



## Altinet Help Mexborough Academy Re-establish Network Controls With Bloxx

### ABOUT MEXBOROUGH ACADEMY.

The Academy is an 11–18 Academy and part of the Wakefield City Academies Trust. Set in extensive, attractive grounds and playing fields, the academy enjoys state-of-the-art facilities in a recently built and well equipped building.

Their aim is to encourage students to develop into mature and confident young people willing and able to play an active part in Academy life, participating in different learning experiences. Their students are valued and supported and given opportunities for personal development through a wide range of subjects and extra-curricular activities.

### KEY FACTS

Increased Granularity, Social Media Controls & E-Safety Requirements Led Mexborough Academy To Implement Bloxx's Web Filter.

### KEY BENEFITS:

- + E-Safety Compliance
- + Flexible & Granular Social Media Controls
- + Increased Real-Time Categorization With Tru-View Technology
- + Ticketless Technical Support
- + Simple & Consultative Evaluation & Implementation Process

### WEB FILTER CHALLENGES

Having had a Smoothwall Web Filter in place for a number of years the network was starting to become unstable, which the IT department believe to be down to recent upgrades. The need for stricter policies and reports has also increased over the last year and Mr Harle didn't believe the Smoothwall solution gave them the granularity required, especially blocking material that they believed was inappropriate, with too much categorization.

### BLOXX IMPLEMENTATION & SUPPORT

After working with the technical departments of both Altinet and Bloxx the infrastructure team decided that the most effective configuration would be to implement a Bloxx Hardware device inline behind their Cisco ASA Firewall. The solution provides filtering for all web traffic from both students and staff active directory accounts as well as users who access the guest network through the wireless infrastructure.

The support throughout the process was something that was highlighted as a key success criteria and as Mr Harle explained the IT department "Found the Bloxx support team very helpful and supportive. They're always happy to help which is not something we always find with other solution providers. The unlimited technical support, which Bloxx offers all customers, ensures the IT team have technical resource at hand 24/7.



*We'd seen what Bloxx could do in relation to the 'Tru-View' technology and felt this would be a major improvement.*



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#### ABOUT ALTINET

Altinet is a specialist IT security and storage value added reseller (VAR) for IT infrastructures. We work with our clients in both public and private sectors to design and implement a wide variety of solutions to meet the ever changing IT landscape.

Our experience and expertise in the IT security and storage industry allows us to work in a consultative way with our customers to ensure best practice and latest technology protect the users and networks of our valued clients.

We work with a wide range of global market leading vendors to ensure that each one of our customers has the solution that meets their individual requirements on each project.

#### INCREASED FLEXIBILITY & GRANULARITY

The Bloxx 'Tru-View' technology has enabled the IT team to drill down into exactly what users can and can't access. "We like the ability to provide access to social media sites but in a 'read-only' mode. We're developing our eSafety strategies extensively across the academy and features like this really help with that." explained Mr Harle.

#### ALTINET VALUE-ADD-PROCESS

The Value-Add Process that is imbedded within the business and the security experts made the initial evaluation process and subsequent implementation extremely simple for Mexborough Academy. Mr Harle described his experience; "Altinet have been great to work with. They were excellent at providing us with various implementation options which made the project possible on such a tight budget. They arranged a product demonstration for us which was really useful and allowed us to be confident we were choosing the best product for our needs."

#### ABOUT BLOXX WEB FILTER

Bloxx is the only available Web content Filter that provides genuine real-time content analysis, at the point of request across all content categories for both HTTP and HTTPS traffic. Underpinned by their patented and proven Tru-View Technology, their 3rd generation Web Filter combines the best of breed Real Time HTTP & SSL Content Filtering, Simplified BYOD and Mobile Device Filtering, Anonymous Proxy Blocking, Malware Protection, Social Media Controls and File Download Management.

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