**Ashley High School**

**The Vision for ICT**

At Ashley High School, we view ICT not just as a subject to be delivered, but that ICT offers an approach to teaching and learning that can transform the school.

We have employed a wireless server and have introduced a new, updated network that runs through wireless connectivity. We have recently upgraded our desktop computers in the ICT suite. These are eco-friendly in terms of less energy consumption and run quickly and efficiently. The old computers from the ICT suite were distributed in classrooms around the school to increase the amount of computers available in class bases. Lessons will be planned to encourage students to develop their ICT skills, enquiry skills and thinking skills wherever possible and all subject teachers are looking to further include and integrate ICT into lessons to further develop students’ skills.

Our school website has recently had an overhaul and is very informative. We are Ofsted compliant in terms of the required content on the website and it provides a great deal of information about our school. The website is monitored and updated regularly by a number of staff. 6th Form information is also contained on the main school website and this is regularly monitored and updated by the ICT Coordinator and a number of staff. The news section on the website is updated on a regular basis and weekly newsletters are uploaded to inform parents of what has been happening in school each week. Weekly Governor reports are also sent out by email.

We have introduced Class Dojo which is updated on a regular basis and is a useful way of showcasing work that the students complete in school. All staff are encouraged to regularly post on Class Dojo.

Further opportunities for staff training will be closely monitored and discussed with appropriate staff to further develop staff knowledge of ICT. Through the growing popular use of ICT across the curriculum, students will be encouraged to produce high quality work in terms of content and presentation and they will have greater opportunities to research given topics. The increased use of ICT in the curriculum will result in Ashley High School being able to offer a range of external accreditation courses and will contribute greatly to students attending further education establishments on leaving us in Year 11.

We are an extremely well-resourced school in terms of ICT equipment and we regularly review hardware and software requirements based on the nature of the students currently on roll. We keep up-to-date with latest technological developments and upgrade existing ICT resources or purchase new ICT resources as and when needed.