

# ICT and You

For this work, I am going to write about how I use ICT in my everyday life. I will be looking at how I use ICT at Home and at School.

I will also identify how I use ICT for: -

- > My own personal use (this is when I use it just for me)
- > Social use (this is when I use the ICT with other people)

## PC Technology

I use Microsoft Excel a lot, which helps me to do graphs in science for coursework and I also use it at home for sorting my pocket money and spending so I am organized with my money and don't overspend. It is very easy to use and your work is always very neat and presentable which is important for my coursework. I also use Microsoft Word for many things in school, these include: writing out coursework, completing homework and English essays. Microsoft word offers a great easy program, which is easy to use and also you can put text, pictures and photographs onto a word document.

I like using MS FrontPage to design and make web pages and websites this can be done personally for me or socially for a group of people. Designing website can be relaxing and stress free or can be frustrating and stressing, all depending on what type of web site it is.

## Internet

The internet is very helpful to me in school because I can search up useful and useless information an instant using search engines like "google" the downsides to sites like these is, you have to be specific otherwise you could end up having thousands of pages of junk for example if your searching for the official Manchester United site and only type in "Manchester United" you will get any pages appearing containing the words "Manchester" and "United" you can get around about **3,460,000** results, when the words "Official Manchester United Football Club Website" only pages containing them words are found, there are around about **69,400** results just by being a bit more specific. I use this at home, personally to keep up-to-date with breaking news of my favorite football club and in school personally for my business coursework.

At home I enjoy being on MSN messenger to talk to friends and Family worldwide, msn is good because it's faster than email and cheaper than phone calls, the disadvantage is that my internet connection depending where I am and what time of the day it is could be slow I have a 576k ADSL modem so there's no worries for me but slower internet connections like a 23.3k modem could have a delay or even a bad connection as they are not reliable. This is part of my social life at home.

I use the Internet a lot for shopping and picking up bargains! I often use an organized auction site Ebay. Ebay puts fun in to shopping on the Internet because you have to bid for the item you would like. You can pay via paypal, cheque, postal order or credit

transfer. Ebay can be very dangerous and is all about trust, if you trust the person you buying off then there's really no trouble, people do get scammed on Ebay but the company normally sort them problems out. If your Internet connection is slow you cant put a last minute bid in for the item you wish to buy because by the time the page has loaded the auction has ended and the winning bidder outbid you last minute because he or she has broadband, this is not always the case, but when it is, it can be a problem. I like to try and put in the last highest bid to pick up the bargain or two but you can get carried away and end up overspending.

## **Entertainment**

My Playstation 2 is great to use socially with friends because it's good beating them at some things from time to time. The Playstation is a console that plays DVD's and CD's and Games. Sony, who made the Playstation, has made an entertainment system, which has to be the most popular worldwide. Over 100,000 games are released and bought a year only 500 of them are successful and most of them are popular themes such as Harry Potter, lord of the rings, etc. and series such as FIFA football, Tiger Woods Golf and GTA etc. I normally buy around 10 games a year and they are mostly used socially at home with mates. One or Two games are personal ones such as Spyro and F1, which are 1-player games. I also watch DVD's on my Playstation.

On my way to school I listen to my personal CD player, which plays Compact discs only. The only way I use this socially is if I am sitting next to a friend and I listen through one headphone and my friend listens through the other.