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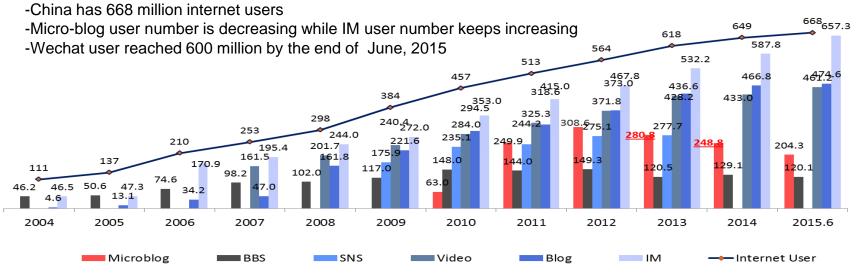






### China's Internet Development

### Internet trend in China (Jun 2015)



Note: Internet user number includes mobile internet number; Wechat user was included into mobile IM user. According to Tencent Financial Report, Q2 2015, Wechat user reached 600 million by the end of June, 2015.

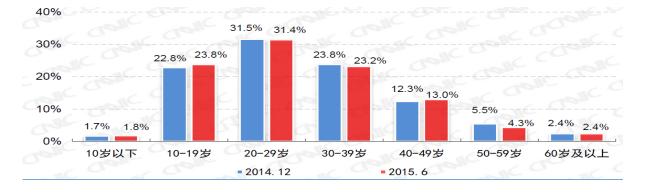
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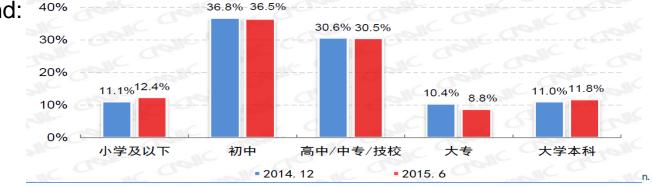
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## **China's Internet Development**

Age: •20-29: 31.5% •10-39: 78.4% •increase among below 20 and 40-49



Education background: •high school: 67% •increase among low education background



# China's Internet Development

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application	number of users (10,000)	Penetration Rate	number of users (10,000)	Penetration Rate	Growth rate
Instant messaging	60626	90.80%	49706	84.20%	21.97%
Online news	55467	83.10%	46092	78.00%	20.34%
Search engine	53615	80.30%	47038	79.60%	13.98%
Online music	48046	72.00%	45614	77.20%	5.33%
Blog/personal space	47457	71.10%	40138	68.00%	18.23%
Online video	46121	69.10%	38861	65.80%	18.68%
Online games	37391	56.00%	34533	58.50%	8.28%
Online shopping	37301	56.00%	27091	45.90%	37.69%
Online payment	35886	53.70%	24438	41.40%	46.85%
Online banking	30696	46.00%	24084	40.80%	27.45%
Online literature	28467	42.60%	24837	42.10%	14.62%
Travel booking	22903	34.30%	13256	22.40%	72.77%
E-mail	24511	36.70%	24665	41.80%	-0.62%
Microblog	20432	30.60%	33077	56.00%	-38.23%
Group buying	17639	26.40%	10091	17.10%	74.80%
Forum/bbs	12007	18.00%	14098	23.90%	-14.83%
ww.tOnline stock trading	5628	8.40%	3256	5.50%	72.85%

## **Internet market trends in China**

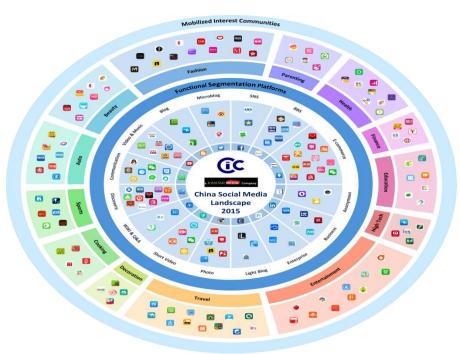
### **Trend 1: Social media**

-WeChat continues to dominate, while its role and influence evolves

-Weibo is still relevant, since it takes the pulse of what's viral -Interest communities have gone mobile

-New forms of expression emerge

- -E-commerce reviews explode
- -User-generated content is a 'fourth media'

