



# VIDEO CONFERENCING

## Broadband Resources Information Sheet

Number 2

<b>Web Site:</b>	<a href="http://multiclass.E2BN.net">http://multiclass.E2BN.net</a> & <a href="http://flashmeeting.E2BN.net">http://flashmeeting.E2BN.net</a>
<b>Key Stages:</b>	1, 2, 3, 4
<b>Subjects:</b>	All
<b>Cost:</b>	Equipment: Intro ~£50. Low ~£100-£500. Med/High ~£2500+

### Key Features

Video Conferencing (VC) can be used in various ways in the classroom, including:

- Sharing specialist teacher resources or interacting with experts that would not normally be accessible.
- Improving presentation, speaking and listening skills.
- Allowing pupils and teachers to participate in collaborative learning with peers in other schools.

### Using Broadband For VC

- The Milton Keynes and E2BN schools' broadband networks are designed to make VC possible.
- There is no further cost when using your school's broadband link for VC.
- E2BN provide free services for multi-point conferences, and for conferencing with sites using ISDN equipment.
- Schools can choose E2BN contracted suppliers that offer pre-negotiated competitive prices.

### Introductory Level

- Suitable for one to one use.
- Web based via **Flashmeeting**. No special software is required. However it is not compatible with other VC systems.
- Each participant needs a computer with a webcam and microphone.

### Low Level

- Suitable for groups of up to three.
- Requires a PC with either: a webcam & VC software OR a PC based VC unit.
- Quality is better than Flashmeeting, but it is dependant on the equipment used.

### Medium/High Level

- Suitable for up to whole class groups.
- Uses standalone VC units that can be portable or fixed in a dedicated room.
- An external TV or projector and speakers will also be required. An interactive whiteboard is perfectly suitable.
- Quality is comparable to broadcast TV.

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