



Tolworth Girls' School and Sixth Form installs new audio and alert system to improve running of school days

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Tolworth Girls' School had two main challenges.

Firstly, the school needed a lockdown alert system. Staff had been using the fire alarm, but this was not flexible enough for their needs. It was becoming too complicated and confusing; they needed a distinct sound to clearly differentiate an emergency alert.

Secondly, the bell system was standalone. To operate it, staff had to go to the PA's office and set it off manually. This was time-consuming, inefficient and could have been difficult to do in a real-life emergency situation.

They replaced the entire school bell system and incorporated a lockdown alert solution in the form of the Bodet Time Harmonys system. Quick and easy to install, it can be tailored to suit any educational setting.

Tolworth Girls' School has now been using Harmonys since summer 2024. The school is benefitting from Harmonys' in-depth functionality. Staff appreciate the ability to pre-record announcements and transmit live when needed.

Thanks to the variety of melodies available, they have chosen a calming alert sound which doesn't alarm SEN children but remains effective. As well as emergency alerts, they use the app to help the school day run smoothly. For instance, the bell sounds three times to indicate wet breaktime.

Andy commented: ***"Students and staff have received the change well, giving positive feedback after our first lockdown trial. Harmonys' flexibility has improved the running of our school in many ways.***

"One particularly helpful feature is the ability to turn off the bells in certain areas. For example, we suspend them in the hall or gym during public exams, so they don't disturb the students. We recently implemented this function for the first time and it's extremely useful. We also use it during parents' evenings, to indicate the end of each five-minute appointment."

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- Record your announcements to tailor them to specific occasions, or transmit live

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