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How High March School solved their device dilemmas

BACKGROUND

High March School, located in Beaconsfield, UK, enrolls around 300 students from Nursery to Year 6 and is staffed by 65 teachers and administrators. With two separate buildings, the school deploys 20 SMART Boards in classrooms and uses desktop computers connected to these boards. Teachers, particularly in the Maths Department and Years 1 and 2, use SMART Notebook software for interactive lessons. The school previously struggled with a cumbersome digital signage solution that relied on outdated methods, leading to inefficiencies and a lack of engagement. Mike Wright, the Network Manager at High March, spearheads the school's Digital Strategy. His goal is to protect the school's investment in SMART Boards while improving device connectivity for teachers using devices like Surface Pros.

CHALLENGES

Compatibility and Digital
Signage Limitations

High March faced challenges in ensuring device compatibility with existing SMART Boards and struggled with limited digital signage capabilities. Teachers experienced frustration when connecting personal devices like Surface Pros and iPads, which often led to classroom disruptions. The reliance on multiple cables restricted mobility and contributed to logistical inefficiencies. The school's digital signage solution also fell short. Old workstations pushed massive PowerPoint presentations to TVs, making it cumbersome to manage content updates across two buildings.





SOLUTION

Vivi in Classrooms and
Common Areas

To address these issues, High March adopted Vivi for both classroom connectivity and digital signage. Vivi allowed seamless device compatibility with existing SMART Boards, enabling teachers to connect without additional cables. This enhanced interactivity and allowed teachers to leverage their personal devices more effectively. Moreover, Vivi's digital signage solution transformed communication across the school. It was installed in key areas, including the Upper School classrooms, reception, and lunchroom, providing a unified platform for announcements and student-generated content.

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Vivi boxes were installed to connect SMART Boards and run digital signage at Reception, providing parents with real-time information about the school.

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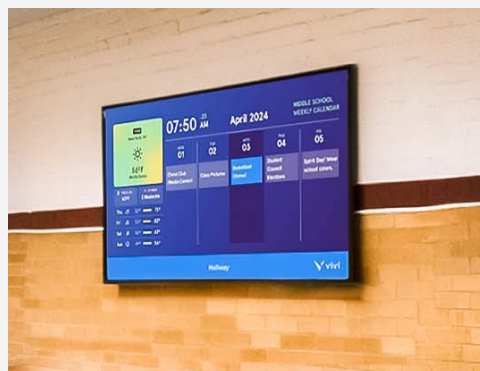
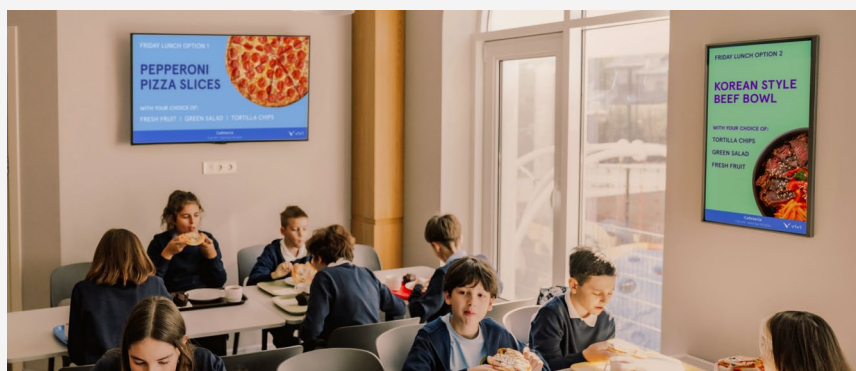
The lunchroom display features content created by the Young Journalists Club, offering a platform for student expression.

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Teachers can now create playlists for lessons without involving the IT department, reducing workloads and enhancing classroom engagement.

RESULTS

Vivi significantly improved High March's ability to connect individual devices to SMART Boards, enhancing digital signage and offering user-friendly features. The solution safeguarded their investment in technology while boosting staff confidence in using digital tools. **"The biggest thing? It just makes our interactive displays more usable,"** remarked Mike Wright, Network Manager. Teachers no longer rely on IT for connectivity issues, and their ability to easily integrate personal devices into lessons has led to increased classroom participation and satisfaction.





HIGHLIGHTS

Cross-Compatibility

Vivi's solution enabled seamless integration of personal devices with SMART Boards, reducing dependency on IT support and enhancing lesson interactivity. Teachers now experience smoother transitions between lessons without the hassle of managing multiple cables.

Increased Usage and Engagement

Vivi's intuitive interface encouraged teachers from various departments, including Maths and Science, to adopt its features. Even tech-averse teachers found value in creating lesson playlists and engaging students with multimedia content. The Drama Department, for instance, appreciated the ability to control music wirelessly during rehearsals.

Enhanced Digital Signage

High March School's digital signage was revitalised with Vivi, improving school communication across both buildings. Students receive timely updates on schedules, events, and achievements, fostering a more connected school community. The lunchroom display showcases student journalism, increasing engagement and giving students a platform to share their work.

Reduced IT Workload

Vivi eliminated the need for manual video processing by automatically stripping ads from YouTube videos. This feature lightened the IT department's workload, allowing them to focus on more strategic initiatives.

"With Vivi, our teachers can simply walk into any room and start teaching," added Wright. The solution has enhanced existing resources and is poised to elevate both teaching and learning experiences at High March School.

FUTURE PLANS

High March plans to expand Vivi's digital signage features, including dynamic messaging and alerts. Wright envisions installing screens in the pickup area to provide important information to parents and students without needing to enter the school building.





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