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Manor High School

Case Study



Manor High School is a highly successful comprehensive secondary school in Oadby, Leicester, offering a happy and supportive learning environment for over 900 students. Teaching and learning at Manor High is focused on enjoyment, progress, individual and collective fulfilment and the pursuit of excellence.

Manor High have chosen Microsoft to support them in delivering this; embracing Windows 10 across all of the devices on the site, recently upgrading all domain controllers to Server 2016 and embedding all of the applications of the Office 365 productivity suite within the staff and student communities.

Claire Murphy, Key Account Manager for Manor High School, went to chat to Nik Jones, Network Manager, and Aaron Mehta, Head of Faculty and ICT lead about how they are using Microsoft technologies, the difference these technologies have made and their plans for the future.

Manor High: Quick Read

- Manor High is a key account site of RM Education delivering a fully Microsoft environment to all of their staff and students.
- We chat to their network manager and ICT lead about the difference that Microsoft technologies has made to their staff, students and network teams.
- By utilising RM Unify, Manor High was able to quickly and easily deploy Office 365.

Why did you choose Office 365?

Aaron: “When we chose Office 365, we did compare Google and Office 365 but our students were already using Microsoft products across the school and, for us, it was important to use Microsoft as it has the most parity for employment and higher education.”

How did you roll out Office 365 to Manor High School?

Aaron: “We started drip feeding Office 365 to our staff. We identified advocates within the school who would be best to start trying out the new tools and spreading enthusiasm for Office 365 among staff. “We then started rolling out Office 365 with the older group of the school.

“We then started using OneDrive mapper and OneNote in school. OneDrive became the de facto place for staff to deposit their work. We previously used a lot of USBs but you can imagine the logistical nightmare of this. OneDrive made it all much easier”

What difference has Office 365 made to your pupils?

Aaron: “Office 365 really allows students to be independent, accessing their work whenever they need to. Also, for students from less fortunate backgrounds, Office 365 has enabled them to get access to all of their resources wherever they are from any device.

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“RM Unify was critical to the roll out of Office 365 for us. Single Sign-On has really helped our students, especially from the teaching point of view. Previously they had log-ins for loads of apps and this was a logistical nightmare for the students. One of the great things we did was get the SSO feature of RM Unify up and running straight away. This enabled staff to have confidence in using technology in their lessons as they knew the pupils would be able to get onto their resources straight away. Pupils also loved that they could access all of their apps and Office 365 from one central portal.”

What difference has Office 365 made to your staff?

Aaron: “There has been a massive time saving – for staff, being able to share their resources quickly and easily has made a real difference.”

What difference has Office 365 made to your network?

Nik: “As a network team, our aim is to reduce the burden and cost of onsite storage - OneDrive helps us with this. OneDrive has also helped us to save time as we previously used to spend a lot of time deleting files on our servers to create space.”

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What role did RM Unify play?

Aaron: “I came into post 3 years ago and we made the decision to make RM Unify the central point for learning in the school. At the time it was only being used sporadically in small pockets throughout the school. I thought about how I would want to be able to access work as a student and realised that having one central point of access for all of your work and apps makes a real difference for the pupils.”

“We bought all of our third party apps into RM Unify, so the pupils could access Show My Homework, Edmodo, Mint Class and all of the other apps we use across the school from one place with just one username and password. RM Unify became the de facto hub for students and teachers.”

What's next for Manor High School?

Aaron: “We’ve been looking at Microsoft Teams for about 6 months now but we’re not yet using it. We see lots of functionality that would be a real help to us – like the ease of marking students work.”

Nik: “We’re also looking at InTune for Education and becoming a field test site with RM Education. In addition to this, we’re beginning to use Cloud Backup, Disk-to-Disk-to-Cloud, from May this year. This has been part of our strategy for a while. Cloud Backup allows us reduce our cost by reducing our use of on-site servers while also helping us with security and disaster recovery strategies.”

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