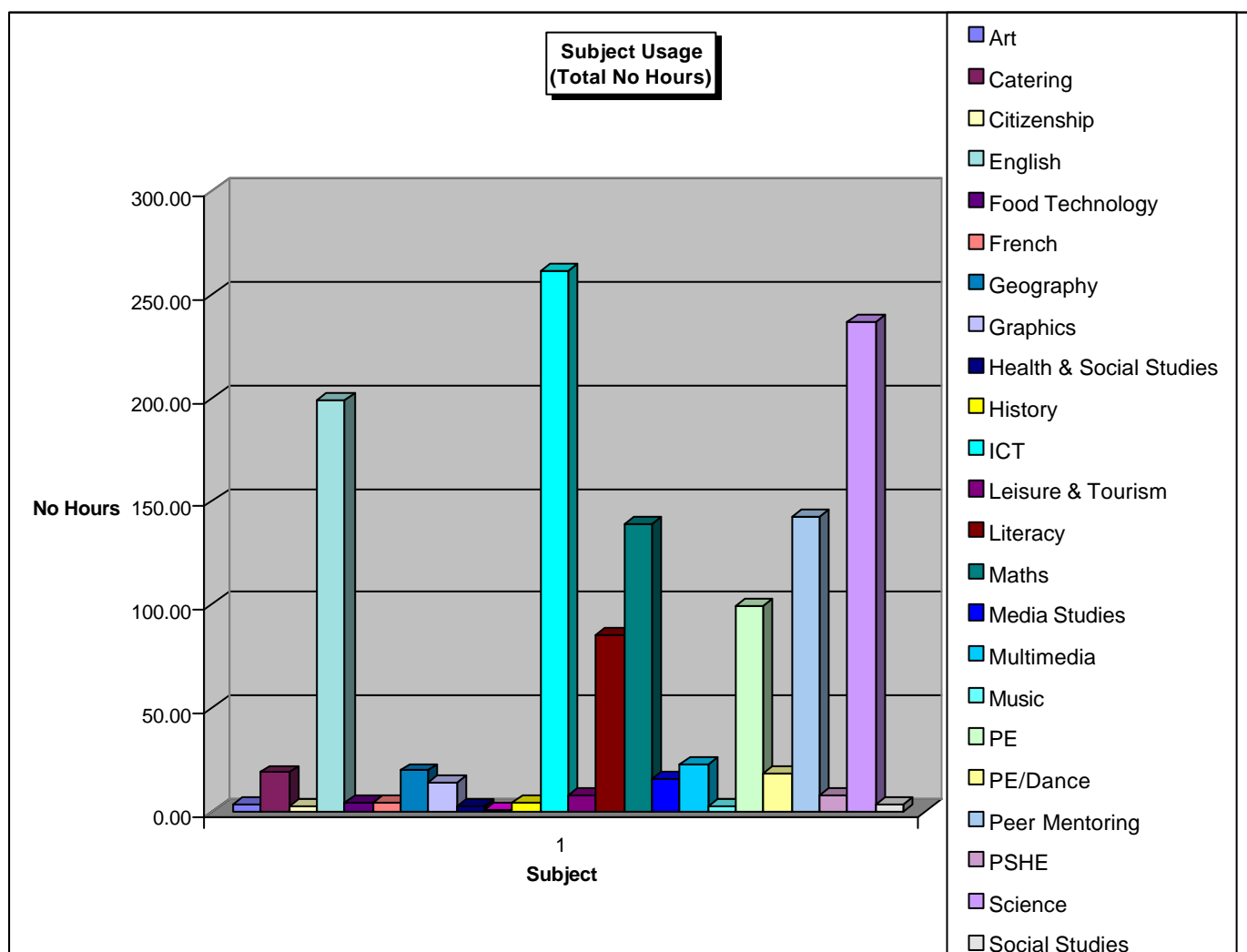




Subject Usage

There are a wide variety of subjects using the facilities at the Centre to support teaching and learning on a regular basis alongside specialist use to support particular elements of the curriculum at specific times of the academic year. The highest proportion of support has been focused on English, ICT, Maths PE and Science as agreed with the Management Board in September 2002. Several resources have been developed to support these and other subjects to give a 21st Century feel to the main concepts being taught in all Key Stages. The Resource Development Team and Teachers have worked in partnership to create some very innovative, creative and thought provoking interactive resources. These resources are all available via the Knowsley Learning Place, the Kirkby CLC intranet and the external website at www.kirkbyclc.org.uk/resources.