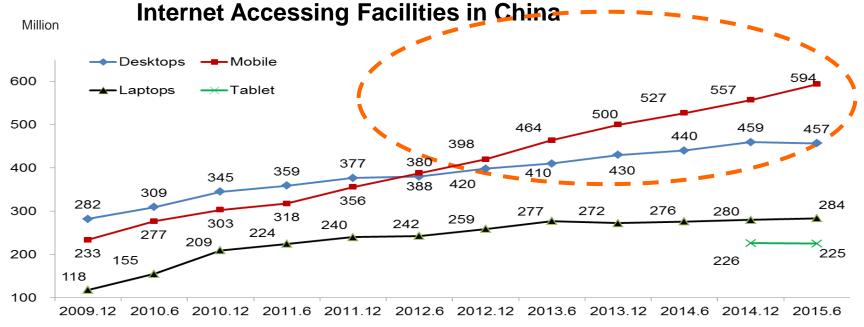


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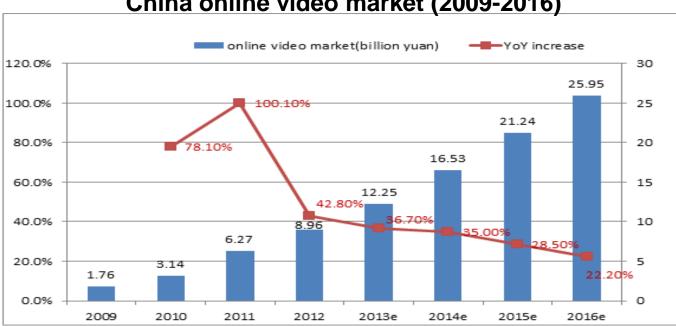
### Trend 2: Mobile – the next frontier



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### **Internet market trends in China**

### Trend 3: Video



### China online video market (2009-2016)

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#### Source: iResearch, Jun 2014

### WeChat Life Oct 2015



# City Penetration Rate

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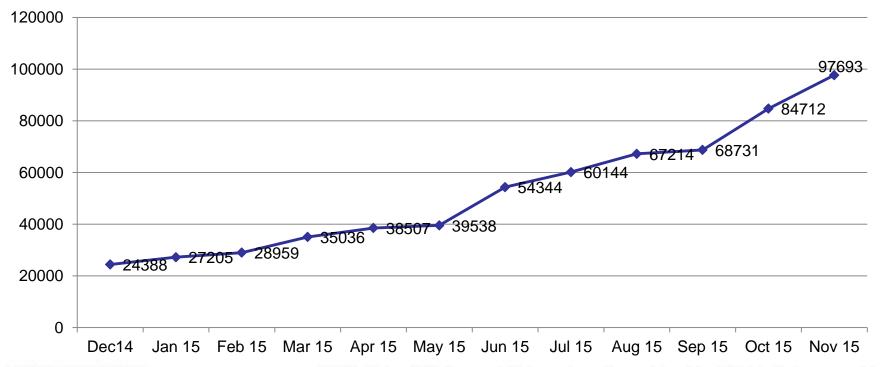
60% Aged 15-29

128 WeChat friends

90s entertainment 80s state affairs 60s 'chicken broth'

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## **Education UK WeChat Followers**



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'English is GREAT' is large scale marketing campaign with focus on English studies in the UK. The purposes of this campaign include: -Promoting the UK as the destination for English studies -Demonstrating high-quality English contents through engaging with Chinese target audience

-Boosting student recruitment on UK summer school programme and English short-term courses through agent networks

EnglishUK plays the role of key partner in this campaign.

### 106,438 online reach

46,389 online engagement

### 406,364 video views



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### **Innovative HTML5 WeChat Gadget – Great English Talent**

- 50 UK ELT schools recommended in this gadget
- Online reach: 106,438
- Online engagement: 46,389
- Online sharing: 22,770
- Attracted 8,929 new WeChat followers
- 23,619 online audience registered as EdUK members



Sample: Interactive mobile H5 gadget – GREAT English Talent



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### **Online video campaign**

