

Portsmouth Grammar School Pcounter PRO Copy & Print Control Solution and Photo ID Card Production System



Case Study



Location:

Portsmouth Grammar School,
Portsmouth.

Number of System Card Users:

285 Staff Cards and Visitor Cards.

Solutions Package:

Hardware: 7 Monitor PC20 Card Readers,
Digital Camera and Javelin 310i Colour Card
Printer.

Software: Pcounter PRO Print & Photo-
copy Management Software, Pcounter
XPR Reporting Software and Card 5 ID
Software.



Objectives:

Portsmouth Grammar School needed to install a fully networked smartcard photo-copy and print solution that would control the cost of both services. Previously the school had no way of monitoring the printing and photocopying output produced or the full costs associated to these facilities.

The school wanted to integrate their facilities on to a staff ID card. The card could then be used to access the printers and photocopiers and provide the databases with identification and operational details.

Requirement:

Firstly, ICS proposed to install a new software and hardware system to improve the printing and photocopying services. The solution had to be reliable, easily managed and secure as the facilities are in constant use.

ICS recommended implementing Pcounter PRO to safely manage and control all print and copy output. Pcounter PRO is a flexible solution and is able to charge individually, departmentally or via budget codes. New smartcard PC20 readers would be installed on to all printers and photocopiers used by members of staff.

To supply staff with ID cards, ICS proposed installing Photo ID production software and hardware. This allows staff to individually encode cards however they choose. These cards could then be swiped through the PC20 terminals to access the copying and printing machines.

An ID card printing system would also be placed in reception so that visitors would be supplied with ID cards instantly.

Solution:

ICS provided Portsmouth Grammar School with the intelligent copy and print management solution, Pcounter PRO. This solution can be accessed with the new staff photo ID cards, via the PC20 card reader terminals.

The photocopy and print traffic is accurately controlled and monitored to provide the school with exhaustive reports on all activity using Pcounter XPR Reports software. The reporting software provides Portsmouth Grammar School with the means to account for staff and departmental usage for total budgetary control. The new system has enabled total accountability; this has reduced paper wastage, misuse and has reinforced budgets by controlling costs.

The ID card printing system allows Portsmouth Grammar School to have complete control over the production of their ID cards. The school can now print ID cards for visitors on demand and the Card 5 software enables Portsmouth Grammar to customise the cards. The process of printing the cards is quick and simple, with a black resin card taking just 4 seconds to print.



"The new card production system works well and the software is easy to use."

Receptionist
Portsmouth Grammar School



Future:

Portsmouth Grammar School is considering the option of providing ID cards to students as well as members of staff. The student ID cards could then be used for incorporating other facilities such as cashless catering and registration, alongside the original printing and photocopying solution.



The ICS card production system provides the customer with the capability to design their own cards with Card 5 software. The customer can encode these cards and issue them instantly using the Javelin range of card printers.

The 300 dpi resolution ensures exceptionally sharp print quality. The J310i card printer can encode magnetic stripe and both contact and contactless smart cards.



The J420 offers dual sided printing with a unique flip-over capability that allows printing on both sides of a card.

Print speed is approximately 25 seconds for a full colour card (30 seconds if the card is dual sided) and 4 seconds for a black card.



Please see ICS' Photo ID brochure for more information on Photo ID card solutions.

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