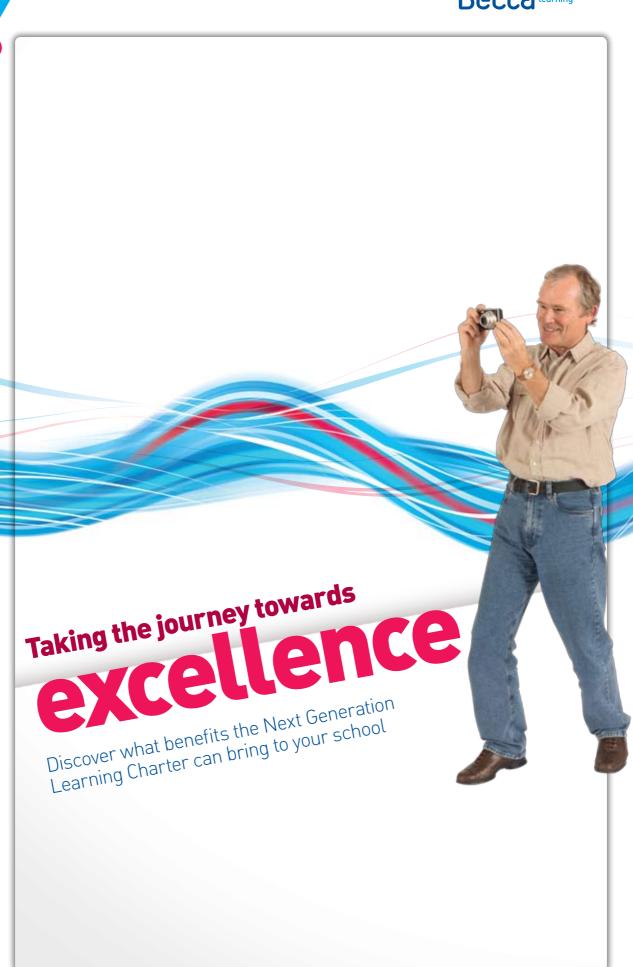


Becta leading next generation learning

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Benefits to your school

We know that effective use of technology improves learning. Research shows that schools accredited with the ICT Mark achieve better results. They are also more likely to be rated outstanding in overall effectiveness in Ofsted inspection reports.

The Charter supports you on the school's journey towards excellence in four stages. This gives your school a clear pathway from commitment to excellence, helping you to:

- develop a shared vision for using technology
- plan ICT use across the curriculum
- use technology to enhance learning and support
- assess how ICT supports pupils' learning
- ensure all staff and learners can use ICT effectively and safely
- use technology to extend learning beyond school
- make sure they have safe, secure and sustainable resources
- use technology to help learners progress and achieve.

As you progress, your school is publicly recognised. Your school receives certificates and promotional materials to help you celebrate. You also feature on the Next Generation Learning Charter map.

This interactive online map shows:

- all the schools publicly signed up to the Charter
- details of the level each school has achieved.

Parents and learners can easily see your school's commitment to improving learning by continual improvement in using technology. This can increase and enhance your reputation.

Take a look at the map on:

www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk/charterschools



About the Charter

The Next Generation Learning Charter publicly demonstrates your school's commitment and progress towards best use of technology for teaching and learning.

You can undertake the Charter journey in four manageable stages:

- Public commitment to improvement
- 2 Recognition of progress
- Accreditation to the national standard
- Awards for ICT excellence

Sign up to the Charter and your school will be guided by the self-review framework. It will help you develop and embed an ICT culture and improve your use of technology as a whole school

Schools commit to achieving the ICT Mark accreditation within three years. Most become inspired and committed to continually improving how they use technology.



The Charter journey

The Next Generation Learning Charter leads and supports schools on a four-stage journey towards excellence.

Becta's resources and guidance will help you make progress from one level to the next and will recognise your development every step of the way.

It's really helped us firm up our vision – not just for this year or the next but for the next five to ten years."

Vicki Knox, headteacher, Elm Park Primary School





LEVEL ONE: COMMITTED TO ICT







Making a commitment to enriching and enhancing learning through the use of technology is the first step you take.

To do this simply select the 'committing to Next Generation Learning' box when registering to start the self-review framework. If you wish to be shown on the map, select the 'publicly commit' option as well. Your school is recognised for ICT once you have fulfilled three elements of the self-review framework, including leadership and management to the national standard. You are now well on your way towards the full Charter Mark.

"We made the commitment to the Next Generation Learning Charter because we realised that using the self-review framework would help the whole school improve the impact of ICT on our children's learning."

Lynn Lockton, headteacher, Ullesthorpe Primary School

Gaining our ICT Mark was a significant landmark but the staff were motivated to do even better. We worked hard to include the whole school community. Innovative ideas are now established and we are in the fantastic position of gaining the ICT Excellence Award."

Jeff Smith, headteacher, Anson Primary School





LEVEL THREE: ICT MARK ACCREDITED







When your school reaches the national standard in all eight aspects of the framework, you can apply for accreditation. An assessor will visit and evaluate your school before you are awarded the full Charter Mark.

The ICT Excellence Awards offer further recognition for schools demonstrating excellence above and beyond levels required for the ICT Mark. They reward schools for using technology in outstanding and innovative ways.

As a school that is passionate about the potential of ICT, gaining the ICT Mark, and subsequently a national award, gave us the confidence to continue to innovate. Using this as a firm foundation we can now develop next generation learning as a mobile, collaborative and global experience for our students."

Andrew Goulding, Headteacher, The Bishop's Stortford High School.

YOUR CHARTER JOURNEY

Thousands of schools are already on the Next Generation Learning Charter journey. What about your school?



For more information about signing up or stepping up a level, visit: www.nextgenerationlearning.org.uk/charterfaqs





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