

WestWon showcases Parent Portal for school iPads at John Hampden Grammar School Open Day

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WestWon Education (<http://www.westwoneducation.co.uk>) demonstrated its innovative Portal for funding tablets in schools through parental donations at the Digital Learning Open Day at John Hampden Grammar School (<http://www.jhgs.bucks.sch.uk>) on 25th March 2013. The school, based in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, hosted Heads and 'digital champions' from over 50 schools with teachers, pupils and partners sharing their experience and top tips for one-to-one digital learning success.

The WestWon Parent Portal enables educational establishments to spread payment for any number of student tablets – from 25 to 2,500 units - cost-effectively over a period of several years. As part of the finance agreement, WestWon sets up and administers the parental donations that help fund the tablets via the WestWon Parent Portal (<http://westwoneducation.co.uk/funding-support-for-schools/parent-portal/>), and also handles insurance claims and warranty issues.

John Hampden Grammar School was one of the first school's to take advantage of the new Parent Portal. Andy Wright, Assistant Head Teacher at the School, hosted the Open Day. He commented, "We became convinced that a 1:1 iPad scheme was the best way that technology could support learning at the School. We looked carefully at the options and found that we could obtain a very competitive bulk deal through a leasing arrangement with WestWon - and pass the cost-benefits on to parents who wished to fund an iPad for their son through a monthly donation scheme. WestWon provided exemplary advice and support as we introduced the parental donation scheme to our parents and the company now manages the entire parental donation process online via its Portal – happily freeing us from any administrative burden."

At the start of the lease period, participating parents are sent a welcome pack with details of how to log into the WestWon Parent Portal. On logging in, they can view full details about their child's tablet, including model number, insurance cover, frequency and amount of donations and payment history. They can also select an option to purchase the tablet at the end of lease, typically for as little as £25.00 +VAT. Schools also have their own login in to view and manage their tablet estate online.

According to WestWon's CEO, Jeremy Hall, "Schools are increasingly turning to mobile devices such as iPads and other tablets as an additional or preferred platform for learning. The WestWon Parent Portal provides teachers and parents with a simple one-stop system to manage and fund their student tablets via regular parental donations.

"We are delighted that the WestWon Parent Portal can fully support schools such as John Hampden in their achieving their educational objectives through the introduction of new technology."

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