

Middleton City Learning Centre



'Babbage' Apple Suite 1 (Ground Floor)

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'Babbage' Apple Suite 2 (Ground Floor)

A recently refurbished large air conditioned computer suite with facilities for 32 students plus trainer/teacher which benefits from an integrated high quality Smartboard 680i data projection system. Students and staff have access to dual-boot Apple MacBook high specification laptops which give access to Windows XP and Mac OS X. All users have access to a wide range of software and a colour laser printer. The two 'Babbage' rooms can be opened up to create a single large room for up to 60 people with access to ICT. A folding 'sound-proofed' partition wall separates the two rooms. Both rooms have flexible furniture which can be utilised in a number of different layouts; Babbage 2 can also be cleared to give a large performance/studio or conference space.

'Turing' ICT Suite 2 (Upper Floor)

This is a newly refurbished suite containing thirty-three high specification 20" iMacs. The air conditioned space also benefits from third generation Smartboard 680i and wall mounted 42" Plasma Television - ideal for lesson delivery, training and games technology. All users have access to a wide range of Apple and Windows software and a colour laser printer. This space can also be used for meetings, conferences and lunches. A folding 'sound-proof' partition wall separates 'Turing' from the 'Watson' Media and Conference Suite and both rooms can be opened up to allow for larger groups and a range of creative media and studio work.

'Watson' Media and Board Room

Middleton CLC's media specialist accommodation is enhanced by the addition of a Media studio and flexible space. A studio control room containing tri-caster video production console is adjacent to the flexible space which can be used as a TV studio or large 'corporate style' meeting/presentation room for up to 18 delegates. Presentation facilities include both 52" and 42" HD Plasma televisions. The portable studio provision consists of state-of-the-art Reflecmedia chromakey (4m x 3m curtain) and auto-script facilities with Sony broadcast quality HDV cameras, Janiro lighting, Sennheiser and Behringer audio equipment and 'talk-back' capabilities. High quality furniture allows the space to be used for large meetings and presentations while the air conditioned room also benefits from access to video conferencing and laptop computer facilities.

'Berners-Lee' Training Room 1

This room consists of twenty 20" iMacs and access to the latest Apple software technology courtesy of iLife - allowing users to edit, author and burn video with iMovie and iDVD, manipulate images using iPhoto and create podcasts and record music courtesy of GarageBand. Users benefit from the added bonus of Apple's 'Boot Camp' software which allows them to access Windows XP (and the remainder of the CLC network) on the iMacs creating a truly flexible suite. As well as being fully air conditioned the room also benefits from a colour laser printer and an interactive whiteboard (Smart 680i). A range of multi-media software is also available including the full Adobe and Macromedia Creative Suite.

'Kilby' Training Room 2

This multi-purpose room allows for up to 20 users to access high specification MacBook Pros and a range of multimedia software. The air conditioned facility also benefits from an interactive whiteboard (Smart 680i), digital scanner, colour laser printer, video and DVD presentation facilities including Dolby surround-sound. Training rooms 1 and 2 are separated by a 'sound-proof' partition wall which can be retracted to create a large suite for up to 40 users plus trainers.

'Page Brin' Cyber Café and Social Area

This spacious area can be used utilised by up to 30 students/delegates as an informal teaching and learning area with flexible furniture laid out café style or more formally as a meeting/boardroom/presentation facility. Two 42" HD Plasma Televisions are a permanent fixture in this space. The room also accommodates CLC users for lunch and breaks and provides an informal cyber café provision.

Each CLC operates a strict no smoking policy both in and around the buildings. Both Middleton and Rochdale CLCs are DDA compliant with a lift to the upper floor and an 'evac-chair' in case of emergencies. All teaching and learning areas are covered by CCTV, while network usage is constantly monitored. An Activexpression e-voting system is available in all suites.