

iPad Bulletin

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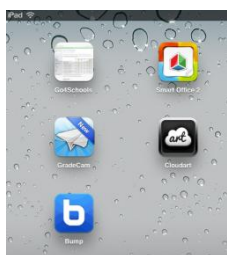
Using New Technologies in the Classroom

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1. Briefing points

1.2 - Creating shortcuts on your iPad 'home screen'



It is possible to create shortcuts on your iPad home screen, just like you would do on the desktop of a PC. This is particularly useful for sites that you will use frequently - for example I have a shortcut on my iPad for GO4SCHOOLS. To create the shortcut simply navigate to the website that you want to create a direct link to. Then click on the 'sharing' button at the top - this will bring up a series of options - e.g. email, text etc.. select "Add to Home Screen" and a link will be created for you!



1.3. Locking your iPad down to 1 app for small group use

When the trial group were working with the iPad's last year, one of the frustrations we came across was only have the one iPad in the classroom and whilst with small, particularly VI form groups, we could let them borrow the iPad, there was the concern that students would be able to access our emails etc.. However, if there is a useful app which you want a small group of students to use, and you are happy to let them use your iPad, there **IS** a way of locking your iPad down to just 1 app using a feature called "Guided Access". Details and instructions for how to do this can be found here <http://theictadvisors.co.uk/how-to-lock-the-ipad-to-a-single-app/>

2. Apps Focus

The aim of this section is just to highlight a small number of Apps each week which may be of interest to you. At the end of the section I will highlight any new Subject-specific Apps I have come across.



REMEMBER - If you find any particular useful Apps - please email me the name and a sentence or two to explain how it has been useful so I can include it in the bulletin to share with others. Sometimes an app which seems subject specific can be utilised well in other areas as well!

Evernote (free from the apple store (for iPad) and can be downloaded to your PCs / laptops here <https://evernote.com/>)



If you only look at one app this week - this is the one to have a look at! Many staff involved in last years trial found the iPad invaluable for administration and organising their work loads. Some staff have been using Evernote which they have found very useful for organising various aspects of the teachers workloads, particular examples (amongst others) have included;

- meetings and their associated minutes and action points - notes during INSET / CPD courses - fieldtrip organisation and associated documents - curriculum related / department admin

One of the best ways of finding out what Evernote does and how it might be useful to you is buy watching this short introduction video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pjn6YkCY2yA>

The Evernote app (<https://evernote.com/>) enables you to keep everything organised electronically rather than having more printed documents sitting on the shelf in yet another folder. Evernote is an invaluable tool for this as not only is it specifically designed for note taking and archiving but key word tags can be added to notes which makes the whole thing fully searchable at the touch of a button.

The other benefit of Evernote is that it can be downloaded onto all devices you use, including your PC and therefore all notes, web clips, files and images are made available on every device **and sync, therefore all documents are live and can be accessed and amended wherever**. Information from anywhere, for example web links, text notes, even entire web pages can be saved. It is also possible to share your notes with others and therefore collaborate on projects with colleagues. Audio and video notes can also be added.

There is a excellent library of short tutorial videos to help you learn how to use Evernote - it is well worth getting to grips with! <https://evernote.com/video/>

Evernote isn't a substitute for word processing apps (I will highlight some of these over the next few bulletins as there are many to choose from) **but** it is great for note taking / collating ideas / minutes etc.

SOME SUBJECT SPECIFIC APPS

Design and Technology / Art

- Top 5 iPad apps inspiring Design in Education <http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2013/09/top-5-ipad-apps-that-inspire-design-in.html>

Music

- Great educational Music apps for your iPad <http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2012/10/great-educational-music-apps-for-your.html>

MFL

- 40 iPad apps for Language Learners <http://www.tech2date.com/40-ipad-apps-for-language-learners.html>

Maths

- Free must have iPad apps for secondary math (Some may not be available as a US based link - although some will be). <http://www.tcea.org/documents/PD/Free%20Must-Have%20Apps%20for%20Secondary%20Math.pdf>

Science

- 18 Great science Apps for iPad <http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2013/01/18-great-science-apps-for-ipad.html>

3. Links



Each week I will try and choose 4 or 5 useful links for further information / support on the use of iPads in the classroom - these are all archived in the **iPads in Education** Pearltree (St Ivo's online list of links to support you)- remember this is a huge number of links (categorised by theme to make them easy for you to look at what you are interested in) related to the use of iPads in Education on the iPads in Education Pearltree (**just click here...**



http://www.pearltrees.com/#/N-u=1_1479563&N-p=88112111&N-s=1_9081019&N-f=1_9081019&N-fa=9079043&N-reveal=5)

A few particularly useful / interesting links for this week though...

1. **What can you do with an iPad in the classroom?** http://dedwards.me/2012/10/21/what-can-you-do-with-an-ipad-in-the-classroom/?utm_source=buffer&utm_campaign=Buffer&utm_content=buffer2dc0b&utm_medium=twitter
2. **Classroom management with iPads (an iTunesU course)** <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/course/classroom-management-ipads/id592272181>
3. **iPads for Learning - ideas for learning with the iPad in the classroom** <http://www.scribd.com/doc/56797794/iPads-for-Learning-Getting-Started>
4. **5 ways I'm using apps in the Classroom (edtechworkshop)** <http://edtechworkshop.blogspot.co.uk/2013/08/5-apps-for-1st-two-weeks-of-school.html>
5. **One iPad in the classroom - ideas for use** <http://theictadvisors.co.uk/one-ipad-in-the-classroom10-ideas/>