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Many schools and school boards already have websites – using FuseTalk forums adds another dimension to that online presence.

Remember, this generation is far more likely to go online than to use traditional approaches – and a “green”, zero-footprint technology is attractive to students and teachers. It’s a significant benefit that the information is always being retained for future improvement and historical analysis.

The screenshot shows the FuseTalk log-in view. On the left is a sidebar with a login form (Username, Password, Remember, Login button) and a search section. The main area is a 'Category Listing' table with columns for Name, RSS, Topics, and Last Post. The table lists various categories like General, Languages Department, Maths/Science Department, Physical Education, For Teachers Only, Parental Concerns, Extra Curricular Activities, School Council, and Student Wellness. At the bottom, it shows 'Currently Logged in users (1)' with the user 'locluv'.

Name	RSS	Topics	Last Post
<a href="#">General</a> What's happening in your school? If it's going on, it's in here!	<a href="#">RSS</a>	2	08/18/2010 02:08 PM By <a href="#">MrsHutchings</a>
<a href="#">Languages Department</a> <a href="#">Grade 9 English</a> <a href="#">Grade 10 English</a> <a href="#">Grade 11 English</a> <a href="#">Grade 12 English</a>	<a href="#">RSS</a>	0	Forum is empty
<a href="#">Maths/Science Department</a> <a href="#">Grade 9 Mathematics</a> <a href="#">Grade 10 Mathematics</a> <a href="#">Grade 11 Algebra</a> <a href="#">Grade 11 Physics</a> <a href="#">Grade 12 Algebra</a> <a href="#">Grade 12 Physics</a> <a href="#">Grade 9 Science</a> <a href="#">Grade 10 Science</a>	<a href="#">RSS</a>	0	Forum is empty
<a href="#">Physical Education</a>	<a href="#">RSS</a>	0	Forum is empty
<a href="#">For Teachers Only</a> A password is required to participate in this category.	<a href="#">RSS</a>	0	Forum is empty
<a href="#">Parental Concerns</a> A password is required to participate in this category.	<a href="#">RSS</a>	6	08/31/2010 02:14 PM By <a href="#">MrsHutchings</a>
<a href="#">Extra Curricular Activities</a>	<a href="#">RSS</a>	0	Forum is empty
<a href="#">School Council</a>	<a href="#">RSS</a>	0	Forum is empty
<a href="#">Student Wellness</a>	<a href="#">RSS</a>	1	08/30/2010 02:01 PM By <a href="#">MrsHutchings</a>

FuseTalk Log-in View

FuseTalk allows for unlimited forums, so communities can easily be segregated. Each forum may contain unlimited categories, and each category unlimited topics.

Because parents and teachers need assurance that security, protection and confidentiality is paramount, FuseTalk offers the ability to lock down categories or password protect a specific category, so that only certain individuals are permitted access. Permissions can be quickly defined – setting different parameters for students, teachers, parent groups, and administrative staff – which will meet any school board’s privacy policies. If required, categories can be moderated, allowing each message to be examined before it is posted to the community at large. There is the ability to ban individuals not complying with the rules, and a filter so that unacceptable or profane words do not appear in messages.

FuseTalk features powerful e-mail based functionality. Groups or individuals can subscribe to topics and categories, and receive update notifications in real time or in digest form. Forum administrators can synchronize a category with a mailing list, or enable e-mail posting so that users can follow a category by e-mail. In an education portal, all subscribed parents would be informed when the category “Significant Policy Changes” received a change in content; for example, all students in a particular science course would receive an e-mail when a new assignment was posted.

A forum can be, virtually, all things to all people within the academic community. A primary function would be the creation of categories where teachers and students can communicate. Course material lists and presentations could be published, lecture/lesson notes can be easily updated, and URLs of resources available to students can be kept current. Students can access the portal at any time, day or night – there is no reason to miss an assignment.

The screenshot shows the FuseTalk forum interface for 'Class 9EU'. The page title is 'FuseDiligence for Education'. The breadcrumb trail is 'FuseDiligence for Education > Languages Department > Grade 9 English > Class 9EU'. The user 'MsTolliver' is logged in. The main content area displays a table of topics with columns for Topic Title, Replies, Views, Originator, and Last Post. The topics listed are:

Topic Title	Replies	Views	Originator	Last Post
<a href="#">9EU - List of Novels for Independent Study</a>	0	1	MsTolliver	08/30/2010 01:17 PM by MsTolliver
<a href="#">9EU - Course Outline</a>	0	2	MsTolliver	08/30/2010 01:16 PM by MsTolliver
<a href="#">9EU - Resources</a>	0	1	MsTolliver	08/30/2010 01:15 PM by MsTolliver
<a href="#">Ms Tolliver's 2nd period homework board</a>	0	5	MsTolliver	08/30/2010 01:14 PM by MsTolliver
<a href="#">Ms Tolliver's 4th period homework board</a>	0	2	MsTolliver	08/30/2010 01:14 PM by MsTolliver
<a href="#">Ms Tolliver's 4th period novel share</a>	1	9	lesley	08/18/2010 02:18 PM by Tallony