Videos	Video views	links
Culture	144,171	http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XODA4NzE5ODgw. html?qq-pf-to=pcqq.c2c
Food	64,826	http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XODA2NjU5ODE2. html?qq-pf-to=pcqq.c2c
Activity	69,628	http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XODA4NjcwNTk2.h tml?from=y1.2-1-87.3.5-2.1-1-1-4-0
Course	64,773	http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XODA2NjU3ODQ4. html?qq-pf-to=pcqq.c2c
Friendship	62,966	http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XODA2NjMxOTIw.h tml?qq-pf-to=pcqq.c2c
Total	406,364	GREAT





视频: 英国夏令营体验——课外活动



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### **One-minute Video Show on WeChat Gadget**

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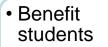
英国教育观察

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- launched in October 2015
- Different aspects about UK ELT sector
- Multiple angles
- 2 platforms

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# **Digital Marketing in ELT**



 Respond to students' needs

> Concrete Content



- Tweet / post
- Infographics
- H5 gadget

• Game

- Voting / survey
- Lucky draw

Interactive engagement

#### Real-time Marketing

 Content released on good timing

### What's next?

- ✓ Agent FAM trip to the UK
- Agent e-magazine: The GREAT Insider to UK summer school programmes
- ✓ 2016 UKSSP China roadshow
- ✓ Webinars to China agents



- ✓ GREAT English Talent
- ✓ ELT for young professionals
- ✓ ELT on Education UK
- ✓ GREAT Shakespeare

# Thank you!

# **Digital Marketing**

Michael Carrier Highdale Consulting

SIEM, Edinburgh 2015



# **Digital Marketing**

Includes:

- Online marketing
- Social media marketing
- Website marketing & SEO
- Email marketing
- Content marketing
- Mobile marketing

Focus on:

- Strategy
- Metrics
- KPIs

•Tumblr Tencent QQ RenRen •Weibo •Orkut Facebook •Twitter LinkedIn •YouTube Vimeo Pinterest Instagram Flickr

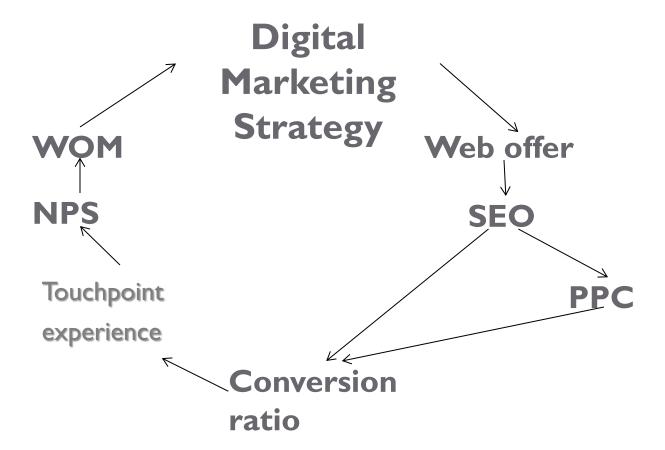


# What is your story?

- Good News high demand
- Bad news competition
- Need re-defined value
   proposition....
- ...And better value for money
- Your image Tweedy academic or cutting edge technology?
- Need to reach new people and tell your story via Social Media



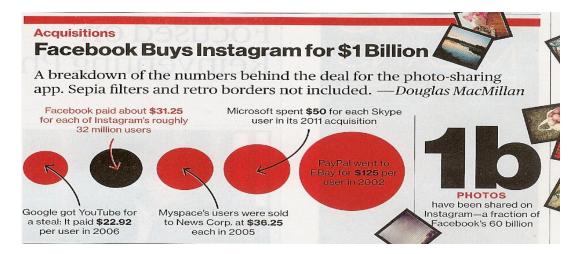






# **Digital customer acquisition**

- Agents
- Leads for direct enrolments
- Leads for sponsor enrolments
- Conversion ratios
- Personal networks: word of mouse





# What's on your website?

- Information
- Reassurance
- Encouragement
- Excitement
- Social connections



### But do you have:

- Instant online sales chat?
- Personal Skype video call?
- Facetime advice call?
- SMS advice number?
- Instant diagnostic test(s)?