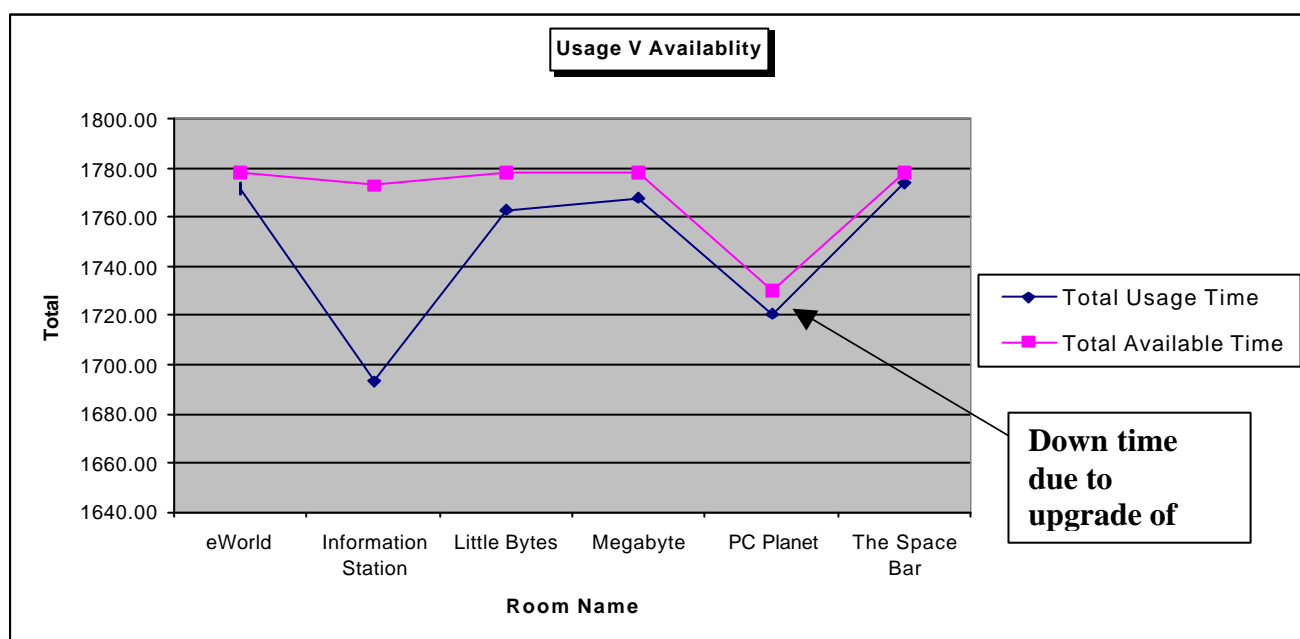
Subject	Time (%)	Subject	Time (%)	Subject	Time (%)
Art	0.23	Health & Social Studies	0.15	Music	0.15
Catering	1.42	History	0.30	PE	7.57
Citizenship	0.15	ICT	19.97	PE/Dance	1.37
English	15.20	Leisure & Tourism	0.61	Peer Mentoring	10.84
Food Technology	0.30	Literacy	6.48	PSHE	0.61
French	0.30	Maths	10.57	Science	18.07
Geography	1.49	Media Studies	1.17	Music	0.15
Graphics	1.04	Multimedia	1.73		



