



CASE STUDY

Chichester High School

Educating with sustainable IT:
More, please!



Because IT shouldn't cost the Earth



Chichester High School works hard to ensure all students excel, with an aim to provide all pupils with a rich and dynamic curriculum to enjoy in a safe environment.

A love of learning for its own sake is at the heart of every lesson and, indeed, conversation. The rich history of the school started as two separate boys' and girls' establishments in 1971 and they merged in 2013 as a part of the TKAT Multi-Academy Trust. Together, they bring a unified strategy of an excellent education, which gives each and every student the very best chance of securing opportunity.

The Challenges

As with most schools there are certain challenges that come with ensuring an effective IT strategy:

- Find a new IT supplier due to previous machines not being reliable and extra purchases being necessary
- The requirement of suitably powerful machines (at least Intel i5 and SSD) to enable heavy software use
- Avoiding 'clone' machines or budget models such as ChromeBook
- Budget restraints due to low funding

Jim Turner, the Network Manager at forward thinking TKAT MAT, Chichester High School, is a passionate IT enthusiast that wants the best for his school, its environment, and the children's education. Jim has industry experience placing laptops into schools for over 16 years, 8 of which have been spent at Chichester.

His challenge was to replace his existing stockpile with enterprise grade machines at a restricted budget, whilst obtaining high specs and avoiding budget models known to under-perform.

The Process

After meeting with their reseller in 2017, the solution became 119 remanufactured Circular Computing™ HP 9470M laptops.

Jim quoted the laptops as 'like new' especially as they came with a 3-year warranty to reassure the quality aspects. Knowing that possible knocks could occur, he included the reseller's accidental damage. The results are enterprise IT within budget, set to last the 3-to-4-year requirement, and an opportunity for IT to contribute significantly to the environmental impact of the school.

The Solution

Circular Computing™ were able to set up internal and external laptop specifications to fit the school's requirements to fit the school's requirements and deliver them in a timely fashion, without having to go near the budget limits:

- Cost effective and flexible IT solutions to meet the needs of over 500 education and commercial customers
- Circular Computer™ laptops deliver value at a fraction of the price for equivalent new laptop products, without compromise on the quality
- Intel i5 & 128GB SSD offered as a standard with the option to upgrade if required
- 119 Remanufactured Circular Computing™ HP 9470M laptops are the initial chosen product

The Results

The Circular Computing™ product range felt exactly as new and was exceptional compared to the usual stuff you associate with second hand. This product felt more like brand new. So much so that I recommended it up to the TKAT Multi-Academy Trust.”

JIM TURNER, Network Manager, Chichester High School



The Results

“They understand our needs and the education market as a whole. Although our budgets are low, it felt like we were treated as if it was 10 years ago when the finances were more readily available.”

JIM TURNER, Network Manager, Chichester High School

With CHS looking to further its green initiatives, the Circular Computing™ concept has helped reduce e-waste, and prevent further CO2 emissions. Jim, inspired by the Circular story, has looked to recycle the previous IT kit by selling and gifting the old laptops to charitable causes and using any funds received to invest into new school extracurricular activities. IT can now do its bit to contribute to the environment?

After this, Chichester High School initially **reordered 60 more laptops**, followed by a further **119 HP 840 G3s**. This time their old laptops will be reused by Circular Computing™ and will enter a third cycle of the circular economy.

“It was great working with Funding4Education, our reseller and Circular Computing™ on our School’s next term staff laptop roll out project. I can’t thank them enough for their support and help. Sustainability in IT is actually something beyond just words. Real action from Circular Computing does feel like you can make a difference and it’s such an important message to demonstrate within Schools.”

JIM TURNER

Network Manager, Chichester High School

Jim was offered a discount off his next order to thank him for being a Circular Computing™ customer. He said that he would rather we took the value of the discount and reinvest it in our programmes that support local people while preserving the planet. This wonderful, progressive and thoughtful approach is both inspiring and shows the depth of Jim’s and Chichester High School’s commitment to sustainable IT and behaviour.

In addition, Jim’s ambition is to raise the profile of Circular Computing™ within the TKAT Multi-Academy Trust. Such is his belief in our mission, he wants the rest of the schools within TKAT to buy Circular Computing™ laptops. This represents a resounding endorsement.

298 laptops mean



358 tonnes
of waste
avoided



179 tonnes
of CO₂ eq.
sequestered
from the
atmosphere



94 tonnes
of CO₂ eq.
prevented at
manufacture



1490 trees
planted in
Africa and
India

Getting in contact

It would be a pleasure to speak with you about your IT requirements, why not get in touch today?



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