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**Subject:** Pavey, Jo

Dear Sir

I am the Head of Maths at Cleeve School, a Technology College, in Cheltenham, a large (1550 students) mixed 11-18 comprehensive. We have been a pilot school for the Maths Alive RM project. Following on from the gains that have been made in teaching and learning using one interactive white board and projector we have recently installed this equipment in all of our maths teaching rooms. We will use Maths Alive for our Year 7 students next year but are looking at many different materials for use with our students.

The evidence collected by the University of Durham reflects many of our experiences with interactive materials. They are very time consuming for staff and require VERY careful planning and training. Some staff have embraced the technology quickly and effectively others have been either less able, or less willing and these staff have required support and nurturing. The infrastructure requirements have been somewhat understated in the reports I have read. Last year the robustness of our broadband connections meant that we worked, generally, offline, and this year RM and our technical staff have had to work for many hours to overcome security issues specific to our network - the diversity across schools seems to cause a general problem with any software/ Curriculum on-line initiatives.

As a school we have used BBC Bite Size materials with KS3 and KS4 students. We have found them well written and very useful. We would welcome more materials from the BBC and would be very interested in being one of the pilot sites should this be a possibility.

If I can be of any further use please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Jo Pavey