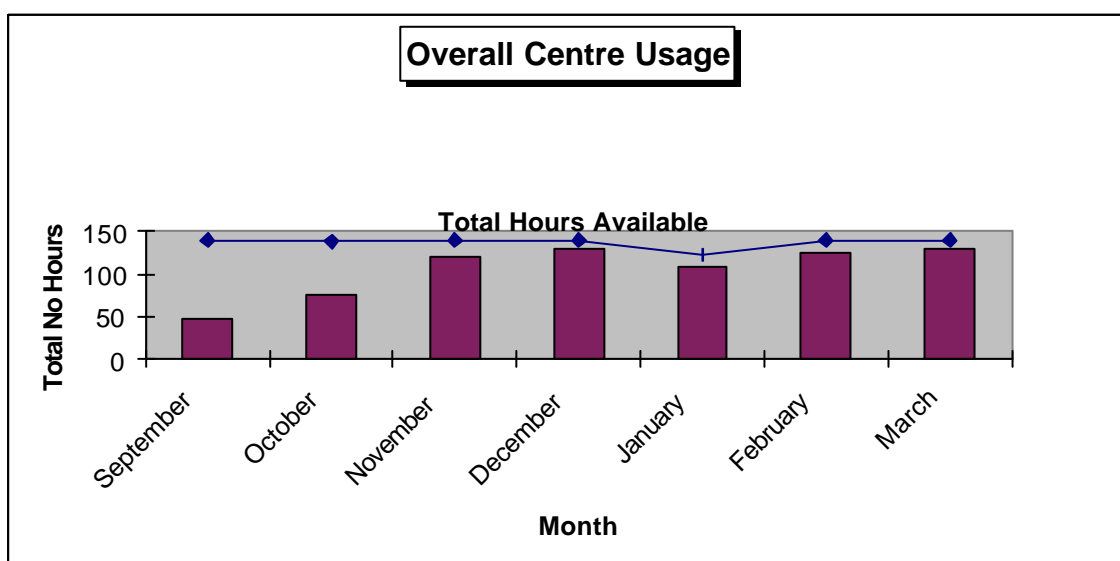


Room Usage

As the Centre is developing the room usage is increasing. The graph below shows the level of usage of the facilities for during the day for the period 6th January 2003 – 31st March 2003. The capacity in the Information Station has always been an issue due to the size of the room, however, the upgrade of the video conferencing facilities, introduction of a wider variety of mobile technologies and upgrade/repositioning of the partition outlined in the Capital Development Plan 2003 – 2005 will give the Centre the opportunity to develop learning projects and activities. The performance analysis programme in partnership with Brookfield High School, Liverpool John Moore's University and the TTA is scheduled to begin on 20th June 2003 at the ICT Safari joint CLC interactive day. With the introduction of video conferencing facilities into Huyton, Whiston and Prescott CLCs and Knowsley secondary schools this will present an ideal opportunity to promote the benefits of video conferencing as a learning tool. The first collaborative project to take place using these facilities will be the joint CLC revision day on Saturday 17th May 2003.



