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To all: Headteachers of First, Primary, Special and VTS, Heads of English and ICT Co-ordinators in High Schools.

Dear Colleague,

As some of you will be aware, the DfES distributed £30m nationally in September 2002 (via a ringfenced Standards Fund Grant 618). A further £20m nationally is being distributed this month. The funding takes the form of eLearning Credits (eLCs). For further details, go to www.curriculumonline.gov.uk/.

These eLCs have been distributed across all maintained schools, non-maintained special schools and pupil referral units in England. They are being made available for the sole use of buying certified digital resources via the Curriculum Online Portal.

The DfES has devised a formula for allocating the money which has been distributed to schools via the LEA.

It is important to note that this money must be spent on digital resources in this academic year and cannot be transferred in any way, shape or form.

The DfES has released the following table, which shows indicative amounts that different-sized schools may receive from the Standards Fund Grant 618 during the academic year September 2002 to August 2003:

Funding

	Number of pupils	2002-2003	2003-2004	Total funding
Average Primary	235	£1,179.33	£786.22	£1,965.56
Average Secondary	672	£1,749.61	£1,166.41	£2,916.02

I very much hope you are exploring the possible ways in which to spend your school's eLearning Credits.

While clearly the LEA is not in a position to endorse any particular supplier, we are keen to ensure that colleagues have as many opportunities to look at as wide a range of products as possible. Accordingly we are hosting a demonstration by Alan Diprose, Education Sales Manager of one supplier of certified digital resources - Learnpremium. I enclose some details of their subscription service.

You can get more of an idea of their material by visiting their website www.learnpremium.co.uk/ and taking their virtual tour.

There will be two demonstrations – at which Alan will be very happy to answer questions and explore any features of particular interest.

They are on: **Tuesday 13th May** at 3.30 to 4.00 at Norwich Professional Development Centre and **Wednesday 14th May** at 3.30 to 4.00 at West Norfolk Professional Development Centre.

If you are interested in attending either of the sessions, please return the slip below to my administrative assistant Alice Crofts, at the Norwich PDC.

Yours sincerely,



John Woodhouse
KS3 English and Literacy Adviser

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Learnpremium is the e-learning subscription service for primary, middle and secondary schools from the Guardian. Learnpremium is a registered content provider and retailer for DfES e-learning credits. The service has more than 40,000 pages of award-winning digital learning materials from Foundation to AS level. Find out more at www.learnpremium.co.uk.

Learnpremium's materials aim to cover every attainment target and all examination syllabuses.

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- All lessons are linked to the national



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- Curriculum and the QCA schemes of work
- Ideal for teaching using a whiteboard
- Differentiated where appropriate
- Thousands of interactive games and exercises to facilitate learning
- A glossary of words to support individual learning or home study
- Covering every attainment target at KS3, KS4 and AS level

Maths online lessons



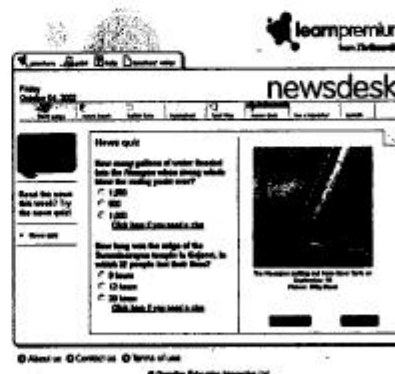
English online lessons

Learnnewsdesk

- Learnnewsdesk is a comprehensive daily news service for use in schools and aimed at students aged 9-14. Everyday the latest stories are posted to the newdesk, specially written by journalists who are experts at explaining complex issues in easy-to-understand language. Features of the learnnewsdesk include:
- Daily news stories with activities and useful links
- Backchat – where students can express their opinions
- Be a reporter – allows students to write reports on their own experiences
- All news stories and activities are accompanied by extensive teacher's notes and curriculum links



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Literacy and Numeracy YR to KS2

- Online activities linked to the learning objectives of the NLS and NNS.
- Suitable for whole-class, group or individual work
- Ideal for use on whiteboards
- Packed with exercises and activities
- Extensive teacher's notes



Numeracy and Literacy

Other unique and invaluable materials include:

- **EG library** –a unique collection of articles for KS1 to KS4. Originally published in Education Guardian, these articles have been digitised and brought to life with animations and colour diagrams. Topics range from map-making to rainbows.



eG library

- **Ancient Egypt** – Enter the world of the pharaohs and pyramids by visiting the Ancient Egypt website. This website contains eye-catching graphics, games, video and sounds all intended to stimulate and motivate learning.



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