



Digital Strategy Document

Danes Hill School's use of technology promotes innovative learning by digitally confident students, inspired by skilled and creative teaching. We advocate secure and sustainable use of technology, with first-class systems for communication and administration.

What the strategy means for users

For All

- Fast, reliable online access to resources and services anytime, anywhere and by any device
- Secure systems that protect against threats

For Pupils

Accessibility

- Accessibility to learning materials through the VLE
- Most course materials are available online

Confidence and competence

- Engagement with, and informed choices about appropriate use of digital technologies
- Confident and competent preparation for senior school
- Technology helps to personalise learning, so:
 - Every pupil is an adept user of technology to support and develop their own learning
 - Gifted and talented pupils are stretched by tools that enable them to innovate, discover and invent

Balancing online risks and benefits

- Pupils are informed about digital safety and are encouraged to adopt positive online reputation
- Prospective pupils have an online flavour of the school

For Staff

Skills

- Staff know when to use/not use technology
- Teachers confidently drop in and out of using technology for teaching
- Digital support as and when needed

Culture for technology

- A culture of using digital resources to enrich and engage group and individual learning
- Use of technology to plan, teach, moderate, assess, communicate, share and learn
- Access to fast, relevant, digital training
- Users are confident that technologies work

Access

- Access to information and technologies that complement and transform teaching

- Staying abreast of research and emerging trends to use technologies to promote student learning
- Access to tools, based on department and subject

For Parents

Digital Access

- Fast, relevant online communications
- Timely information about their children
- Parents can participate online in school activities
- Easy online sign-up for activities and events
- Online access to key events that showcases the school's rich co-curricular variety
- Secure, reliable, multimedia tools

Information about the school

- Information about how technology supports the development of their children
- An understanding of online opportunities and risks to help their child make wise choices
- Prospective parents have access to the website

For Leadership and Governance

- Management information to support decisions
- Communication that is fast and efficient
- Competitiveness
- Strategic Digital Development based on need and following best practice principles

For the School's IT Service

- Controlled, efficient management of resources
- A central port of call for IT support, with skilled staff managing users' expectations
- Planned development of secure systems with reliability, future-proofing and documentation
- Rigorous business continuity and disaster recovery plans

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