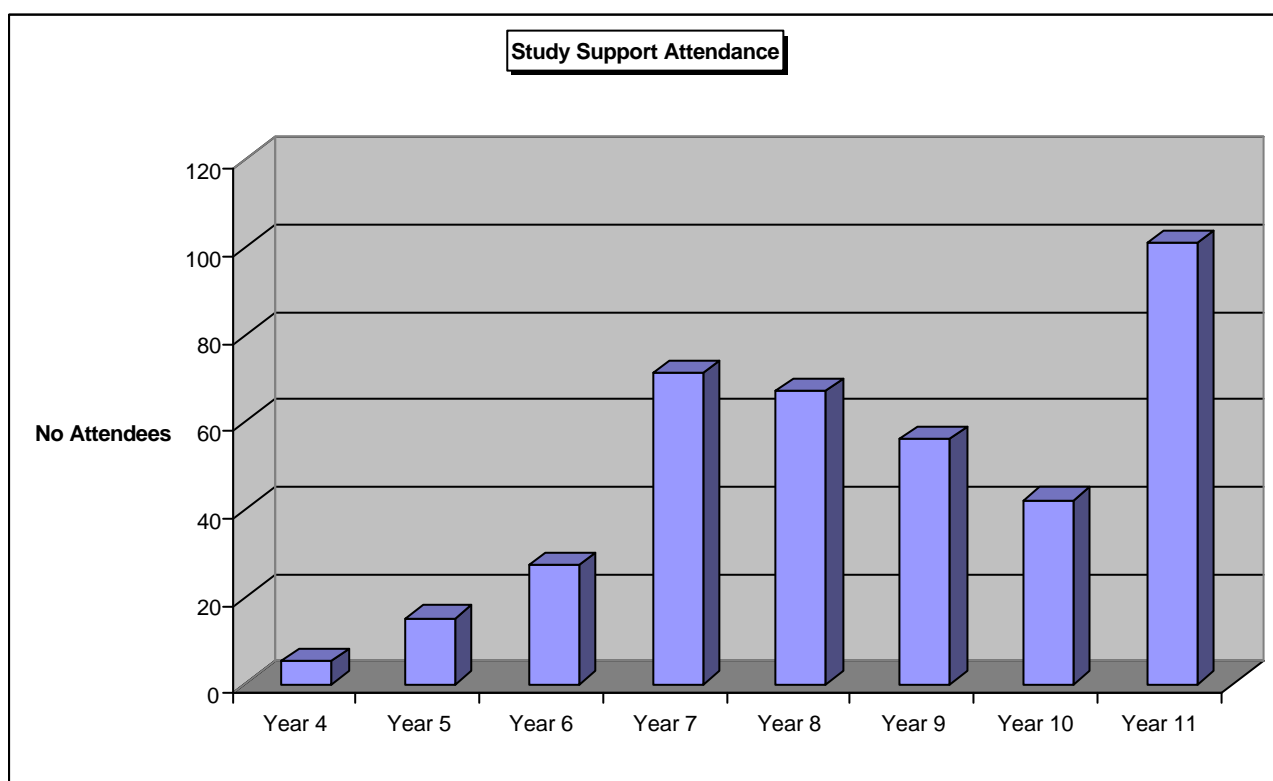
Overall Centre Usage





The Centre has offers a study support class to students from the Kirkby schools. The figures below show the number of regular attendees to theses sessions. The secondary ‘WebEds’ study support class is scheduled for 15.30pm – 17.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, 13.30pm – 17.30pm on Thursdays and 13.30 – 16.30 on Fridays and the primary ‘WebEds sessions takes place on Wednesdays 15.30pm – 17.30pm. The study support sessions have become very successful and as a result the Centre has employed additional tutors to supervise these activities. A variety of activities to support these workshops are available for these sessions.

Year Group	Attendees
4	5
5	15
6	27
7	71
8	67
9	56
10	42
11	101





Training

Teacher Training

Course	Attendees
Network Basics	30
Internet & Email	30
Knowsley Learning Place	90
Finding eResources	95
Interactive Whiteboards	95
Power Point	50
Desktop Publishing	50
Word Processing	30
Spreadsheets	30
Teacher Taster	45
NOF Training	60
Maths Alive	45
LearnWise	12
MGL Resource & eLearning Training	60
School Admin Officer Training	15
Hyperlinks to Digital Resources	35
Revision Digital Resources	35

Community Courses

The Centre has only recently begun offering community courses therefore attendance is not particularly high. A new programme of courses has been highlighted in April's newsletter. Courses will also run parallel with WebEds study support classes on a Wednesday 15.30 – 17.30pm after the Easter break.

Course	No Attendees
British Exhibition Leadership Award	12
ECDL	12
Microsoft Office for Beginners	9
Family Robot Workshop	30
Surfing for Beginners	5
Digital Photography	4
PC Basics	4
Children's Activity Class	4
ICT Awareness	5
Midi Keyboard Access (Limited places)	3



Other Training/Meeting Opportunities

Several training workshops for the wider community including Businesses, community groups and education departments have been hosted and/or delivered by the Centre.

