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The London College of Beauty Therapy improves learning resources with FibreSpan Gigabit backbone

12 January 2007, UNITED KINGDOM: The London College of Beauty Therapy has selected FibreSpan, the premier provider of affordable dark fibre, to deploy a fibre link between its main campus site and a new building to aid expansion of the College.

The current academic year marks the 12th anniversary of the College, which has experienced significant growth since it was established. It was recognised that the current site was at its limit in providing the very best learning environment for its students and will struggle to accommodate future growth.

The College acquired a building across the road from its current site to provide three further floors offering additional learning facilities, an IT unit and employee resource space. The College required a resilient communication link between the two buildings and a secure fibre link was the preferred method to deliver voice and data services as well as transmit CCTV digital assets.

FibreSpan was selected due to its presence in the area – which resulted in a fast installation and a highly responsive service. Furthermore it was able to provide a dedicated resilient Gigabit fibre backbone with a market leading SLA – at the right price.

Paul Killington, IT Manager, London College of Beauty Therapy, said: “We selected FibreSpan because of its high visibility in this area and its ability to provide an exacting service at the right price. The quality of service delivery was exceptional throughout, from initial consultation through to installation, the team were

incredibly responsive and a pleasure to work with. The GigaSpan link has proved to be highly resilient with zero network downtime.”

The two sites have to exchange data at all times and having a high-speed and dependable link is essential for the College. Without this link the college would not be in a position to provide its excellent learning resources and access to teaching materials would be difficult.

The long-term success of the service will be measured by its performance over time - based on the absence of network downtime. Although the College has contracted the GigaSpan service, it has the ability to rapidly upgrade to FibreSpan's dark fibre solution as requirements evolve in the future.

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About FibreSpan - fibrespan.co.uk

FibreSpan is a fibre solutions company with a national telecommunications licence. It designs, installs, operates and leases private dark fibre circuits, working in partnership with health and education, local authorities and other multi-site organisations. Established in 2001, it is an independent UK national statutory utility, licensed by the DTI and regulated by Ofcom.

It is FibreSpan's goal to make fibre optic connectivity a viable solution for organisations throughout the UK. In order to achieve this the company has invested in developing patent-pending microduct technology that is swiftly changing the face of fibre optic deployment – allowing access to bespoke dark fibre connectivity at an affordable and competitive rate.

FibreSpan offer an end-to-end service that includes consultation, network planning, rapid deployment and comprehensive support. Its dark fibre networks offer unlimited bandwidth at a fixed cost for the term of the contract - a genuinely future proof solution. This puts FibreSpan in a unique position to enable clients to have complete control of future bandwidth demand.