Holyrood Academy in Chard is an outstanding school with approximately 1400 students. The school has a site-wide WiFi supporting both school devices and BYOD for students and staff.

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CASE STUDY:
Holyrood Academy

About two years ago Mr Ken Sealey, ICT Manager at the school, realised that their current internet filter was not providing enough insight into how the school's internet connection was being used. Ever increasing demands from the advisory councils meant that the centralised filtering provided by the county was falling short when it came to auditing usage.

The school's priority was to change the way that they policed their internet connection to not only protect their students but also to educate them on a safe way to use the it. Blocking social networking sites was driving children to simply use 3G from their smartphones: they felt that it was better to allow access and teach the children how to use their devices safely instead. Ken chose Opendium UTM as his preferred solution because it offered exactly what he needed.

What's special about Opendium?

Since Opendium was founded in 2005, our products have used deep inspection technology with real-time analysis to detect inappropriate material. Because our Web Gateway and UTM systems have both been designed from the ground up to utilise these technologies we have been able to fulfil the lastest safegarding guidelines from the Home Office (Prevent) and the DFE (Keeping Children Safe in Education) as and when they were released.

Ken also needed to know that he could rely on expert support and advice when it came to protecting his network and users: this is a vital part of the whole package.

'When we ring up we are instantly talking to an expert who not only understands the product but also the pressure we are under to resolve any issues. Opendium always goes that extra mile, even when the problem isn't theirs.'

> **"Exemplary network protection and expert support provides not only an ideal product but one that can be fully managed to be the most effective on the market today"**

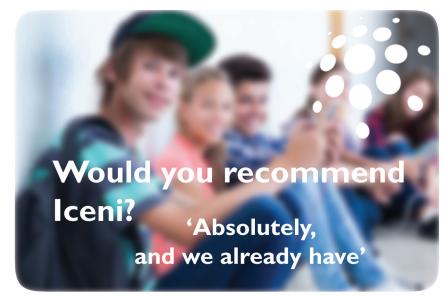## How does Opendium UTM compare to your old filter?

'Initially we left the County filter in place as a secondary filter. After a short time we realised how good Opendium's filter was, so we turned off the County filtering. Some of UTM's more advanced features, such as being able to automatically allow YouTube and Vimeo videos that are embedded in educational resources, have been a godsend.'

Are you happy with Opendium UTM?

'Oh yes, definitely. I wouldn't want have to rely on our old system'

What is your next step?

'We are reviewing our Internet connection. It is good to know the Opendium systems work with any type of connection so we have the flexibility when it comes to finding a new provider'

Would you recommend Iceni?
'Absolutely, and we already have'

Key components of what we offer...

• Deep content inspection tunnels inside the content to control access on the fly, no matter what the source URI

• Working with the IWF and Home Office to allow you to comply with Prevent & the UK Safer Internet Guidelines

• Dynamic VPN blocker: identify and kill HotSpot Shield and similar instances across your network

• Account tracking firewall: Create firewall policies which attach to a group or individual user

• Superlative technical support: fully qualified engineers available from the start of your enquiry

• Automated reporting: making sure you know what your users are doing without over-burdening your resources

To understand how Opendium can help safeguard your users, call 01792 824568 or visit www.opendium.com/demo to book a session.

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