Organisation	Type	No Attendees
CLCs Nationally	Education	24
Family Learning	Schools	12
Governors Meetings	Schools	15
Governor Training	Education	35
KMBC – EiC Database Training	Education	30
Liverpool Academy ICT Sessions	School	15
Office of Fair Trading Website Design Training	Govt Office	17
PeaPod Internet Filter Seminar	Business	30
Parent Meeting	Schools	10
Tradenet Small Business Workshop	Business	35
VEd Virtual Reality Workshop	Business	5
Viglen New technologies Seminar	Business	25
Youth & Community Service	Community	30

The Centre also works in partnership with Knowsley Community College and offers NVQ level 3 ICT students' placement opportunities. There are currently two part time placement students working in the CLC and during EiC week the Centre supported an additional nine students for a two week period. As part of the programme the Centre mentors the students and help them gather evidence for their portfolio assessment.

Resource Development Activities

The Centre offers a resource development facility to support educational establishments/departments and the wider community. Below shows a list of resources that have/are being developed. Interactive resources and websites that have been developed are freely available on the Centre's website.

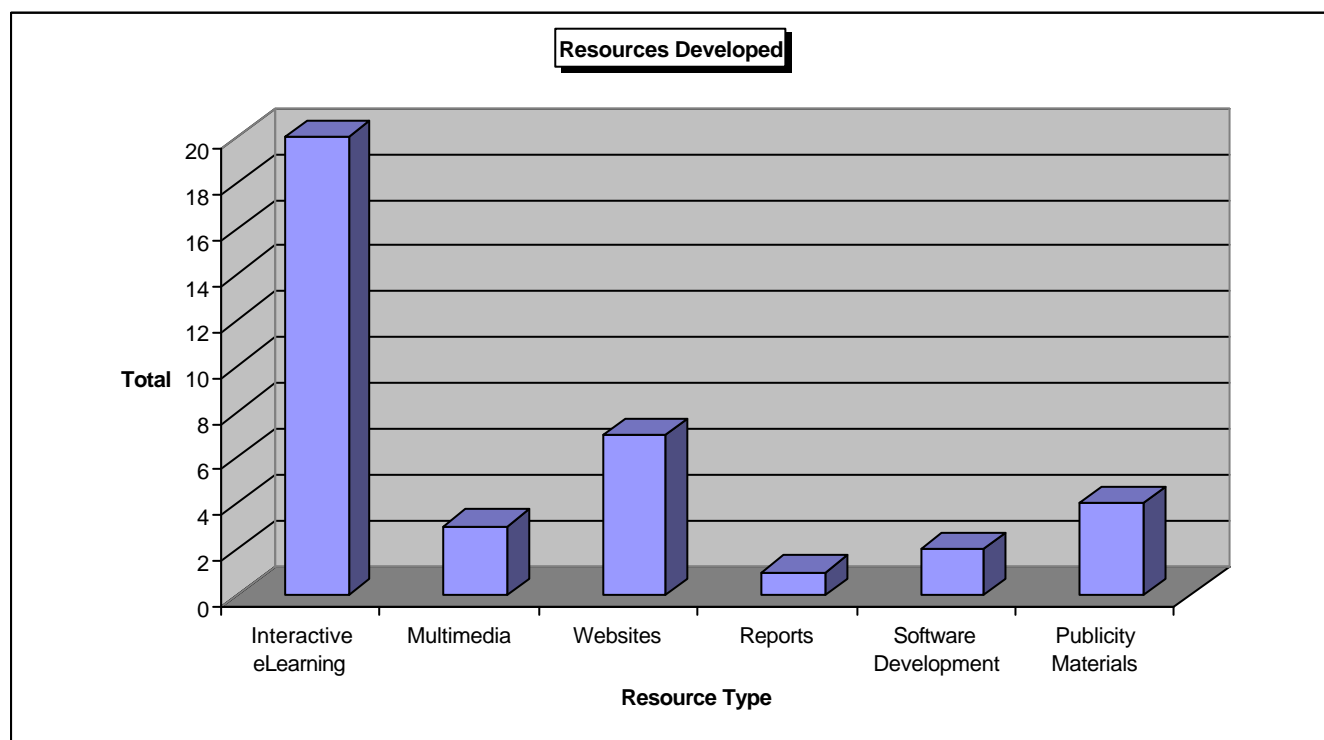
Organisation	Resource Description	Date
School Improvement Team	Interactive Presentation	August 2002
Kirkby Pathways	Website	September 2002
Brookfield High School	Creating A Character – English Activity	September 2002
All Saints High School	Interactive Geography Map	September 2002
DfES/Ruth Miskins	Interactive Whiteboard Activities	October 2002
EiC (Director)	Knowsley EiC Website	On going
Ruffwood School	Ruffwood@Home Website	October 2002
Brookfield High School	Brochure	October 2002
School's Attendance Service	Interactive Worksheets and Game	October 2002
Kirkby Schools Federation	Creating Confident Writers Website	On going
Brookfield High School	Interactive Maths Activities	October 2002
Ruffwood High School	Interactive Online News Bulletin	October 2002
Ravenscroft Primary School	Children's Website	November 2002
Primary Schools	KS One & Two Interactive Activities	On Going
TTA	ICT/PE Report in partnership with LJMU & BSSC (BHS)	November 2002
Brookfield High School	Interactive Maths GCSE Questions	December 03

