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Holy Crescent High School
Students and teachers both gain from using SMART Board interactive whiteboard

"Investing in SMART Board interactive whiteboards during the 2011 school year has been the best decision I have made."

Naushad Ahmed, Principal, Holy Crescent High School, Karnataka, India

A conventional blackboard with a seam down the center greets you as you enter the Class 5 classroom at Holy Crescent High School. The students are learning about human anatomy in science today. But rather than chalking words and diagrams on the board, the teacher opens it up to reveal a SMART Board® interactive whiteboard underneath, and students are soon watching a digital video with rapt attention, learning about the functions of the heart.

Holy Crescent High School, a small and remote private institution affiliated with the Karnataka State Board of Secondary Education in India, has increasingly been adopting educational technology, and as a result is finding students more engrossed with science and math.

They have no trouble engaging with lessons that teachers present using the interactive whiteboard, seeing it as a fun and easy way to learn. And even teachers never before exposed to classroom technology find themselves steadily growing to love teaching with the SMART Board interactive whiteboard.

Every Saturday, the school's teachers and administrators discuss and share lessons prepared for the following week and how best to use the SMART Board interactive whiteboard. Teachers find that students are more engaged in lessons when they use tools that are more hands-on, reaching into areas where more traditional teaching methods are limited. SMART Notebook collaborative learning software's many features, including its easy-to-use interface, helps teachers to bring lessons to life. The interactive whiteboard's touch interface and object awareness make writing easy, even compared to using a blackboard, and along with shared lessons, teachers also enjoy the benefits of recording and saving their written notes for future use.

"The SMART Board has not just made teaching easier for the teachers and studying more interesting for the students, but it has made my teachers more skilled," says Naushad Ahmed, Principal, Holy Crescent High School.

Teacher and student comfort levels with the SMART Board interactive whiteboard increase rapidly with hands-on experience. At Holy Crescent, both groups quickly lost their hesitation toward using it, demonstrating that, even for those in remote schools with little to no previous experience using classroom technology products, SMART's

innovative classroom solutions are easy to adopt and lead to great benefits.

The SMART Exchange™ website, with its wealth of SMART and teacher-created lesson activities and Gallery content – covering virtually every subject from math to biology, from geography to art – gives teachers invaluable assistance in preparing their courses and lessons. This is nowhere more evident than at Holy Crescent School. "Now," says Ahmed, "the teachers have become well versed and prepare impressive classroom sessions of their own. Geometric constructions are so much more fun and interesting to do. Reviewing the work done during the subsequent days has made it easier to recall for the students using the SMART Board's measurement maths tool."

The maths department head couldn't agree more, adding, "Self-learning and exploring the tools in SMART Notebook software has made our life so much easier."

"Looking at the overwhelming response that I am getting from parents, teachers and students, I think I have to install some more boards so that it is accessible to all the classes and every section in the school," states Ahmed, who spearheaded the introduction of SMART solutions in the school.

At Holy Crescent High School, the SMART Board interactive whiteboard has helped students and teachers engage more fully in lessons, helping to motivate teaching and learning and make them both easier.

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