# SEO tasks

- Website localization
- Translation
- Keyword optimisation
- Link building for PageRank

**Regional Search Engines:** 

Germany: Web.de - <u>http://web.de</u> Altavista- <u>http://www.altavista.de</u>

*France:* Ecila - <u>http://www.ecila.fr</u> Voila France - <u>http://www.voila.fr</u>

*Italy*: Virgilio - <u>http://www.virgilio.it</u> Arianna - <u>http://www.arianna.it</u>

Russia:

Rambler - <u>http://www.rambler.ru</u> Yandex - <u>http://www.yandex.ru</u>

Spain: Olé - http://www.ole.com



#### Multilingual SEO:

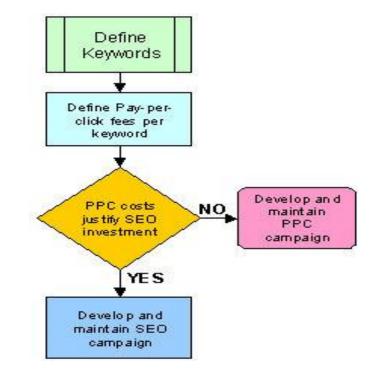
- Is your website constructed with multiple languages?
- Does your website automatically detect the source IP and deliver the appropriate language?
- Are your keywords optimized English keywords or are they non-English as well?
- Are your keywords translated or re-created by local experts?
- Do you have domain names with the target country suffix (e.g. .de for Germany; .fr for France)?
- Do you use foreign webhosting providers for foreign domains?
- Submit your site to over 600 Search Engines, eg
  - http://www.mseo.com/

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# **PPC** strategy

- Global Campaigns
- Google Adwords
- Bing PPC
- Local Paid Search Campaigns
- keyword research
- ad text localization
- optimization and reporting
- Conversion rates from PPC
- Target key market search engines eg Baidu, Yandex, Yahoo! Japan, Naver etc





# **The Filter Effect**

Double check search engine results from different locations & users

#### Google search #2:

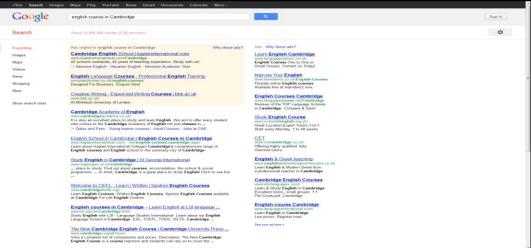
#### Added -

- www.esl-languages.com
- www.studiocambridge.co.uk
- www.cam.ac.uk

#### Missed -

- www.ecenglish.com
- www.cambridgeforlife.org

The Filter Bubble, Eli Pariser



#### Yahoo added:

- The English in Britain web site
- www.languageinternational.com
- Bing Local added:
- Eurocentres, Regent Cambridge, Cambridge Academy,
   Fluency n English via Bing Local listings
   Highdale Consulting

# Social media strategy

"Don't just sell stuff – help people connect"

#### "Successful social media strategies:

- (1) reduce costs
- (2) or increase customers' willingness to pay
- (3) by helping them establish or strengthen relationships if they do free work on a company's behalf"

"most companies are...broadcasting commercial messages or seeking customer feedback.

Customers reject these overtures because their main goal is to connect with other people, not with companies"

#### Digital Strategy vs. Social Strategy

The primary advantage of a social strategy over a purely digital one is in tapping into how people *really* want to connect—with other people, not with a company. A business with a successful social strategy helps people form and strengthen relationships in ways that also benefit the company.

#### DIGITAL STRATEGIES

broadcast commercial messages and seek customer feedback in order to facilitate marketing and sell goods and services.



"More than 1 billion people use social platforms such as Facebook, eHarmony, RenRen and LinkedIn.

What's the attraction? They satisfy two basic human needs: to meet new people and to strengthen existing relationships."

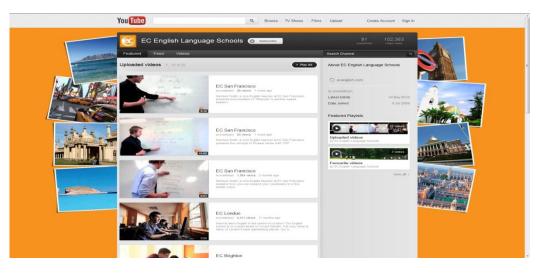
Harvard Business Review

**SOCIAL STRATEGIES** help people improve existing relationships or build new ones if they do free work on the company's behalf.



