Gymnasium Beekvliet

Modern technology prepares centuries-old gymnasium for the future

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In the municipality of Sint-Michielsgestel, located in North Brabant, the Beekvliet Gymnasium stands as a unique educational institution. This Catholic gymnasium was founded in a time when computers and the internet were still pure science fiction. Next year, Beekvliet hopes to celebrate its 210th anniversary. In 2013, the ambitious OMO school (Ons Middelbaar Onderwijs) ranked among the top eleven pre-university schools in the Netherlands. Effective workspace management fits perfectly with those ambitions, according to ICT administrator Mike van Zandbeek.

Challenge

Beekvliet was faced with inefficient remote login procedures for teachers, problems managing printer installations and rolling out applications.

Solution

The implementation of AppiXoft's worXpace software streamlined remote access, automated login procedures and simplified application and printer management.

Benefits

The new system reduced workload, improved ease of use and provided greater control over the school's IT infrastructure.

What the municipality of Schijndel and an architectural firm in Den Bosch couldn't achieve, Beekvliet did: they managed to secure Mike after his internship in 2015 for a longer period. "I officially joined in 2018, and Beekvliet is my first official ICT job," says Mike. "I've basically stayed here because the work is challenging and varied." His responsibilities are diverse, but his core task is solving ICT problems for both students and teachers. A major development in Beekvliet's ICT environment was the introduction of worXpace software by AppiXoft in 2022. This transition stemmed from the need for a better solution for rolling out applications and printers. "Before we had worXpace, we were already working with Scense," Mike explains. "That worked reasonably well, but we encountered a lot of hassle regarding printer installations and teachers logging in remotely."

Login process streamlined

The switch to worXpace turned out to be a smart move. According to Mike, the main issue was the way teachers had to access their work environment from home. "With Scense, teachers, who work in Azure AD and not in our on-premise environment, first had to log in to a VPN and then onto Scense itself. That last part was often forgotten, which naturally caused frustration. worXpace works completely differently, which automatically solved that problem. This has reduced the hassle for teachers and saved us a lot of work. The choice to switch to worXpace was therefore quite logical. When worXpace hit the market, we started testing it immediately. The fact that worXpace integrated well with Beekvliet's existing infrastructure made the decision even easier. We didn't need other candidates, as the software immediately met all our needs."

Improved application and printer management

One of the significant advantages of worXpace, according to Mike, is the management of applications. "With worXpace, we can see exactly which applications are installed on which computers and for which users. This used to be much more difficult. The rollout of printers now also runs much smoother, which was one of the main reasons we implemented this software. We use the application portal Service Point from worXpace sparingly, as we often link applications based on groups or users. Sometimes we also deploy using a computer list, if something only needs to be active in our computer lab."

Although the implementation of worXpace went smoothly for the most part, there were ofcourse some small initial issues, but according to Mike, these were quickly resolved by AppiXoft.

'Deploying printers and applications has become much easier thanks to worXpace'

Collaboration with AppiXoft

The collaboration with AppiXoft is going well. Mike says, "The contact with AppiXoft is very good. When I have a question, I often get a response within twenty minutes. Sometimes they even stop by for a chat or to brainstorm about certain situations."The fact that the collaboration feels more like a partnership than a typical customer-supplier relationship is seen as a major advantage by Mike. "We purchased Scense and later worXpace through a third party, but the direct contact with AppiXoft has always been very pleasant. It makes it much easier to get things done quickly."

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About Gymnasium Beekvliet

Gymnasium Beekvliet, located in Sint-Michielsgestel, is a categorial gymnasium focused on providing high-quality education with a strong emphasis on personal development and academic growth. The school exclusively offers gymnasium-level education and is known for its small-scale, close-knit, and structured learning environment.

Beekvliet features a broad curriculum, including classical languages and modern scientific subjects, and encourages participation in academic olympiads and international exchange programs. The gymnasium operates under the umbrella of the Ons Middelbaar Onderwijs (OMO) association.

Number of students	: 660
Number of employees	: 80
Device distribution	: 65 school computers and 75 employee laptops

Ease of use

One of the biggest advantages of worXpace, in Mike's opinion, is the ease of use for both ICT management and end users. "We almost never hear complaints from users that something doesn't work. Maintaining the applications is, of course, still our responsibility, but it's much easier now. The automatic installation of applications via worXpace saves us a lot of time. We now have time for other tasks, partly because we no longer have to install applications manually on every computer." worXpace is now installed on about 65 computers within the school and on 75 laptops of staff members working in Beekvliet's Office365 environment. The system functions without any significant issues. "Of course, there's always room for improvement, but if I were to give a score for both worXpace and AppiXoft, it would be a solid A."

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