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**Development and evaluation of web-based museum trails, designed to be accessed on PDAs by design students in V&A galleries**

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Twenty web-based multimedia museum trails were developed, using software developed by a company called StreetAccess and held on the StreetAccess website.  These were designed to be accessed on PDAs by design students in V&A galleries.  Media used included audio, video, text and images. Students could input into the trails in the form of photos, voice recordings and text. Activities on the trails included:

* Listening to different viewpoints about objects and galleries and adding one's own
* Following the development of design styles (such as Classical and Gothic) as they were illustrated by objects in the galleries
* Comparing the roles of objects and the way people responded to them in the museum shop and in a gallery

Innovative approaches to materials design were explored and the trails evaluated in a three-stage process.  Unfortunately, technical difficulties meant that the trails did not become part of the museum's educational provision.

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