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Summary

As one of the largest further and higher education institutions in the region, City of Bristol College serves thousands of students and staff across multiple campuses. The college needed to ensure it remains compliant with government-backed standards year after year.

Creative Networks provides annual Cyber Essentials (CE) certification services, working closely with the college to assess, consult, and guide them toward continued compliance. Through a mix of hands-on support and sector specific experience, the team ensures the college's systems are secured and aligned with best practices in education cybersecurity.

The Challenge

Managing the cybersecurity needs of a large educational institution comes with its own challenges meaning more risk and greater responsibility. The college maintains Cyber Essentials certification annually, ensuring systems were compliant, threats were mitigated, and data was safeguarded across a dynamic and distributed environment.

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The Solution

Creative Networks has been working with City of Bristol College as a long-term cybersecurity partner, delivering annual Cyber Essentials services with tailored consultancy. This includes ongoing assessments, security reviews, and compliance consultations, guiding the college through the certification process and ensuring that all requirements are met year after year. With deep experience supporting other colleges and education providers, Creative Networks brings sector-specific insight and best practices that help the college maintain security across its large network of students, faculty, and staff.

The Benefits

Continued Compliance

City of Bristol College consistently achieves Cyber Essentials certification, demonstrating a strong commitment to cybersecurity and data protection.

Education-Focused Expertise

Support is informed by extensive experience in the education sector, with a strong understanding of the challenges faced by colleges and universities.

Proactive Security Posture

Annual reviews and hands on consultation ensure the college remains ahead of threats and aligned with evolving cybersecurity standards.

Trusted Partnership

A long-standing collaboration built on reliability, knowledge, and results, making Creative Networks a key player in the college's IT security framework.

The Future

Looking ahead, City of Bristol College is well-positioned to strengthen its cybersecurity infrastructure as it continues to evolve its digital services. As cyber threats become more sophisticated, the college's partnership with Creative Networks remains essential. By building on its strong compliance foundation, the college can invest in emerging security technologies. This forward-looking approach, combined with Creative Networks' commitment to educational cybersecurity trends, will help the college maintain its standards whilst anticipating new vulnerabilities. In doing so, City of Bristol College can embrace digital innovation whilst keeping data protection and security central to its operations.