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BRIEFING NOTE – REPLACEMENT OF PCs/LAPTOPS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PROMETHEAN INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

Introduction

You may be aware that Promethean interactive whiteboards use one of two types of connector to attach to the PC or laptop that runs the ActivBoard software for it.

Depending upon the age of the board, it will use either a *Serial port* or a *USB port* (or may even be able to use either) – these are shown below

USB Port



Serial Port



It is likely that older boards require a serial port to connect to the laptop or PC.

Replacement of PC or laptop used with Promethean Interactive Whiteboards

Schools that look to replace the PC or laptop that is used in conjunction with a (older) Promethean interactive whiteboard need to be aware that it is very unlikely that any replacement system will have a serial port (as most devices now use USB) – therefore, if the board used with it requires a serial port to connect, schools will have to purchase a **Keyspan USB to Serial adapter** to enable the connection to be made (see below). These can be obtained through the SLTS Procurement section for around £32 (tel. 636900).

