

## Paper B - Report from Head of Computing 2022-07-18

### EdLAN replacement project

The project has returned to 'amber' status due to the DRT (Distribution Router) migrations continuing to be stalled due to firmware limitations of the new network switches - these were not identified during the design stage. IS and EE (the new EdLAN suppliers) have very recently produced a workaround such that the DRT migrations have recommenced. The Appleton Tower DRT was migrated on the 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> July. The Kings Buildings DRT is scheduled for migration on the 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July. Once these migrations are complete, we will be able to simplify the routing between Informatics and EdLAN which should help to reduce some of the network instability we have recently suffered. ISG discussions, with CSE Schools, regarding the proposed service model have been restarted. School computing staff have received some training on using the new network monitoring tools. It is still no clearer when our network edge will be migrated - best estimate is Q1 2023 for AT and Q2 2023 for Forum/Bayes. I have made it clear that we will require six months' notice - if the decision is taken for IS to take over responsibility for the School's network edge - due to the systems integration work required.

### Recent incidents

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### IS developments

- The proposal to change the ordering of the display name in Active Directory/Microsoft 365 from SURNAME Firstname format to Firstname Surname format was approved at ITC. The implementation of the change is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> July.
- Clean laptop service - on agenda for discussion