# YouTube channel marketing

- Campus tours
- Video testimonials
- Mini-classes from faculty
- 'Our system' USP video



 Visual channels: YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram channels



# Instagram & Pinterest

#### Why should businesses use Instagram?

Visual marketing is often cited as a main

trend. Because images appeal to emotions,

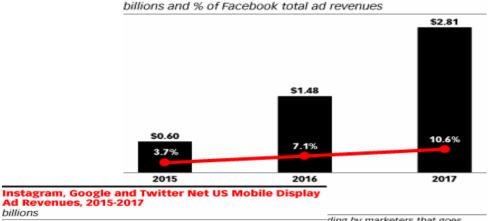
they strike a chord with consumers, and

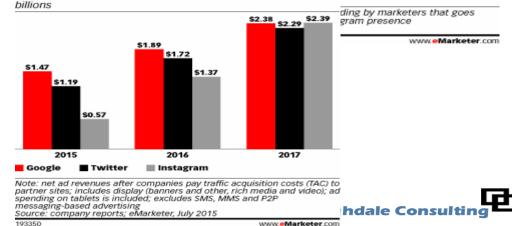
resonate across cultures. On Social Networks in particular, photos drive more engagement than any other kind of post. On Facebook,

photo posts increase the interaction rate by

<u>39%</u> compared to average.

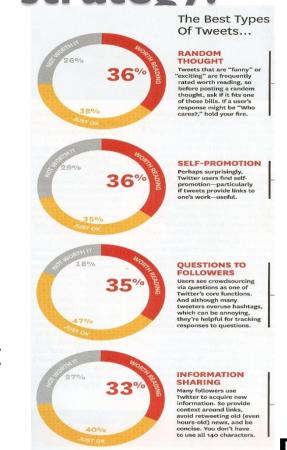
Instagram Net Mobile Ad Revenues Worldwide, 2015-2017





# What's a good Twitter strategy?

- Half a billion users & 140 characters
- Engaging not just promoting
- Link to something interesting
- Call to action ask for input or response
- Build up followers who can support your brand



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# Facebook strategy tips

#### 1. Find your peeps

2. Concentrate on conversing and building relationships, instead of broadcasting and selling.

3. Use a Facebook personal profile AND a Facebook business page TOGETHER.

- 4. Cross-post and cross promote
- 5. Use a social media dashboard like Hootsuite
- 6. Get them on the list
- 7. Measure and track your social media results

http://socialmediatoday.com





# **Monitoring social media**

- Monitor all social media conversations and summarise in metrics
- Compare effectiveness of outreach of each social media channel
- Post new messages to all social media from one central source

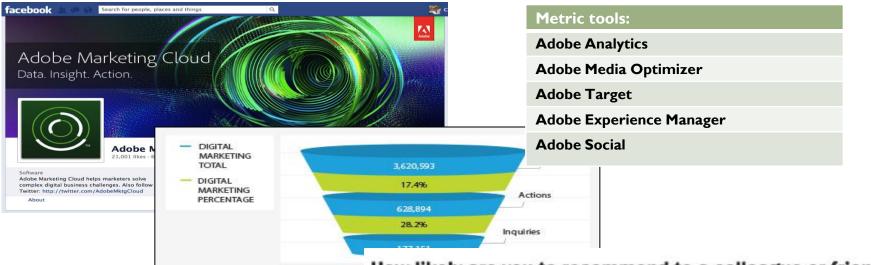


#### Social media management for exceptional companies.

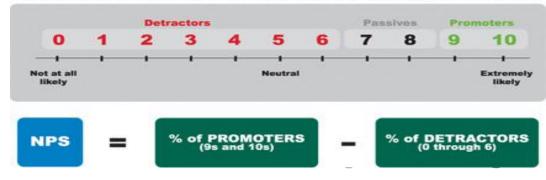


#### Everything you need in one, easy-to-manage stream www.SproutSocial.com

# **Marketing metrics**



#### How likely are you to recommend to a colleague or friend?



#### Net promoter score:

# Cambridge English Social Media Objectives

- Develop an effective and direct communication between Cambridge English and our stakeholders
- Increase our brand awareness globally through fan base
- Provide support to candidates taking Cambridge English exams
- Engage with & influence our target audiences
- Develop advocates by building brand loyalty
- Form the critical foundation for future conversion

### Providing customer service...



#### Yolanda Méndez González

Hello, I wonder if you can help me, I'm planning on taking the Proficiency exam. but I don't have time to go on a course , how can I prepare myself for this exam? is there are online course? has anyone done it himself or herself? so can tell me how to do it, please?

