



CASE STUDY

Noadswood School

Full IT
Support



Unified
Communications



Cloud



Security &
Compliance



Network &
Infrastructure



REQUIREMENT: MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 EXCHANGE ONLINE

GCI were selected by Noadswood School to deliver a managed Microsoft Exchange Email solution which would offer the latest technologies with minimal capital expenditure.



THE CLIENT

Noadswood School serves Dibden Purlieu and Hythe on the Southampton Waterside. The school has been shortlisted for a prestigious Excellence Award for its use of IT to enhance learning and engage students and parents, both within and beyond the school.

Noadswood were using an on-site solution for email which was proving costly to the school. To address this issue, GCI recommended that its Microsoft Exchange environment was moved to Microsoft's hosted platform which would reduce the management overhead, hardware and storage expense associated with maintaining this existing solution. Hosting would also enable Noadswood to leverage the additional benefits of the Cloud.



TECHNICAL SOLUTION

GCI implemented a new Microsoft Office 365 Exchange Online tenant and migrated the on-premise Exchange environment over to the Cloud. This involved setting up a new agreement for Microsoft's Office 365 Education E1 plan, configuring Exchange Online services and completing a live migration of all user mailboxes from Exchange 2010 over to Exchange Online. Following the migration, all on-premise Exchange services at Noadswood School were decommissioned.

SUCCESS AND COMPANY BENEFITS

Noadswood School has increased resilience and improved services and business continuity for email, thanks to Microsoft Office 365's high levels of reliability, availability, performance and 99.9% uptime. The solution has also saved the school money by removing the requirement for licensing and hardware, as well as providing free access to Exchange Online under the Education Plan. Additionally, this hosted service has removed the need for costly support, significantly reducing management overheads.

Luke Wells, ICT Systems Manager at Noadswood, said, *"Moving to a Cloud-based solution has streamlined email management and improved efficiency. Due to the success of the project and GCI's exemplary skills, we have showcased the technology to other schools in the area."*

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