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GLOBAL-LEAP introduces QA tests to avoid disappointment when linking to museums and galleries.

We strongly advise you that if you are booking a museum and gallery event for the first time, you arrange to do a face-to-face test, with us here in the office before you book.

Please telephone us direct on **0208 866 6036**.

This is to protect busy museum and gallery colleagues from the additional burden of dealing with individual school connectivity issues. Many of the museums/galleries do not have the time or staff to deal with these issues, so we would ask "new" schools to ask us for advice first.

PLEASE NOTE: Most Museums and galleries currently have ISDN connectivity for their videoconference links, and it is YOUR responsibility for ensuring that a link can be made. If you have IP connectivity you will have to make a link via a bridge OR gateway. If you need advice on this please contact the office. Please do not book a museum lesson, simply to "see if your equipment works". This is not an appropriate use of colleague's time or of scarce resources.

Website update:

Have you noticed the colour shaded boxes appearing on the Network of Schools???

Here at Global-Leap, we are always thinking of ways to improve the resource we offer to you and we are introducing a colour coding system to the Network of Schools using Videoconferencing.

This will help you identify a suitable/age group partner more easily at a glance.

The system works as follows:

All age groups - Orange

5-11 Green

11-16 Blue

To ensure YOUR school contact details stand out, please use your school ID number to update them now, and your new entry will appear in colour. Remember it is good practise to update your details regularly. Please check that your email address is written accurately. This will only take 5 minutes, but if you do need help, telephone Natasha and she will be happy to talk you through.

Schools looking for partners will select the most proactive schools to contact, so make sure your details are updated now. We want the network to be up-to-date and useful for other schools.

Please help us to achieve this.

And more news and more VC lessons below.....



BBC Xchange programme.

On 8th Feb, a small group of children from Godwin School went down to the Television Centre to take part in a feature to illustrate their regular VC links with their partner school, Mona Heights in Kingston, Jamaica.

During the half hour programme that included a live interactive VC link, the children talked to the presenters (Jean and Jez) www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc about how much they had learnt about life in their partner school and different countries from their VC links



Keystone 05

A year in the planning, and based on the entirely obvious idea that teachers and content providers should take time to sit down and talk about good practices, current projects, and future plans. October 2004, and 200 delegates gathered in Indiana, USA, for this very first Keystone conference. Of course, this was videoconferencing, and so a further 1000 colleagues were joining the conference from classrooms and studios across the country via videoconference link. Add in the streaming technology that was also available, and the potential audience becomes enormous. This was no passive conference where the great and the good delivered keynote speeches. This was a chance to offer an opinion, to report on an activity developed, or in the making. The strands for discussion included Schools (Elementary and High), Technology and Content Providers. Our task was to report to the nation via video link our expectations and wishes to improve and develop videoconferencing for teachers and providers. The themes presented by each group often reflect similar aspirations based on research to evaluate the value of IVC (Interactive Video Conferencing). Throughout the two days, presentations were made by delegates at the conference in person, and by colleagues presenting from their classrooms around the US.

It was interesting to discover through working with colleagues, that the issues (practical, and pedagogical), are very similar when working with schools and IVC providers, on both sides of the pond.

Now in 2005 the planning has begun for Keystone 05.

The web address is <http://www.keystoneconference.org/>. This year's conference will be in Indianapolis from October 3rd – 5th. Global-Leap are involved in the planning over the next few months so we'll keep you up to date with news as it develops. If attending in person isn't an option then taking part via video link or watching via a webstream should certainly be possible.

More lessons to book, below.....

Videoconferences for **YOUR** classroom

Check out the following lessons, which are still available for Feb and March... these lessons are filling up fast....so you had better be quick!!! See the website lessons diary for further details of all these lessons, and others - <http://www.global-leap.com/events/index.php>

If you have missed a lesson this term, **now** is the time to look ahead at the lessons that are still available in the summer months, and book your VC lessons now.

