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CASE STUDY

Struggling Under a Mountain
of Potential E-Waste?

**Revitalise Legacy
Hardware with XMA
and ChromeOS Flex**





How Do Schools Manage Aging Tech and Shrinking Budgets

Many Secondary Schools and Multi-Academy Trusts (MATs) face a recurring dilemma: aging PC and Mac hardware that hinders digital learning, yet lack the capital for a total hardware refresh. Slow boot times and security vulnerabilities often result in lost teaching time and increased pressure on IT teams.

The XMA Solution

XMA helps organisations utilise ChromeOS Flex technology to transform legacy devices into fast, secure, and sustainable learning tools. By replacing aging operating systems with a cloud-first alternative, XMA allows organisations to maximise their existing investments without the premium cost of new hardware.

Key Outcomes

Significant Cost Avoidance:

Organisations can avoid massive capital expenditure by extending the life of current assets.

"By implementing Flex, we have been able to rapidly onboard new schools into the Trust's ecosystem, quickly repurposing existing Windows PCs so that class teachers are instantly equipped with the same seamless, cloud-first operating system their pupils use."

**Development Manager,
LEO Academy Trust**

Centralised Control:

IT teams can manage thousands of devices across multiple sites from a single cloud-based console, saving hundreds of hours in manual maintenance.

"By running Flex on our Intel PCs for the last three years, we've achieved a level of reliability and management simplicity that was previously unattainable. It's more than just an operating system; it's a way to ensure that every teaching space provides the same seamless, secure, and easy-to-manage experience right across our Google Reference College."

**Network Manager,
Uckfield College**

Sustainability:

Reducing e-waste by keeping 7-year-old machines in classrooms instead of landfills aligns with modern environmental initiatives.

"ChromeOS Flex didn't just give our legacy Windows devices a second life, it gave our IT team their weekends back. By trading hardware bloat for streamlined configuration and rock-solid security, we've turned what was once 'aging fleet' into a high-performance, easily managed remote workforce"

**Head of IT Services,
NEAT Academy**

Built-in Security:

The solution includes virus protection and sandboxing, which removes the need for expensive third-party antivirus software.

"The speed difference between an underpowered PC running Windows and the same machine running ChromeOS Flex was night and day. It's given these computers a new lease of life and they've become valuable teaching tools again."

**IT Manager,
Wickersley**



ChromeOS Flex can be part of something much grander

Chrome OS Flex plays a big part in the 10-year partnership between XMA and the Success for All Educational Trust (SFAET), especially when it came to finding alternatives to buying Windows 11 devices.

"We reclaimed £40,000 in what would have been lost capital, turning a depreciation problem into a direct, positive impact on our budget. It's a perfect example of how the right technology strategy delivers real, measurable value for the trust."

Financial Director, SFAET

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Beyond the Classroom: Framework Housing Association

XMA's revitalisation service isn't limited to schools. Framework Housing Association used this approach to tackle digital exclusion in hostels across the East Midlands.

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"It's been great to roll out fast and resilient ChromeOS Flex devices to our hostels across the East Midlands. Residents are now able to use them to help them in their journey towards independent living. It was definitely the right decision to kick start our journeys towards tackling digital exclusion."

**- Digital Inclusion Coordinator
Framework Housing Association.**



Ready to stop fighting with slow hardware? Contact your XMA Account Manager today to discuss how to make the most out of your legacy hardware. Register your interest using the form.

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