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The Highfield School: Effective management of Apple Technology

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THE HIGHFIELD SCHOOL JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Vision & Planning session completed with Senior Management, which iPad was chosen as the best learning device in order to give every student the skills required for tomorrow's jobs, revolving around Creativity and Critical thinking
- Deployment of Teacher Devices in September 2020
- Migrated Mobile Device Management Solution to Jamf Pro in July 2021
- Deployment of 1:1 Student Devices in September in 2021
- Students are now using Jamf Self Service to download resources and curricular apps on demand
- Jamf Parent being utilised for parental engagement and eSaftey



"Our vision at The Highfield School is to provide all our students with a first class, transformational education that gives them the opportunities, knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly competitive, technology-driven world."

"By integrating the use of iPads, alongside current teaching and learning approaches, we enable students to become confident, independent and self-regulating digital learners. This device can be used across all lessons, as and when directed by teachers and safely managed centrally through our administrative console."

Lucy Miles, Deputy Headteacher

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Setting up students for a truly modern experience

The Highfield School is a vocational school for 11 to 18 year-olds, focusing on giving students the exposure and vocational skills for tomorrow's jobs. Lucy Miles, Head Teacher, had the vision to broaden vocational and creative skills amongst their students and teachers after becoming Head Teacher in 2020. After an evaluation process of the latest technology, The Highfield School chose to use iPad due to the simplicity and wealth of creative applications. This supports the school's vision of adopting the skills of Creativity, Teamwork, Collaboration and Critical Thinking - all skills that the World Economic Forum has pointed to for tomorrow's jobs.

During the COVID 19 pandemic, it was evident that iPad would prove pivotal for students during remote learning. A 1:1 iPad environment means students can access learning and classroom Materials from anywhere, not just in the classroom.



Creating an out-the-box Experience with both Mac and iPad

From Day 1, Highfield planned their deployment of technology in conjunction with JTRS, who, as their trusted technology advisors delivered a planning essentials workshop. It was clear that the user experience was at the heart of the school's vision, ensuring the transaction was seamless for students. Effortless management of devices was also key, as well as creating no further overheads for personnel at The Highfield School to make the scheme sustainable from day one.

As part of this workshop, we worked together to design every aspect of their deployment to meet the school's vision. This included a financially sustainable plan to purchase over 900 devices, a comprehensive CPD plan for Teaching & Learning, along with considering all technical aspects of the deployment to ensure the scheme was a success.

Apple Zero Touch deployment using Jamf Pro allowed for fast and easy deployment for devices to teachers and students out of the box. This meant students could set up and onboard their own iPad to create their personalised profile, and have access to all required apps and resources via the Jamf Self Service portal.



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Creating a collaborative learning environment with Apple Device Management

The school's Senior Leadership Team wanted to put technology at the heart of the digital experience, allowing students to collaborate and learn critical skills, developing independence and giving students a personalised learning environment. Working with the school, we recognised that Jamf Pro was the best choice for managing their Apple Mac computers in their music suite, and iPad for everyday learning.



Independence

The Highfield School wanted to make digital learning as streamlined as possible for their students whilst giving them their own personalised experience. Jamf Pro's Self Service store meant that students would have access to the apps and resources that they needed at any time.

The school initially selected which apps students could access through the self-service portal, yet also have the ability to add further apps or resources at any stage.

In order to fully embrace the technology, it needs to feel personal. By using Jamf Pro, students have the ability to personalise the applications they use as well as request additional using Jamf Self Service, an on-demand app portal. This was especially vital for students with learning challenges. The Highfield School could customise and personalise user interfaces and apps to address their individual needs.

Apple Classroom

To guide students throughout their lesson and enable teachers to support their students, Apple Classroom has been instrumental in delivering resources to all devices and understanding students learning in the classroom. Students can be locked into one particular app and teachers can send resources directly to students such as worksheets minimising the environmental impact and making lessons more interactive. During Lockdown, Apple Classroom could even be used by staff who had children working remotely.

Parental Engagement

Part of the wider vision was engaging parents in their students' learning journey. Both during lockdown and in class parents wanted to ensure their students were safe using their device where traditional school eSafety systems were not in place. Jamf parent, part of Jamf Pro, enables parents to limit types of apps and apply device rules outside the home. Parents can educate students on the importance of screentime, which was a concern during the pandemic.

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