NELSON & COLNE COLLEGE GROUP

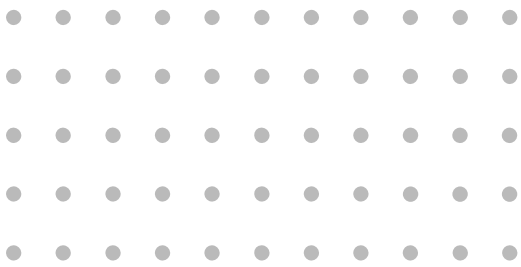**Industry: Education | 100+ employees**

Large Regional College Protects Their Students From Cybersecurity Threats

Nelson & Colne College is a tertiary college in North West of England, offering courses to students, adult learners and those in employment looking to gain new or additional qualifications. Nelson and Colne College has a national reputation for educational success and is seen within the Further Education sector as a beacon of excellence for teaching and learning. Nelson and Colne is currently number one in England for A Levels, based on progress scores.

Following the successful merger of Nelson and Colne College and Accrington and Rossendale College in November 2018, Nelson and Colne College has retained its place in the College Group as the Sixth Form center due to its distinguished stature for academic achievement.

Information security is of increasing importance at educational institutions, ranking at the top of the list of critical IT issues in the higher education space. Thus, educational organizations are looking for cybersecurity vendor partners that can help keep their information secure.

Nelson & Colne College was seeking for an easy-to-integrate and cost-effective cyber security monitoring solution to provide visibility across their on-premises and cloud infrastructures and protect their students and their data.

Case Study

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With thousands of students using the College systems every day, student account takeovers have always been an ongoing concern, as students often re-use their accounts and passwords at other services such as social media or online entertainment resources. Without real-time visibility and threat detection tools, it was nearly impossible to detect any suspicious accounts on time.

Nelson & Colne College was impressed with how easy it was to deploy ThreatDefence and start getting real-time insights from their security data. With the integrated Dark Web monitoring capability and user behavior analytics, ThreatDefence provided an in-depth analysis of what account are at risk.

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We needed another layer of security to get visibility into what is happening into our network, and ThreatDefence checked all the boxes for us. With ThreatDefence, we can better understand cyber security threats to our environment and collect information so we can quick react to those threats."

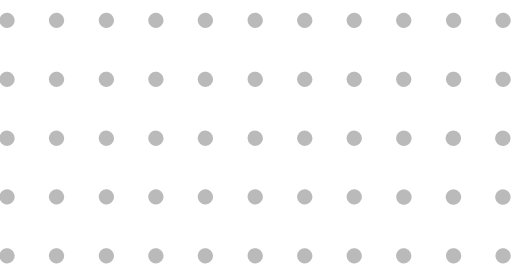**IT Manager**
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One day, Nelson & Colne College received a call from the FBI stating that one of their student accounts was compromised. A quick lookup within the ThreatDefence SecOps platform determined that the compromise had been detected and prevented two weeks prior to the FBI report, while the Dark Web transactions had also been detected and recorded. The full activity log from the platform was presented to the FBI and to the company management, providing complete assurance to the business that the credentials were not used for any malicious activity. For Nelson & Colne College, it is important to be equipped to detect such threats proactively - learning about this compromise from authorities would be way too late.

ABOUT THREATDEFENCE

ThreatDefence provides innovative Security Operations and cyber defense solutions to MSPs and Enterprises. Our SecOps Platform is designed to assist businesses of all sizes in implementing world-class detection and response, utilizing all available data sources, whether it be within their network, on the Dark Web, or concealed deep within their supply chain. We value open ecosystems and seamlessly integrate with any and all threat intelligence feeds and log sources, delivering immediate actionable security insights.

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