



INCLUSIVE LEARNING IN LONDON SCHOOL

CUSTOMER'S NAME

KORU Independent AP Academy
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CUSTOMER'S LOCATION

Romford, United Kingdom

CUSTOMER'S INDUSTRY

Education

CUSTOMER'S CHALLENGE

Urgent requirement for remote education and hybrid learning systems for the alternate provision school, amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

POLY SOLUTIONS

- Poly Voyager 5200
- Poly Blackwire 3200
- Poly EagleEye
- Poly Studio
- Poly Adoption Essentials Workshop for Education Service

POLY'S IMPACT

The academy now provides an uninterrupted, continual and standardized hybrid education service to all of its students.

CASE STUDY

UNINTERRUPTED REMOTE EDUCATION

KORU Independent AP Academy is a UK-based alternate provision school that provides education to children aged 11–16. In 2020, the pandemic-imposed lockdown posed a serious threat not only to the education but also the emotional wellbeing of the academy's students. KORU Independent AP Academy uplevelled with Poly to a "game-changing" standard of uninterrupted remote education through the lockdown periods, keeping its staff and students safe and connected.

GETTING STARTED WITH HYBRID LEARNING DURING THE PANDEMIC

KORU Independent AP Academy first connected with Poly for a free, 20-minute remote working advice session to explore hybrid learning. This complimentary service, launched by Poly amid the COVID-19 pandemic, provides businesses with a launchpad and preliminary advice on getting started with remote working.

Poly Adoption Essentials Workshop for Education Service was the primary element of the hybrid learning technology rollout plan. Within an impressive six-week timeframe, the academy was up and running with Poly EagleEye Mini cameras and Poly Blackwire 3200 headsets, because of the adept Professional Services delivered by Poly.

Accessibility is at the forefront of Poly solutions. Crystal clear audio and video quality keeps students immersed in education even when they are joining from another location, and interactions between staff and students are now more continual. Plug-and-play functionality and a beveled design around buttons guarantee intuitive, tactile interaction for accessibility.



“The team at Poly was able to help me think about all aspects of remote learning, from holding my team meetings to enabling staff to teach remotely in a safe and secure manner. Nothing was too much trouble and they were able to individualize the feedback specifically to my school.”

- Shona Anderson, headteacher at KORU Independent AP Academy

TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION AND EXCELLENCE

The academy highlighted to Poly that technology adoption was pivotal to the rollout, and the adoption service by Poly has increased staff confidence and their skills for delivering remote classes by boosting technology awareness and uptake.

Using the Poly EagleEye Mini pro-grade cameras and Poly Blackwire 3200 UC headsets, the academy’s staff are now able to deliver online classes from any location. The experience is consistent for any combination of in-class and remote students, for the virtual parents’ evenings, and for the teachers who provide absence coverage for their colleagues.

To take it a step further, KORU Independent AP Academy is also exploring the Poly Voyager 5200 Bluetooth headsets, the Poly EagleEye smart video conferencing cameras, and the Poly Studio all-in-one video conferencing bars.

EXTENDING THE HYBRID LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO MORE STUDENTS

In recognition of the success of implementing hybrid learning systems at KORU Independent AP Academy, the headteacher is now working with Poly to redesign an additional academy for a UK student body with specific learning requirements.

