

CASE STUDY BRYANSTON SCHOOL



BRIEF

OVS renewal

The OVS for Bryanston School was due to be renewed in January 2019. Having secured a price for the previous three years, to avoid the impending price rises from Microsoft, there was a decision to be made as to the next route to take – stay with a traditional OVS or explore the new options available on CSP for Education.

As the needs of educational organisations evolve, the need for better technologies and flexible costing options is becoming more and more important.

Fluctuations in staff numbers meant they were paying for services they did not require all of the time as they were locked

into a fixed user count on their current OVS agreement.

Standardising key Microsoft products throughout the school was still of paramount importance from both a management and training perspective.

However, the increased functionality of CSP services such as added security and additional reporting were of interest. And the ability to unify operating systems throughout existing and new hardware was also something that was a key concern as from January 2020, Windows 7 will no longer be supported, so plans to standardise on Windows 10 needed to be accelerated as any new hardware will no longer run Windows 7.



SOLUTION & OUTCOME

Matt contacted Patrick, our resident Microsoft Education specialist who worked with Bryanston to provide an outcome that worked for the school.



Q&A with Matt Chambers



How has changing some of your IT solutions to Microsoft CSP (Cloud Solution Provider) benefited the school?

“Changing to Microsoft CSP allows us to only pay for what we need at any given time, plus, with the added security that Microsoft 365 A3 gives us through the EMS Suite we get peace of mind knowing that our internal systems and remote workers, a by-product of the cloud licensing that the CSP solution gives us, are secure whatever they are working on.”

How has it impacted on teaching staff?

“Having access to Microsoft O365 and Power BI Pro has allowed Bryanston to build upon its excellent education provision. Using the collaborative tools within Teams and Class Notebook really bring the classroom to life and allow students to extend their learning beyond the classroom walls. Bringing all the

common productivity tools into one online platform greatly enhances the ability for teaching staff to deliver learning with confidence and safe in the knowledge that the software will never be out of date.

Utilising the data visualisations that are possible through Power BI brings student performance and targets to life. Visualisations have been created that target particular learning pathways and strategies to empower the teaching staff to better understand how they can guide students to greater success.”

Are you future proofed?

“We believe so. Being primarily cloud based with the aim to be completely cloud based by 2021 means we can customise our requirements as we evolve. We can add components with ease and updates are literally a click of a button.”

Have you had to invest in hardware?

“We opted for Microsoft 365 rather than Office 365, which gives us the Windows 10 A3 which includes the upgrade from Windows 7 to Windows 10 and beyond. We are planning on upgrading to Windows 10 over the summer so this new method of licensing our estate allows us to do this more easily moving forward.”



ABOUT:

A Dorset based school with 750 pupils and 300 staff.

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