

Chromebook 1:1 Programme Devonport High School for Boys

Introduction

Devonport High School for Boys

Devonport High School for Boys is a Grammar School and Academy for boys aged 11 to 18, in Plymouth, Devon. With 1,135 pupils, the school's catchment area includes Southwest Devon and Southeast Cornwall as well as Plymouth. Pupils are accepted based on academic aptitude.

Freedom Technology

Co-founded in 2012 by two seasoned finance professionals, Freedom Tech has been delivering value to students, parents and staff through flexible and cost-effective technology financing solutions for the better part of a decade.

Getech Limited

Getech has been established for over 30 years. Getech are experts in supporting the education sector in their IT requirements. As the largest Google for Education Premier Partner, Getech supports individual schools, MATs and Local Authorities to transition to Google Workspace for Education through consultancy and training both technical and classroom.

Scheme Vision

A Clear Vision

Devonport High School for Boys turned a problem with their email into a catalyst for a new style of learning. By putting technology in the hands of students and stepping aside to let them learn and teach themselves. Utilising all the free tools that Google Workspace for Education offers from Gmail and Calendar to Google Classroom and Sites.

A Student Partnership

Google tools gave students a new opportunity for collaboration and, as a result, peer-to-peer feedback increased in both volume and quality. Students approach tasks together, sharing and communicating in real-time, gathering and formatting information using Slides and Forms, then commenting and advising on one another's work. This increase in collaboration and peer communication resulted in a more open learning climate for all students.

1:1 Scheme with Parental Support

With over 1,200 students and 160 teaching staff the next step was to identify partners who could take the school from 600 devices to a fully managed 1:1 scheme. They invited prospective partners to propose their solution to deliver a seamless scheme for the school.

Subsequently the School selected Freedom Tech as the Finance partner and Getech as the Google Premier Partner.

Vision

Partnership

Support



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How did Freedom Tech make the difference?

Freedom Tech gave the school the ability to **flood the classroom with the latest technology** to aid the pupil's education, whilst having no impact on the school's budget.

Utilising an operating lease with Freedom Tech enabled parents to spread the cost over time, with no credit checks. This system allowed parents a more accessible approach to acquiring a device, in turn **making the programme far more inclusive** than if parents had to purchase devices on the high street.

Full **Accidental Damage Protection and Warranty for a 3 year period**, meant that parents and the school had peace of mind that during the period of using the devices they were covered for all eventualities.

With Freedom Tech and Getech's Customer Service desks handling of all claims and chasing all missed payments efficiently, the whole process was **light-touch for the school** and allowed them to solely focus on educating with the devices.



The school are risk-free and cost-free to the whole programme because of the **Freedom Tech Payment Promise** that covers all missed payments by the parents. This means that any failed Direct Debit from the parent is covered by Freedom Tech to ensure that the school is not impacted financially.

Freedom Tech being the only 1:1 provider in the country with the **ISO 27001 accreditation** also gave the school the knowledge that they are fully GDPR compliant.

How did Getech make a difference?



Relationship With School

Getech were invited to present their solution to Devonport High School for Boys. The solution was based around the vision of the School and their need for a trouble-free rollout. **Getech's Equal IT programme service offering achieved that vision.**

The programme was designed to remove as much workload from the school as possible. From device configuration to after-sales support and Parental Engagement.

Along with our partnership with Freedom Tech, we delivered a programme of rollout within the required timescale.



Relationship With Manufacturers

Getech has the highest level of partnership with all the top tier manufacturers of Chromebooks in the UK.

In conjunction with the School, Getech identified a number of possible devices and then scaled these down to one Chromebook - The Lenovo 500e. With support from Lenovo and Freedom Tech, Getech was able to propose a compelling offer to the School that not only provided a device at a great price but a scheme that can be replicated for years to come.



Relationship With Google

As the largest Google for Education Premier Partner in the UK, Getech demonstrates its passion to enhance learning environments.

Working this closely with Google allows Getech to stay up-to-date with the latest Google innovations as well as influence the UK Google Education team with ideas and plans for the future.

Getech's Premier Partner status also allowed them to support schools with personal development and technical training, allowing teachers and technical colleagues to gain Google-recognised certifications.

EQUAL IT

Equal IT is a fully managed, parent partnership programme for 1:1 Chromebook deployments.

It ensures students have equal access to the technology they need to support and enhance their learning experience.

Visit www.getech.co.uk/schools/equalIT to learn more



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Scheme Success

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- » Delivering a 1:1 program ahead of schedule.
- » Students across the school having access to all online resources and having the ability to collaborate within and outside of the lessons.
- » Ability to switch teaching and learning online during the pandemic.
- » Supports the School vision of a balance of online and traditional learning methods, so everyone succeeds.
- » Bridges the gap for Pupil Premium students having the same devices.
- » Consistency and reliability of online learning.
- » Reduction of expenditure into stand-alone tech, meaning funds can be targeted into the infrastructure.
- » Trust in the relationship between the School, Freedom Tech and Getech.

Freedom Technology

- » Yet another school successfully embracing a true 1:1 approach and working with Freedom Tech and Getech in partnership to maximise the potential of the programme.
- » Currently over 500 devices into the hands of the children to help them achieve a varied approach to education and better grades is a fantastic outcome. Many more years of working together to come.

Getech Ltd

- » Successful engagement with a new school.
- » Building a relationship of trust where Getech's advice and experience delivered a solution on time, with all the right processes and support in place.
- » Continuing smooth partnership between the School and Getech with the programme being run for a second year.

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