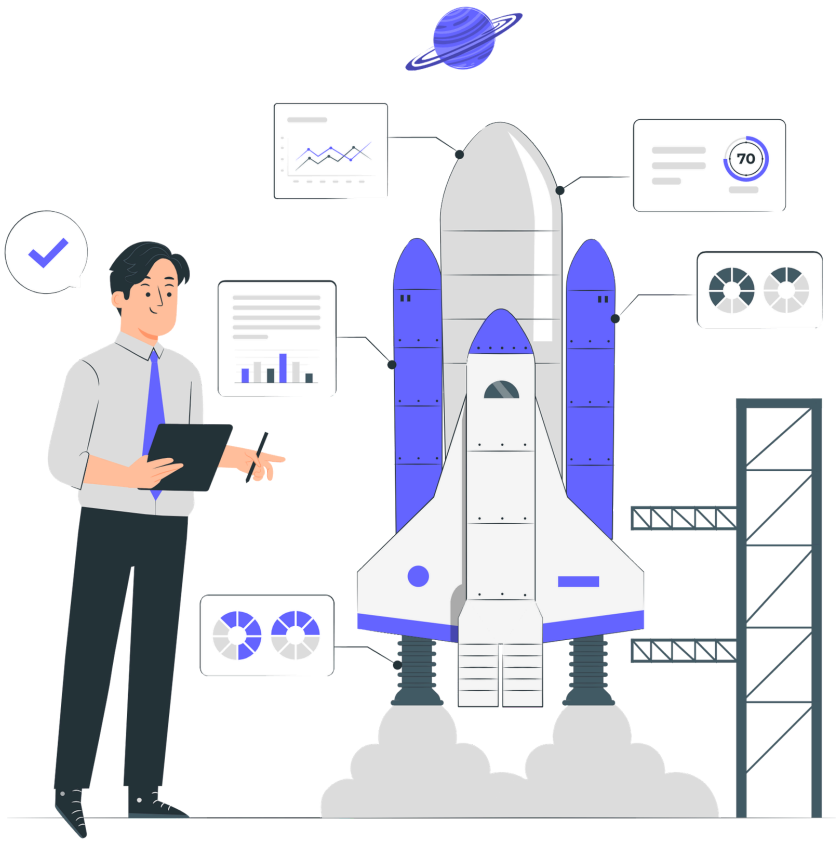
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SUCCESS STORY

How South Gloucestershire Council's schools' attendance skyrocketed in one academic year



XVault

Background

South Gloucestershire Council was established in 1996, and it oversees 115 schools.

We spoke to **Strategic Lead for Statutory Education, Mike Wheeler**, about how the council have been relying on XVault to analyse the data they receive daily from their 115 schools.

This case study showcases how XVault successfully addressed the specific challenges faced by South Gloucestershire Council, making it a valuable solution for other educational authorities dealing with similar issues.

South Gloucestershire Council

ABOUT

- 115 schools
- Established in 1996
- South Gloucestershire, UK

TEAM



Mike Wheeler
Strategic Lead for Statutory Education

Project timeline

Feb 2023
Initial kick-off meeting

Apr 2023
XVault installed

Apr 2023
Pilot phase completed

May-Aug 2023
Schools onboarded

The challenge



South Gloucestershire Council began their VenturEd Solutions journey in January 2023. With so many MIS providers in the market, schools tend to all be subscribed to different ones - this diversity made it challenging for the council to access and analyse real-time data across the entire network of schools.

The Council needed a solution that could **aggregate data** from these disparate systems into a single, easily accessible platform, allowing them to meet the Department for Education's (DfE) new regulations on improving school attendance.

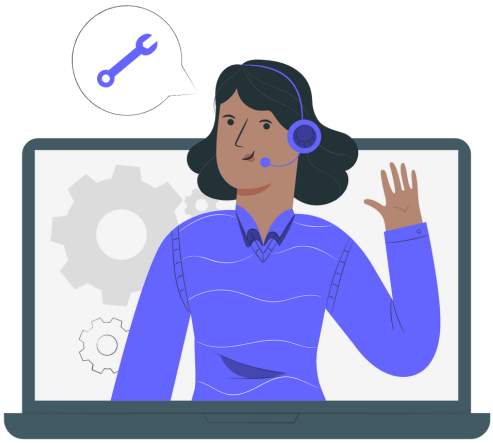
The solution

South Gloucestershire Council chose XVault to overcome their data management challenges. XVault provided the Council with a unified system capable of aggregating data from multiple MIS platforms in near real-time. This solution was essential for the Council's education team, allowing them to:

- **Monitor attendance**: Identify cohorts of students needing attendance support and create targeted plans for improving their attendance.
- **Compliance with DfE regulations**: Prepare comprehensive reports for the required targeted support meetings with schools, ensuring all statutory requirements are met.
- **Support multiple teams**: XVault is not only used by the attendance team but also extended to legal teams, the SEND team (Special Educational Needs), and the multi-agency safeguarding hub.

Implementation process

The implementation process of XVault at South Gloucestershire Council was seamless and highly efficient. Despite the challenges of managing data-sharing agreements across 115 schools, the council was able to onboard quickly and effectively. The support from the XVault team was instrumental, providing consistent assistance and ensuring a smooth transition.



> **“The support from the XVault team was incredible. They held our hand at every stage, making the process seamless. “**

Benefits and results

Since implementing XVault, South Gloucestershire Council has experienced significant improvements in their processes:

Automated data collection

The attendance dashboard now automatically collates data, significantly reducing manual workload by **50%.**

Enhanced data accuracy

Interrogating data has improved record accuracy, helping to identify and rectify incorrect register coding.

Improved attendance rates

The council has seen an improvement of about **1.4%** in attendance, with a particular focus on SEN students.

Cost savings

By monitoring transport and attendance the council has cut costs by reducing unnecessary transport allocations.

In the academic year 2023/24, XVault reduced manual workload by **15-20 hours per week** and improved attendance by **1.5%!**

Future plans

South Gloucestershire Council plans to **expand** the use of XVault to include data from independent schools and alternative provision providers. They are also considering integrating out-of-county and out-of-borough attendance data into XVault, aiming to centralise all student data under one system for even more comprehensive monitoring.

We look forward to keep working with South Gloucestershire Council to help them achieve greatness and improve attendance further across their schools!

> **“I’ve worked with XVault for years in numerous places, and it’s been brilliant. We got onboarded pretty quickly, and it’s added so much value to our practices.”**

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