

Interactive Whiteboards

Welcome to our first issue of **Technology in Learning** where we share news and views from teachers on aspects of using technology in the classroom. First up, Veronica Omeni, Director of Studies, Anglolang Academy of English, Scarborough, tells us a little about her experience in using interactive whiteboards (IWBs).

We are interested to hear from you. If you have views or experience with regard to using technology as a tool to learning in or outside the classroom which you would like to share in future e-newsletters, please contact Ros Deer ros.dee@pearson.com

Anglolang was one of the first English language schools in England to install interactive whiteboards in classrooms. Anglolang uses ActivLingua, Cutting Edge Digital and Total English resources, making lessons more stimulating, more fun and more motivating.

There are many advantages of learning with interactive whiteboards. The resources are multi-sensory, so they help students with different learning styles. Students can, for example, use the Activote device for selecting answers to questions. The whiteboard can also be used for displaying websites as well as watching videos or news. Our students have told us that they find their learning experience at Anglolang interactive, memorable and effective. Our teachers have noticed that learners are freed from excessive note-taking and more class time can be

allocated to speaking and communicative resources have also helped to create more inclusive classes, as students who have difficulties with reading and writing skills find the whiteboards to be a more flexible medium than printed handouts or textbooks.

Anglolang has a policy on training all new teaching staff in the use of the interactive whiteboards and other multimedia resources. Regular training and consultation sessions are organised throughout the academic year to continually raise standards and more experienced teachers mentor their colleagues. Everyone is encouraged to create, update and share whiteboard resources. Even those with little or no computer literacy have learned to use the technology and can now comfortably plan and create their own lessons or use the ready-made multimedia resources.



For information about interactive whiteboards, visit www.pearsonlongman.com/IWBsolutions
[www. prometheanplanet.com](http://www.prometheanplanet.com)

IWBs. What's in it for you?

- all teaching resources are in one place at the touch of a screen (no more messing about with cueing audio tapes & CDs)
- 'heads up' learning enables you to engage students throughout a session
- students are stimulated by 'activated' coursebook pages increasing and maintaining interest in class
- students can collaborate in interactive tasks leading to more language use