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Bitcoin: an online currency and payment system...

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MegaBigPower
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North America’s biggest bitcoin
mine as of April 2014.
1 Bitcoin = £261.9

Exchange rate calculated using USD Bitcoin price via Preev.com
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Example of a Bitcoin address:
3J98t1WpEZ73CNmQviecrnyiWrnqRhWNLy

Example of a Private key:
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Example 1

A possible application of The Blockchain in learning and teaching –

Expose the student learning record to the public

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Offsetting costs of learning using peer-to-peer network
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