DATE	TIME	PROVIDER	DESCRIPTION
22/02/05	06.00-0700	Reef HQ	Link to the Barrier Reef
22/02/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets explore VC
22/02/05	10.15-11.00	National Maritime Museum	Storytelling about Trim the ship's cat.
22/02/05	13.15-14.00	National Maritime Museum	Storytelling about Trim the ship's cat.
22/02/05	10.15-11.00	National Maritime Museum	Storytelling about Trim the ship's cat.
23/02/05	11.00-11.30	Global-Leap	My First Videoconference
23/02/05	13.00-13.30	Global-Leap	My First Videoconference
23/02/05	16.00-16.30	Global-Leap	My First Videoconference
24/02/05	06.00-07.00	Reef HQ	Link to the Barrier Reef
24/02/05	08.00-18.00	Mexicolore	Explore Aztec Civilization
24/02/05	15.45-16.45	Media Centre	Explore Videoconferencing
24/02/05	16.00-17.00	National Portrait Gallery	Welcome to VC, OR Using Portraits as Historical Evidence
25/02/05	13.00-15.00	Cabinet War Rooms	Choice of-Home Front, Planning of War, Evacuation, D Day, Churchill.
28/02/05	10.30-11.15	National Portrait Gallery	Choice of-Growing up in the past, Tudors, Victorians, Stuarts, Portraits OR Painting
28/02/05	11.30-12.30	PSB	Lets explore VC
01/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets explore VC
01/03/05	11.30-12.30	PSB	Lets explore VC
02/03/05	08.00-18.00	Mexicolore	Explore Aztec Civilization
07/03/05	10.00-10.45	Global-Leap	Bayeux Tapestry and Battle of Hastings/or by arrangement.
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07/03/05	13.00-13.30	Global-Leap	Develop VC in the Classroom for teachers
07/03/05	14.15-14.45	Global Leap	Develop VC in the Classroom for teachers
07/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets explore VC
07/03/05	11.30-12.30	PSB	Lets explore VC
08/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets explore VC
08/03/05	10.30-11.15	International Education Office	Countries of Europe
08/03/05	11.30-12.30	PSB	Lets explore VC
08/03/05	13.15-13.45	National Maritime Museum	Leisure, Travel and Tourism GCSE, AVCE
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11/03/05	09.00-10.00	Royal Observatory, Greenwich	Talk to the experts about Sundials OR the Moon
14/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets Explore Videoconferencing
14/03/05	11.30-12.30	PSB	Lets Explore Videoconferencing
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16/03/05	13.15-13.45	National Maritime Museum	Dan Pew. Actor led session based on fictional character of a Tudor seafarer
18/03/05	09.00-09.45	Royal Observatory, Greenwich	Earth and Beyond, covering day and night, units of time, astronomers and much more
18/03/05	10.00-10.30	Christine Lafont	Practise your spoken French
18/03/05	11.00-1600	Wakefield Advisory	ICT and Geography
18/03/05	13.00-15.30	Cabinet War Rooms	Choice of-Home Front, Planning of war, evacuation, D Day, Churchill
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18/03/05	14.30-15.30	National Maritime Museum	Understanding Slavery
21/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets Explore VC
21/03/05	11.30-12-30	PSB	Lets Explore VC
22/03/05	06.00-07.00	Reef HQ	Link to the Barrier Reef
22/03/05	09.30.10.15	Royal Observatory, Greenwich.	Earth and Beyond, covering day and night, units of time, astronomers and much more
22/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets Explore VC
22/03/05	11.30-12-.30	PSB	Lets Explore VC
22/03/05	13.15-14.00	National Maritime Museum,	Storytelling about Trim the ship's cat.
23/03/05	09.15-10.00	Royal Observatory, Greenwich	Earth and Beyond, covering day and night, units of time, astronomers and much more
23/03/05	09.30-10.15	Tower of London	Elizabeth 1 and the Tower of London
24/03/05	06.00-07.00	Reef HQ	Link to the Barrier Reef
25/03/05	09.00-10.00	Royal Observatory, Greenwich	Earth and Beyond, covering day and night, units of time, astronomers and much more
25/03/05	10.00-10.30	Christine Lafont	Practise your spoken French
25/03/05	13.00-15.30	Cabinet War Rooms	Choice of-Home Front, Planning of war, evacuation, D Day, Churchill
28/03/05	09.30-10.30	Science Museum	Meet actor in the role of Gene Cernan and talk to him about being pilot of Apollo 10
28/03/05	10.00-11.00	PSB	Lets Explore VC.

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Kit Loans

If you know of a school who is keen to start Videoconferencing but has no equipment, we may be able to arrange to loan equipment on a short term basis....please contact the office for more details.

Your news for the next newsletter

Remember we are always interested to hear what you have to say about Videoconferencing in the Classroom.

We will also be happy to hear from any budding presenters/AST's who would like to post their lessons on the site OR if you have any ideas for lessons you think we could create – please contact Natasha by telephoning **0208 866 6036** or emailing us at Natasha@global-leap.com. We will endeavour to do our best to help you.

That is all folks – well, until next month.....Thank you for your continued support and “Happy Videoconferencing”

Mike and the team

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Videoconference Help and Support for schools (Technical and Curriculum content and application).

Demonstrations and Testing on Request, School partners and International Links, Museums and Galleries.

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IP Automated Test 80.68.51.35 (recommended 128K)

To arrange a face to face videoconference test telephone: +44 (0)208866 6036 and ask to make an appointment