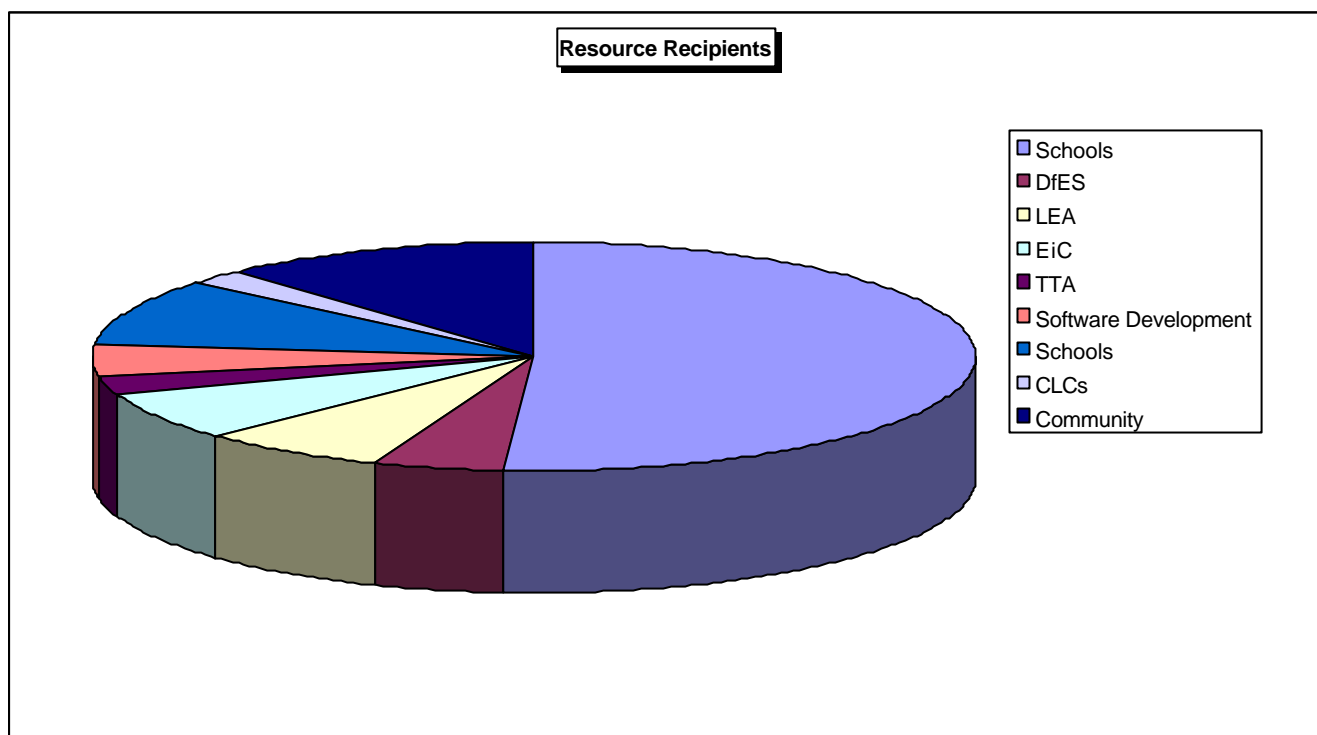


Resource Development Activities (Continued)