Below the table, there is a statistics section:

**Statistics**  
 7 users are registered to the FuseDiligence for Education forum.  
 There are currently 3 users logged in.  
 The most users ever online was 4 on 08/30/2010 at 01:09 PM.  
 There are currently 1 guests browsing this forum, which makes a total of 4 users using this forum.

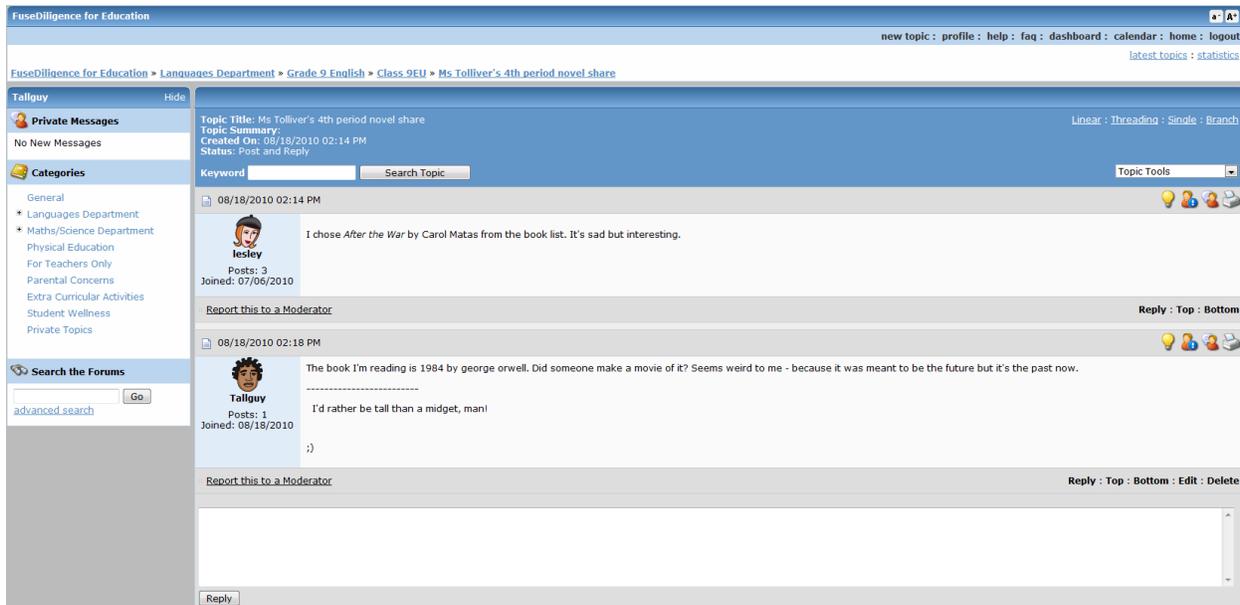
#### FuseTalk User View – List of Topics

Students, teaching assistants and teachers can discuss materials and homework. For structured curriculums, answering one question benefits many – for creative and interactive curriculums, collaborative discussion can take place in the form of debate.

Interactive parent/teacher communication makes teachers and administrators more accessible to the parents of students.

Schools can publish relevant content, such as:

- curriculum outlines
- policy, and changes to policy
- changes under consideration (seeking feedback from parents)
- fee structures and fundraising initiatives
- field trip and permission-based activities, including necessary documentation to be completed
- behaviour expectations



*FuseTalk User View - Discussion*

Categories relating to teacher to teacher, and departmental interaction might include:

- discussion of opportunities to improve curriculums
- sharing teaching techniques/practices
- capture/retain relevant content for future use

In a password protected category, departmental heads, principals and vice principals might:

- discuss trends, crisis management, emergency preparedness
- debate budgets, optimize spending
- publish policy

A category devoted to student wellness and career aspirations might:

- provide links to articles and web sites related to physical and mental well being issues
- provide discussion around coping with stress, assisting with volunteer efforts, improving quality of life
- provide links to career paths and further education

Students and parents, alike, will easily add content to these categories via a familiar, flexible editor, which supports HTML and spell checking. Messages may include attachments; FuseTalk provides the ability to control the types and sizes of documents, images, and videos that can be stored and/or attached to topics.

*FuseTalk User View – New Message Creation*

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