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Yolanda Méndez González sorry it was a typo, the are it was meant to be a an 8 March at 23:07 · Like

Cambridge English Language Assessment Hi Yolanda. You can find lots of practice materials and advice on our website. Good luck! http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-qualifications/proficiency /how-to-prepare/

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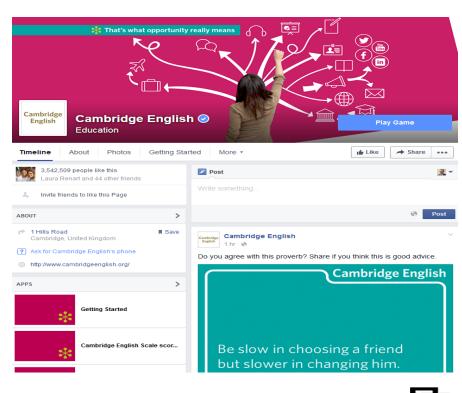
# **Key Performance Indicators**



Number of fans vs. country's total Facebook population
Number of likes, comments and shares

- •Friend referrals and Facebook recommendations
- Page reach and frequencyNumber of advocates and influencers
- •Number of traffic directed to our website

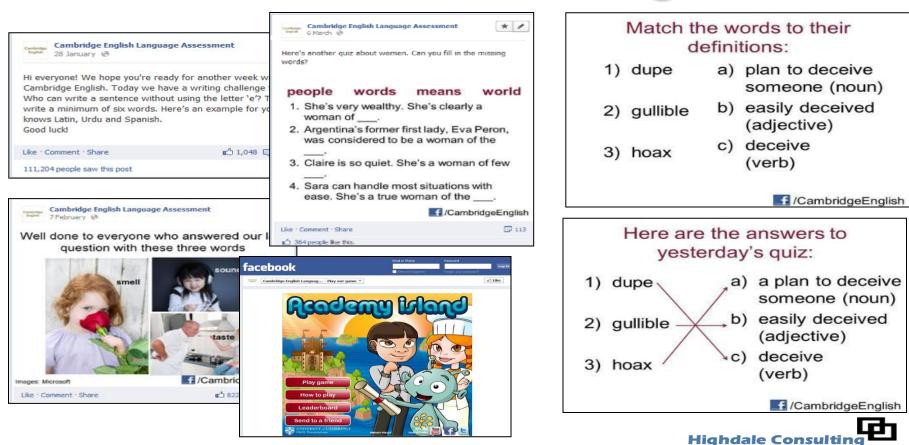
 Cost-effectiveness of advertising campaigns



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# Bite-sized learning ...





# **Twitter as customer support**



#### Cambridge English

#### @CambridgeEng

provides overall news and product information & has the largest number of followers



#### **@CamEngTeachers**

supports teachers who use the Cambridge English Teacher website and teacher development courses

#### Cambridge English

#### **@CamEngHelpers**

is the Cambridge English HelpDesk & supports exam candidates and provides rapid customer service support, answering questions personally

### **Key Performance Indicators:**

- Number of followers
- Number of tweets
- Number of retweets by followers
- Level of engagement and activities in a 30 day period
- % retweets by followers compared to total number of tweets in a 30 day period

# **Digital marketing checklist**

Digital tools	Done/not done
Develop clear strategy for digital channels and social media	
Review Website	
Photo gallery of facilities, staff, classrooms, technology, social	
Videos of facilities, staff, classrooms, technology	
Alumni video testimonials	
Advisor/agent testimonials	
SEO consultancy contract	
Your Twitter feed on the website	
Your Facebook feed on the website	
Staff tasked with seeding social media in marketing campaign	
PPC strategy	
NPS strategy	
Mobile marketing campaign	
Alumni involved in social media campaign	
PPC strategy NPS strategy Mobile marketing campaign	



# Thank you!

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