



What impact does technology have on raising standards?

The first question I get asked by senior leaders in schools is what impact does technology have on the outcomes at school? To be absolutely honest, it's very, very difficult to associate the impact of technology on outcomes. However, what I can say is in terms of our young people and the skills they have in using technology, by week two of coming in Year seven, they are far more skilled in using technology and a variety of platforms than their peers in equivalent schools. That then goes on throughout their career at Ribblesdale and beyond to equip them with those really focused skills around technology to support their future careers.

Linked to this, we are finding from our departments of faculty areas that having that really insightful and direct feedback, for example, audio embedded on One Note, has a real impact on moving those learners forward in terms of their progress within the curriculum. And that undoubtedly has an impact on those absolute outcomes at the end of Key Stage four.