

# Norfolk Pilot of a Learner Response System

We all know how difficult it is to get honest feedback from students rather than what they think you want, or no response at all. We've used cards coloured red on one side and green on the other, little whiteboards with marker pens and started to see how useful that feedback can be.

Modern Learner Response Systems are now more like mobile phones. They can use text input, Likert scales, ordering, yes/no and numeric answers. As a bonus student responses are also recorded. You also get responses from all the students; the greater involvement achieved because they fit the students' way of working better so appealing to them more.

The County has just run a very successful pilot in three Norfolk schools using [Promethean's Activexpression](#) learner response system. The theme developed had a History and AfL focus involving three schools; Neatherd, Hethersett and Northgate High Schools. These teachers can be contacted if you wish for more detail (see below). The resources will be made available soon on the County Website and on the Secondary VLE under "Learner Response System Resources".

## Pilot Evaluation Feedback

### Most important aspects of Activexpression that aided Teaching & Learning:

- *"I found using Activexpression a great way of engaging the students, a good tool for AFL and a fantastic aid for group discussions and group work. "*
- *"It has made AFL a lot easier, and I can see that it would even force those lacking in confidence or AFL skills to do AFL, so it benefits my teaching and the learning of my students. Can't say fairer than that really."*
- *"Good for getting pupils to change their opinions over a lesson, engaging and helps pick up pupil understanding/ misunderstanding quickly - throughout the lesson not just at the end when books are marked!"*
- *"The ease of use and the speed at which it can be set up for a lesson"*

### Overall Experience:

- *"Good experience. Helpful support and the ability to meet with other teachers on the pilot to share ideas has helped. Access to a shared blog from the very start of the pilot would have helped."*
- *"Effective as it got the whole class involved and was quick and easy to use".*
- *"Really enjoyable and has had a positive impact on my teaching "*

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