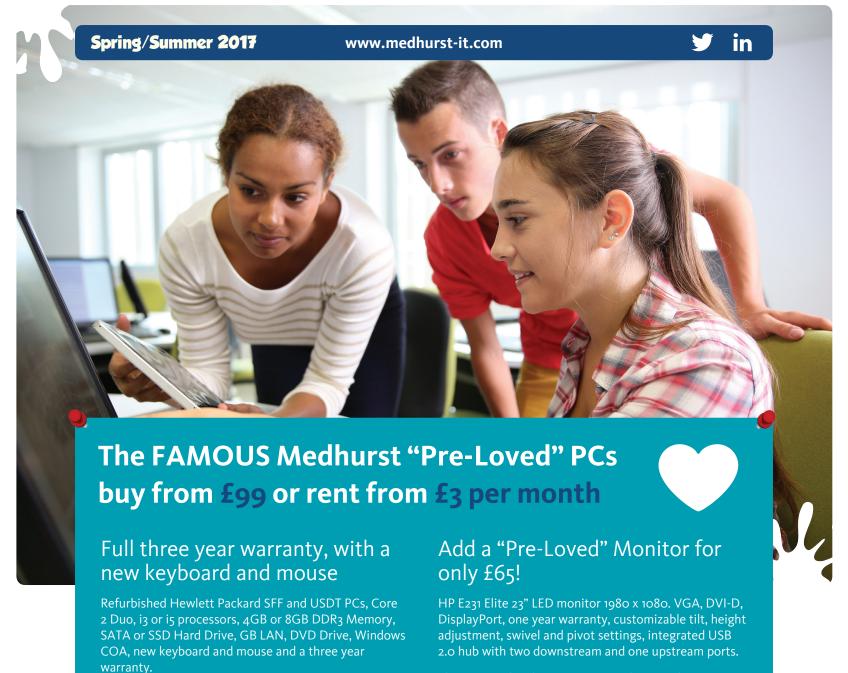


Education IT Update



Recent examples include:

HP Small Form Factor PC, i5, 8GB, 120GB SSD, Windows COA, new keyboard and mouse and a three year warranty.



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New Legislation - is your web filtering compliant?

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The Web You Want

With new legislation on 'Keeping children safe in Education' released by the Department for Education, can your web filter meet your online safety obligations?

The Smoothwall solution provides real-time web filtering and monitoring that meets all functionalities set out by the revised statutory guidance for schools and colleges and meets all criteria for the UK Safer Internet Centre's appropriate filtering checklist.

We're working with Smoothwall to help schools and colleges keep up with an ever-changing legislative burden and protect their users.

To find out more about the UK's #1 web filtering solution for schools, contact Medhurst on **01489 563000** or email **education@medhurst-it.com**

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Reliable classroom Wi-Fi that won't interrupt learning

Wi-Fi-enabled notebooks, iPads and laptops are everywhere in the classroom, but they're only as reliable as the infrastructure they connect to. That's why we're working with Aruba Wireless, part of Hewlett Packard Enterprise, to help schools boost student success with a mobile-first learning environment that lets everyone take full advantage of wifi enabled devices and apps. Get in touch for a free consultation to find out how Aruba Wireless can help your school move to the latest in wireless technology.



Device Management for Education – Intune for Education

In today's classrooms, over 90% of schools use shared devices, with unique requirements, meaning teachers face more demands than ever before.

Specially designed for schools who want to put devices in classrooms and not touch them again for the rest of the school year, Intune for Education makes it easy for either IT admins or teachers playing the role of IT in the classroom, to get up-and-running in minutes on Windows 10 devices and easily manage shared devices.

Intune for Education and Windows 10 are engineered to integrate easily with other Microsoft cloud services including Office 365 Education. By integrating with School Data Sync, Intune for Education automatically creates groups based on your school management system (e.g. SIMS), so apps and settings can be applied to students, teachers, devices, specific schools, or specific classes or sections with no additional work required. Any changes to SIMS will be reflected automatically in the group. For example, if a student is added to an English class in SIMS, they will automatically be added to the group in Intune for Education and get the relevant apps. Intune for Education is perfectly suited for schools of any size that want a cloud-based solution to manage their Windows 10 devices.

