

Barnsley College

Updating facilities to win new students

Sam Wilson, head of the media unit at Barnsley College wanted to update the college's entry-level cameras but at the same time keep costs to a minimum. He wanted cameras with better quality and resolution that would also give a good impression to prospective students.

Getting students excited about their learning

We suggested that the Sony HD1000 which, with its shoulder-mount design, has a similar form factor to the professional shoulder mount ENG cameras 'seen on TV'. Using cameras like this is a sure-fire way to get students more enthusiastic and excited about what they are learning with a handheld camera might get them - an idea which appealed to the college.

In order to add more options to the audio on the cameras, we equipped them with BeachTek XLR units. Improving the sound quality with microphones gave large expansion possibilities to the course from a teaching perspective: they were able to include professional audio roles in the production, involving more students and increasing the depth to the production areas they taught.

Since then, the college have added a number of Sony HVR-Z7 hybrid workflow cameras to their technology resources for the students to study solid-state workflows as well as tape disciplines.



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In a nutshell...

Who are Barnsley College?

Barnsley College is a Sixth Form college which aims to "provide exceptional opportunities and inspirational learning experiences for young people, adults, businesses and the diverse communities".

What did they need?

An up-to-date camera setup that would impress prospective students and give current ones experience of an industry-applicable workflow, without breaking the bank.

How did Jigsaw24 help?

We provided a combination of Sony HD1000 cameras (chosen for their professional shoulder mount form factor) and HVR-Z7 cameras (as their hybrid design allowed students to master tape and solid state workflows). We also added XLR units to the cameras so students could record professional quality audio.

What were the benefits?

- The college now uses workflows modelled on those in professional production environments, giving students industry-applicable skills.
- Students can use the audio equipment to take on new roles during media lessons and develop new competencies.
- The modernised department is now an attractive prospect for potential students.

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