

Case Study: York St John University

password partner



University Profile

Established in 1841, YSJU is a university with social justice, graduate employability and students at the centre of everything they do. Smaller class sizes ensure they work in partnership with students and challenge them to achieve their degree results. YSJU has around 8,000 students across their York and London campuses, with around 100 different nationalities.



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Tests Used:

- Password Skills: Reading, Writing and Listening modules
- Approximately 200 tests conducted annually

Purpose:

- Admission test to UG and PG courses on-campus in York and London

Test Takers:

- A wide variety of nationalities from various countries, predominantly in Europe
- Applicants from key feeder schools

Why we chose Password

“We wanted a secure and compliant alternative to test international students’ English at a time when test centre cancellations were popping up all over the world. We were also given confidence in the security and flexibility afforded by the tests, allowing us to use Password in situations where applicants would have otherwise struggled to meet our entry requirements.”

What Password helped us achieve

“We made this available to key partners in markets where alternative tests were unavailable, allowing us to test groups of students, as well as for last minute individual applicants in other markets. It also provided reassurance for compliance and admissions colleagues that entry requirements would be retained.”

Challenges Password helped us overcome

“We managed to remotely test applicant levels of English for entry, as well as offering students an opportunity to re-sit where they had missed one of the components. This was vital for us over the last 12 months and enabled us to achieve our recruitment targets.”

About the contributor: Phill Gray is Director of International at York St John where he is a member of the university’s senior leadership team.



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