The express setup feature in Intune for Education makes it easy to set up default policies for all the devices and users in a class, school or academy group in a matter of minutes. Schools can customize over 150 granular settings, assign them to a student and apply them to hardware, apps, browsers, the start menu, and more. These settings follow the user to any device when they sign in.

To manage just a few devices, admins or teachers can automatically enrol in Intune for Education by logging in with an Office 365 Education email account. When there are many devices to set up, they can use the "Set up School PCs" app to set up any number of Windows 10 devices. The first time a teacher or student logs in to the new device, it is customised for their unique needs.





Announcing Microsoft Classroom – a new experience in Office 365 Education!

Microsoft Classroom is designed to be the one place students and teachers come to manage their day - from Class Notebooks, assignments and grades to conversations, calendars and to announcements.

You can manage all of your classes, helping to organise multiple class sections, create and grade assignments, collaborate with other teachers in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and provide feedback to students. You can also spend less time managing rosters and troubleshooting access to apps and shared online resources, and use that time to plan and deliver amazing lessons.

School IT Administrators can save time by automating creation of online classrooms and users, and simplify security with a single, compliant source for user profiles and rosters that all classroom applications can use.

Classes and **Assignments in a snap**



Microsoft Classroom has a OneNote Class Notebook built into every class, allowing teachers to create assignments with due dates, complete with Outlook calendar events and reminders. School Data Sync saves teachers time by automatically creating groups and enabling single sign on to apps in Office 365.

Engage students in new ways



Let your students learn in more ways. You can help them to express their inner creativity and make learning more effective and engaging with new tools like Sway for interactive class materials or dynamic presentations. New Learning Tools help students improve their reading and writing skills across a broad range of unique student abilities and learning styles.

Better Collaboration



With OneNote Class Notebook, students can show their creativity and collaborate with handwritten notes, sketches, typing, photos, videos, voice, and links. Teachers can provide personalised individual feedback along the way. Students can collaborate on assignments and co-author documents in Office Online, Office desktop, or Office mobile. Microsoft Forms is now available in preview for teachers to easily and guickly create basic surveys, quizzes, questionnaires, registrations and more.

Microsoft School Data Sync (SDS) is now also included in Office 365 Education. A powerful complement for Microsoft Classroom, SDS connects Microsoft Classroom to a School Information System (SIS), so teacher, student and classes' information is automatically populated in Microsoft Classroom and OneNote Class Notebooks.

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Minecraft: Education Edition available for FREE to try on Windows 10 and OS X El Capitan

Minecraft: Education Edition is an open-world game that promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in an immersive environment where the only limit is your imagination.

Using Minecraft to teach part of the curriculum has helped teachers improve student engagement, collaboration, creative exploration, and tangible learning outcomes.

Student Engagement

Minecraft: Education Edition brings the classroom and curriculum to students in an environment they are already comfortable with. It offers the same Minecraft experience many students enjoy already, but with some additional capabilities that enable them to collaborate in the classroom, as well as support for educators to deliver learning activities within the game.

Collaboration

Minecraft: Education Edition is designed so that students can work in teams to solve problems, or as a whole class to master challenges within the game. Engaging in collaborative work teams and learning environments that foster cooperation in the classroom helps prepare students for their futures.

Creative Exploration

People learn naturally through a combination of observation, trial and error, and play-based practice. An open-learning environment like Minecraft allows students the freedom to experiment and challenge themselves. Much like in real life, there are no step-by-step instructions — students must try, fail, and try again to achieve the result they want.

Tangible Learning Outcomes

To create a fully inclusive classroom, educators are challenged to create learning activities that cater to all types of learners. Learning-by-doing gives students a sense of accomplishment when they can demonstrate their knowledge. And in Minecraft: Education Edition, educators are able to map projects and activities directly to specific learning outcomes and curriculum standards.

If you are new to "Minecraft" in the classroom, check out education.minecraft.net for resources to help prepare, including lesson plans and a new "Minecraft" mentors program to connect with amazing teachers already using "Minecraft."









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