Organisation	Resource Description	Date
Kirkby CLC	CLC Booking, monitoring and reporting system	On going
Brookfield High School	KS3 English Resources	December 03
All Saints R C High School	Interactive Science GCSE Questions	December 03
KMBC	Interactive Education Presentation	December 03
Parkfield School	Website Template	January 03
Overdale Primary School	Website Template	January 03
Brookfield High School	Digitising KS3 Booster Kits –Interactive whiteboard use English, Maths, Science	January 03
EiC G & T Strand Co-ordinator	Interactive Progress Form	January 03
Heyworth CLC	Interactive Kirkbyaire	January 03
All Saints/Brookfield Schools	Interactive Key Stage Three Revision Questions	On going
All Saints/Brookfield Schools	Interactive GCSE Revision Questions	On going
Primary Schools	Interactive curriculum resources for KS 1/2	On going
Brookfield High School	Interactive Key Stage Three Resources	On going
Brookfield High School	Interactive Questions – GCSE PE	On going
Keyboard Crazy	Interactive Keyboard Crazy Supporting Materials	March 03

The following graphs show a breakdown of the type of resources that have been developed along with the organisation that the resource has been developed for.





Online Access

The graphs below show the usage and access to the resources on the Centre's website. All of the resources developed within the Centre are made available through the Knowsley Learning Place and the public website. Whilst the report details the physical usage of the Centre on the previous pages, these graphs illustrate the online access to the Centre.

The table below shows a summary of the number of visits that Kirkby CLC gets on its public website resource pages.

Month	Hits
September	4,211
October	30,990
November	32,433
December	35,165
January	40,265
February	41,239
March	60,482

Of the people who visit the Centre's website, 60% of the visitors access the Resources page and 35% access the documentation page.



Building Partner Organisation Relationships

Kirkby City Learning Centre has established three key working groups ie Primary, Secondary and Special Operations Working Groups. These groups represent the partners and as such play a major role in the focus of the CLC and future projects and eResources developed to support these projects. One representative from each of the 19 schools is part of this group. The Centre has also established links with several community organisations within the wider community including, the Youth and Community Service, Library Services, The Unemployed Centre, Performing arts Service.

Individual meeting are scheduled termly with the Headteacher and ICT Co-ordinator of each partner school and the CLC Manager. In addition to the latter, schools are encouraged to hold staff meetings at the Centre followed by a tour of the facilities. Once teachers are aware of the resource that is available to them, they are generally receptive to using the Centre and it's services to support their curriculum.

Partners of the CLC extend further than schools and these are demonstrated in the Projects Development Plan Tours of the Centre have also been given to several community groups in order to expand the awareness of the Centre.

The figures below show the groups and number of people who have been given tours of the Centre.

Education Groups

School	Attendees
All Saints Secondary School	45
All Saints Art Department	12
Altbridge School	35
Brookfield High School	45
Gruntvig	24
Kirkby C o E	20
Holy Angels	30
Liverpool University	24
Overdale	15
Parkfield	20
Springfield	10
St Joseph The Worker	20
St Marie's	15
Sensory Impaired Unit	20
Knowsley Community College	6



Wider Community Groups

Group	Attendees
Action for Jobs	3
Apex	4
Belgian Adult Education Delegation	30
Connexions	4
German Education Delegation	12
Gruntvig	24
Kirkby Adult Education	10
Kirkby Pathways	12
Knowsley NQTs	15
Library Services	4
Unemployed Centre	4
Youth and Community Service	15