

Repton School drives connected learning through Microsoft programme.

THE CLIENT

Repton School is a co-educational independent school for day and boarding pupils in Derbyshire, England. Founded in 1557, the school has an acclaimed international presence – around 660 pupils aged between 13 and 18 attend the school, of whom 451 board in the ten boarding houses onsite. Add in the 100 members of staff, Repton School is a learning environment that demands connected education solutions.

As the number one Microsoft Surface reseller in the UK, Insight stood out to Repton School as an ideal partner. Insight was able to use its relationship with the Microsoft Education team to implement a tailored education solution.

“The set-up, administration, the programme itself... There are lots of complexities that you need to overcome to provide a smooth service, but obviously that will then pay dividends on a teaching and learning front. The familiarity of device, the same pen control within an application, the known machine specification, will all move you on leaps and bounds in the classroom.”

Lee Alderman, Director of ICT, Repton School



QUICK OVERVIEW

Repton school wanted to equip every one of its 660 students with their own device for education. Insight guided the selection process and implemented an e-commerce platform through which parents could purchase the devices for their children.



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THE CHALLENGE

Over the last five years, Repton has undergone significant refurbishment and redevelopment – introducing 10GbE Fibre and Wi-Fi via 150 wireless access points across the site. To stay at the cutting-edge of digital education, and to provide a single device in order to progress ICT in teaching and learning; Repton wanted every child in a specified year block to have their own Microsoft Surface. Prior to working with Insight, Repton had operated a BYOD policy for all pupils but had never specified a single device requirement. Repton looked to Insight in order to bring this programme to fruition. The requirements ranged from device selection through to parent notification and a purchasing method via a website portal.

Devices were required to provide a uniform operating system that was up-to-date with all necessary software installs. This meant the process from purchasing through Insight's website through to collection by the pupil at Repton, all went smoothly from start to finish.

Repton had a clear strategy model to provide familiarity through a single device. This would help improve the ICT teaching and learning process throughout the curriculum, as well as provide device support benefits for an improved service for both pupils and staff.

In terms of implementation, Repton gave Insight a very tight schedule to follow, in time for the start of the new academic year.

“We had run a laptop scheme before, so we knew exactly what we wanted. We attended the BETT 2016, saw the Surface device itself, and by April we had machines out to staff.

We also started the Surface Programme ready to roll out in September. Insight helped us immediately to deliver this. Devices were delivered directly to Repton, set up and configured, Office 365 and anti-virus were installed, and they were ready to go.”

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THE SOLUTION

The objective was set in January 2016: every child from September 2016 onwards is to have their own device.

Microsoft Surface comprises the best hybrid devices on the market – and Repton chose them without hesitation for their student-friendly design and enterprise-level operation. With the addition of Insight's extended warranties and accessories pack, acquired through relationships with vendors like Griffin, the final solution was comprehensive and cutting-edge.

Two different devices were offered to students as part of the scheme – Surface Pro 4 and Surface 3. An e-commerce website was developed and managed entirely by Insight, alleviating Repton of any administrative pressure. The bespoke e-commerce portal handles all parent transactions and enables tracking from order to delivery. To promote the scheme to parents, Insight also offered marketing support through the creation of an Information Guide.

THE RESULTS

The last of the devices were shipped in August 2016, ready for the new school year, meeting the deadline. Fully equipped with Office 365, anti-virus and inventory tags, each Surface can now be managed by Repton's ICT department.

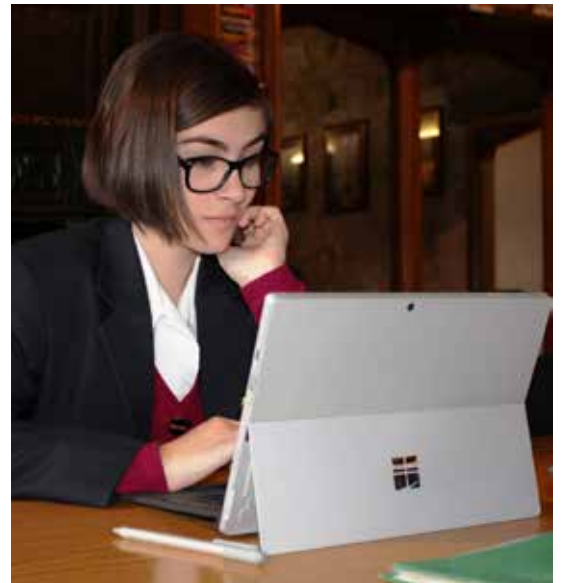
The introduction of these devices allows the students to be fully connected and collaborative, removing the confines of the traditional classroom and encouraging creativity. Repton is developing the concept of the agile workspace for future generations to come.

With the Surface scheme in place, Repton is now a Microsoft Showcase School – one of only 34 in the UK. Recognised for leading education with technology, Repton invited other independent schools in June 2017 for an event showcasing their technology.

This programme has been cost efficient allowing Repton to allocate the remaining ICT budget to invest in other key areas like safeguarding and an Azure cloud strategy. Insight is now the sole supplier of the school's Microsoft solutions.

THE RESULTS

- ✓ One Microsoft Surface 4 Pro or Surface 3 device for every one of Repton's 660 students
- ✓ Repton's new status as a Microsoft Showcase School reaffirms its position as a leading independent school
- ✓ Repton is a designated Microsoft Imagine Academy allowing staff and students to gain Microsoft accreditations and technical certifications.
- ✓ Insight is now the sole supplier of the school's Microsoft solutions



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