

The story of Sir John Hunt Community Sports College

Redefining learning: managing student devices with Hexnode

With Ryan Boundy | ITC at Sir John Hunt CSC



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Quotes

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Industry

Education Management

Location

England

Website

<http://www.sjhsc.co.uk/>

Platforms



The story

Sir John Hunt Community Sports College is a mixed secondary school and sixth form located in the Whiteleigh area of Plymouth in the English county of Devon. With a team of hardworking staff and a supportive governing body, they provide quality education to more than 700 students. Along with a broad and balanced curriculum, Sir John Hunt Sports College offers an engaging learning environment. To support this objective, they provide learning gadgets to their students.

The team purchased a whole load of Android tablets for the students to use for their research works. Ryan Boundy, ITC at Sir John Hunt CSC, knew that he had to be ready to handle this influx of mobile devices in their IT set up. In line with this, Ryan was on the search for a Mobile Device Management solution to resolve their existing challenges.

The biggest challenge was to ensure that the students can access only the essential apps and features and nothing else from the devices. Secondly, they wanted to broadcast text messages to these devices whenever needed. Thirdly, they had to push a set of in-house apps to these devices. During the search for an MDM solution, Ryan had these considerably important requirements in mind.

Ryan examined a popular product, but it failed to meet his expectations, be it in terms of cost or features. After searching for a product that would suit their needs, Ryan and his team finally decided on Hexnode. The team analyzed the competencies of Hexnode to satisfy their requirements. Their analysis gave them a clear picture of Hexnode’s ability to resolve their issues and it became their final choice. Ryan was particularly impressed by Hexnode’s cost-effectiveness.

“It’s the ease of access and it is really fair in the pricing.”

Ryan Boundy

ITC at Sir John Hunt CSC



Hexnode offered a comprehensive all-in-one solution to all the needs of the team. With Hexnode, turning a device into a kiosk is really simple. Any of their devices was thus able to be configured to work in a restricted, purpose-specific mode. There is a messaging module from Hexnode, the Hexnode Messenger. With this, the admin could send notifications or instructions to the user devices right from the MDM console even when the devices are in kiosk mode. And finally, using Hexnode, their enterprise apps could be pushed to a bulk of devices in a single go.

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Ryan remembers that the implementation process was quite easy with Hexnode. He doesn’t have a dedicated team of IT people and was able to complete the process by himself. After the implementation, everything is going smoothly. Before choosing Hexnode, the team had to manually install applications on each of the devices which was a tedious process. But now, with Hexnode, everything is made easy. Hexnode has proved to reduce their workload to a great extent.

In a nutshell

Sir John Hunt CSC is now equipped to secure student devices with Hexnode in a quick and efficient manner. Hexnode provided an advanced lockdown of Android devices making it impossible for the students to access applications or functionalities that are not allowed by the college. Hexnode Messenger helped in broadcasting text messages to these devices whenever needed. And finally, they can now easily distribute their in-house applications to the student devices with Hexnode.