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Education IT Update

Preparing the Class of 2030

Microsoft

Our world is changing faster than ever. What skills will today's students need to be life-ready by the time they graduate as the class of 2030? How can technology support their educational journey?

To answer these critical questions, Microsoft launched a key piece of research: "The class of 2030 and life-ready learning: The technology imperative." You can download a copy of the report here: https://bit.ly/2oVtlCd or by contacting the Medhurst Education Team.

The report highlighted two core themes: social emotional skills and personalised learning. Whilst not new in education, employers are placing a premium on social skills and emotional literacy with up to 40% of future jobs requiring explicit social emotional skills. The research also highlighted personalised learning as an approach to support skill development and three technologies were highlighted in the research as showing great promise to support the development of these skills and personalised learning approaches: collaborative platforms, mixed reality and analytics powered by artificial intelligence.

At **Medhurst**, we're working with **Microsoft** to deliver these solutions to UK schools now to ensure we deliver the life-ready employees of the future. Talk to our **Microsoft Education Team** to find out more: **01489 563000**.

Support for Windows 7 is Ending, Upgrade to Windows 10

From January 14 2020, Microsoft will no longer provide security updates or support for PCs running Windows 7, meaning that technical assistance and software updates from Windows Update that help protect your PC will no longer be available.

We strongly recommend that you move to Windows 10 before January 2020 to avoid a situation where you need service or support that is no longer available. Whether you are upgrading an existing device, buying a new one or just need help deploying, please feel free to contact us and someone from our technical team will be pleased to assist.

Please contact the Medhurst team on **01489 563000** or via email on **sales@medhurst-it.com**.

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We understand that budgets are tight. So, we'll always suggest the most cost-effective solution for your needs.

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*Add one of our ex-lease HP E232 23" monitors for **£80**

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Premier League Primary Stars / medhurst making IT work / AFC BOURNEMOUTH

Medhurst Supports AFC Bournemouth's Premier League Primary Stars project for a fourth, consecutive season.

Premier League Primary Stars is a six-week project, delivered in schools by both the Premier league and AFC Bournemouth's Community Sports Trust, and uses sport to encourage children to learn and be active while observing fairness, equality and respect.

Medhurst also continues to be a Regional supporter of AFC Bournemouth and has been working in partnership with the club for the past six seasons.

Premier League Primary Stars is available for children aged five-11 and teachers also receive a pack containing lesson plans which can be used throughout the school.

The Premier League Primary Stars programme is free to all schools in Bournemouth, Poole and East Dorset with additional extras also available at cost. The scheme aims to provide teaching resources to 10,000 primary schools in England and Wales by 2019.

To find out how your school could benefit from the programme, contact AFC Bournemouth's Primary Stars project lead Matt Divine: **matt.divine@afcb.co.uk** or call **07393 462167.**

The project also has its own website: **www.plprimarystars.com** which contains resources for teachers and parents on subjects including maths, literacy and PE. It's free to sign up and join.
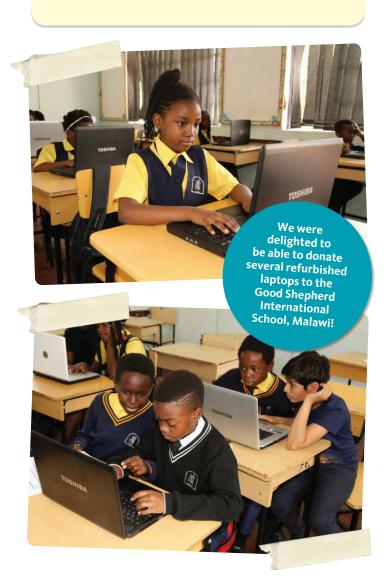
Join us at Bett 2020

Wed, 22 Jan 2020 – Sat, 25 Jan 2020 – we look forward to seeing you on stand **NN33**!

We'll be demonstrating cost-effective and future-proofed IT solutions from our partners Hewlett Packard, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Aruba, Microsoft, Smoothwall, Veeam and Circular Computing.

For more info visit: www.bettshow.com

Medhurst now ISO 45001:2018 certified

We've now achieved **ISO 45001:2018**, an International Standard that specifies requirements for an occupational health and safety (OH&S) management system.

The ISO 45001 certification is designed to prevent work-related injury and ill-health and to provide safe and healthy workplaces for staff. With this accreditation, it means that we will continue to proactively improve our occupational health and safety performance in preventing injury and ill-health of all our employees.

The ISO 45001:2018 certification joins our other corporate accreditations: ISO 27001:2017, Standard in Information Security Management, ISO 9001:2015 Standard in Quality Management Systems and the Cyber Essentials scheme to help organisations to protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data stored on devices.

We were delighted to be able to donate several refurbished laptops to the Good Shepherd International School, Malawi!

Medhurst Named a Supplier on Crown Commercial Service's ICT Framework for Education

We're delighted to announce that we have been named as a supplier on the Government's recently launched technology framework to help education bodies to procure ICT goods and services.

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The Education Technology framework, designed by Crown Commercial Service (CCS) in collaboration with the Department for Education, helps schools, colleges and universities to buy ICT equipment and services.

Medhurst has been named a supplier for Lot 3: Broadband Services. This means that we can supply all connectivity services from full fibre broadband services (new services/upgrade of existing), support and maintenance to internet filtering, firewall, eSafety and IP connectivity.

Crown Commercial Service supports the public sector to achieve maximum commercial value when procuring common goods and services. In 2018/19, CCS helped the public sector to achieve commercial benefits worth £945m - supporting world-class public services that offer best value for taxpayers.

If you have Office 365, you have access to Microsoft Teams and, specifically, Microsoft teams for Education. If you are not already familiar, Microsoft Teams is a "digital hub that brings conversations, content, and apps together in one place", maximising communication and teamwork in your school.

Teams can be a really simple and engaging classroom resource for primary schools.

Staff can structure their Team to be user and subject specific e.g a team solely for Senior Management to discuss and collaborate on matters pertaining to that. Channels can be created within the team to further collaboration. A Senior Management team, may have channels for finance, SEN, safeguarding etc.

It can also bring a lot of value in the classroom. Teachers can create a topic-specific Team and then make channels within that topic for smaller group/table learning. Children can add their research to their channel, gather data and explore things together. From there they can create or display their findings in any other Microsoft platform, making a PowerPoint presentation or graphs in Excel, for example.

Robyn Feeney, in her final year of teacher training says:

"I took a module on digital education last year at uni which was what inspired me to use Teams within the classroom. The children were learning how to code using scratch and I wanted them to self assess their learning and progress at the end of each lesson. As they were already on the computers I thought it would be a good to do this self assessment digitally.

I set up a class Team and showed all the children how to join this in the first coding lesson. The children accessed Microsoft Teams after every lesson and were asked to comment with one thing they had learned and one thing they found challenging. I read through these comments and could adapt the plan for my next lesson based on their feedback.

Using Teams in the classroom was a great experience both for me and the class. I was able to receive feedback from them instantly and they enjoyed giving feedback in this way as it was something new to them and they felt like they were almost being allowed to use a form of "social media" in school. I used this with Primary 7 (Year 6 in England) however I plan to use a similar strategy this year with P5/6 (Year 4/5) and believe it can be adapted to suit any age or stage."

Microsoft Teams can be used as a really effective tool to learn about safe and proper use of social media, demonstrating appropriate ways to interact with their peers online whilst being moderated and directed by the class teacher.

For more about Microsoft Teams in Education scan this code or visit the link below

https://education.microsoft.com/courses-and-resources/resources/meet-microsoft-teams

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