

## Meet the Avatars

Thank you to all of you who attended the Advantage DiDA Unit 2 Training, and thank you for filling out the various questionnaires given to you at these sessions.



We have included the accumulated results for some of the questionnaires, just so you know where we are heading, and what you have to look forward to!



The results taken showed Miki and Thomas were definitely the favourite choice of avatar. Although we have taken your comments for both characters into consideration, we will be improving the look of both to suit everyone.



Over 50% of you decided that it may be better to have expert avatars guiding your pupils through the course i.e. Technical, help assistant etc.



Characters may vary slightly in the final product.

## Advantage National

As you may be aware, DiDA is not the only kid on the block now in terms of GNVQ replacements. OCR have burst on to the scene with the National Certificate. Early indications are, that this will be very popular and will be more similar to GNVQ.

As you would expect we will be producing materials for the new course (imaginatively entitled Advantage National!) and they will be available in September. Please see below for the availability of National Seminars.

## Up and Coming Dates

### Thursday 17 May:

Unit 1, Online Breeze Training

### Friday 18 May:

National Online Breeze Seminar

### Wednesday 24th May:

National Online Breeze Seminar

### Wednesday 31 May:

National Online Breeze Seminar

### Monday 19 June:

National Seminar, London

### Tuesday 20th June:

National Seminar, Birmingham

### Monday 10th July:

National Seminar, London

### Thursday 13 July:

National Seminar, Birmingham

To book any of these sessions

please visit our Website:

<http://www.varndean.net>

## Teacher changes and Email Addresses

We understand that there may be changes to the ICT staff structure during the school year. Please can you make us aware of any changes, as vital information may not be reaching you!

Please send any staff or address changes to:

[suegumbrill@varndean.net](mailto:suegumbrill@varndean.net)

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