
Sydenham School selected as a 2016-2017 Microsoft Showcase School

Sydenham School recognized as a global leader in successful integrations of technology with teaching and learning

London, United Kingdom – 5th September 2016 – Sydenham School was selected by Microsoft as a 2016-2017 Microsoft Showcase School for its excellence in transforming its learning environment to deliver more personalized education to students, using mobile and cloud technology to better prepare students for success in the workplace.

Sydenham School joins an exclusive community of over 400 premier schools from around the world, recognized to celebrate their truly pioneering efforts and innovation in rethinking teaching, learning and assessment in order to drive deep 21st century competencies.

The school is harnessing the power and potential of a range of Microsoft technologies, including: Microsoft Classroom and OneNote Class Notebooks to deliver and assess student classwork and homework in a range of subjects; OneNote Staff Notebooks and Outlook Groups to improve communication, collaboration and administration for staff; Digital Inking through Surface and Windows tablet devices; Programming using the BBC micro:bit and TouchDevelop in Computer Science lessons; and many more. Students at the school can also download the latest Microsoft Office 2016 suite for free, ensuring they have the latest technology to support home learning.

“Being selected as a Microsoft Showcase School is an amazing honor and recognition of the passion our teachers and staff have for creating the best learning environments possible,” said Mark Guest, Deputy Headteacher at Sydenham School. “We look forward to sharing our experiences with other schools in our community and the world to continue finding innovative ways to equip our students with the proper tools needed for success inside and outside of the classroom.”

As a Showcase School, Sydenham School will work closely with Microsoft to lead innovation in education and communicate a vision for education enabled by technology through the hosting and mentoring of other schools in the community on transformational educational practices.

“Microsoft Showcase Schools are shining examples of those applying purpose driven innovation in a variety of ways to build connection, motivate students and to create community in and out of school” said Anthony Salcito, vice president, Worldwide Education, Microsoft. “These schools are truly transforming learning and providing more personalized education to students empowering them to achieve more.”

As well as being recognized on a global scale for their innovative approach to educating tomorrow’s workforce, Showcase Schools also receive the following benefits from Microsoft as part of the program:

- Collaboration with an international group of thought leaders
- Special pricing on SteelCase Education learning classroom furniture
- Microsoft Innovative Educators Experts (MIE Experts) on staff to help drive innovation and to support staff, peers and students
- Access to professional development for Educators within their school

- Invitations to regional and global events
- Monthly community webinars and Yammer group discussion, exclusive to Showcase Schools
- Email signature and digital signage

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