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Case Study on Baobab College of Zambia Adopting ICDL

1. Background of the project

Located in Zambian Capital City Lusaka, the Baobab College is an international school offering the International General Certificate of Secondary School (IGCSE) syllabus. Its pupils come from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities.

Although the students follow the IGCSE in computer studies, the college has recognised a growing need to verify and benchmark the computer education, and to bring the students digital skills to the international standard.

2. Baobab College of Zambia adopting ICDL

Recognising the international endorsement of ICDL certification programme, Baobab College decided to implement the programme among all the Year 7 – 11 pupils of the school. The students study the programme at their own pace with an e-Learning package, and then register for the exam whenever they feel ready.

The flexibility of the ICDL programme has motivated the pupils to manage their time well, and practise more at their own pace. With ICDL, the pupils have not only gained confidence using computers, but also improved their academic performances significantly since they can now undertake research more efficiently and present their coursework more effectively.

Every year, around 50 pupils will be enrolled in the programme. Some students finish the certification within a few weeks, while others may take a longer period of the time depending on their own studying pace and workload.

3. Feedback from the Students and the College

16-year-old student Jitebe Mumba from Zambia completed all seven ICDL modules within just a few days. “I have always been really interested in learning about computers and I was confident that I could pass the ICDL exams. Doing them in such a short time was a challenge but I enjoyed it!” said Jitebe.

Another 16-year-old student Dalyn Capes was from South Africa. Commenting on his experience with ICDL programme, he said “I took the last three exams back-to-back and it feels great to have got my ICDL! I am really glad it is an international qualification because I want to be able to study and work in a number of different countries and the ICDL is known everywhere - it is a common currency.”

Baobab College is pleased with the implementation of ICDL programme so far. “The ICDL is an integral part of the jigsaw of academic endeavour at the college,” said Steve Ferguson, Head of Secondary.


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