

## The Way I use ICT at Home, School and College

### Introduction

ICT plays a big role in my life and would be very difficult living without it. I love using ICT as it very efficient and very easy compared to other ways of doing things like emails instead of letters by post. My I-pod is much better than having a disc-man as you have a lot more songs without the use of a CD. I don't think ICT is anything to be scared of but it may be very annoying, especially if you don't know what you're doing with it or it happens to freeze, breaks down on you etc. My life isn't really dependant on ICT because my hobbies and interests don't really involve a lot of ICT but my education would be lost without it. I'm always on the net at home and using ICT but outside of home and school it's not that important to me.

A general statement about the impact of ICT in your life e.g. do you like using ICT, does it scare you, annoy you, etc? Is your life dependent on ICT? What would your life be like without it? In this paragraph you just need to give a general indication about the way you view ICT.

### My use of ICT at school

Talk about your use of ICT in and around school, not just lesson time!

- You need to discuss a range of ICT experiences where you use ICT, where you benefit from using.
- Of these which aspects do you use most? Which do you consider to have the most benefit to you....why is that?
- Is ICT always the best way to do things in school? Give one or two examples where you use ICT when you think it is of little value, where it can't provide what you need or you would be better doing something another way.

In Shenfield High School there is a wide variety of ICT outside and inside of lesson time. When anyone thinks of ICT they straight away think about computers in the ICT teaching rooms but it really does expand to a lot more technical range of ICT like the CCTV cameras around the school and the data projectors that have been installed in some classrooms where they are most needed. Even the most basic things are vital like heating and lighting especially in winter. We benefit a lot with ICT in school as it helps with our education as well as health and safety.

### My use of ICT at home

- You need to discuss a range of ICT experiences where you use or benefit from using ICT Think of recreation, homework, do chores like cooking/cleaning, etc.
- Of these which aspects do you use most? Which do you consider to have the most benefit to you....why is that?
- Is ICT beneficial when used at home? Does it make you lazy? Does it allow you to cheat on homework or improve the quality of your homework and understanding? Will it be

useful to you in future [e.g. revising for exams]? If possible, give one or two examples where you use ICT when you think it is of little value, where it can't provide what you need or you would be better doing something another way.

### ***My use of ICT in my personal and social life***

- **You** have a life outside of school and your home with your friends, clubs and other recreational activities. Where does ICT come into this life? What about mobile phones? Do they help you keep in touch with friends, provide security when you are out, etc?
- How important is ICT in **your** personal and social life?

### ***Conclusion***

By this point you will have written a lot about your contact with ICT in all walks of life. In the conclusion you need to reflect on what you have said and try to evaluate the overall impact of ICT on your life. What are the most important aspects of ICT that you use? What is least beneficial? Why?...justify what you say! Is ICT a major part of our lives, here to stay and a major benefit to us all? Or, is it a big fuss about nothing, leads kids into bad habits, makes us lazy and we'd all be better off without it? Justify whatever you say by drawing on examples from the sections above.