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CASE STUDY CLIFTON COLLEGE
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ENABLING CLIFTON COLLEGE TO OFFER WORLDWIDE ACCESS TO EDUCATION



Clifton College At-A-Glance

The College was established in 1862 and offers the finest all-round education based on the highest academic standards with nearly all leavers going on to the best universities in the UK and worldwide.

Challenges

To replace its onsite remote access server farm that was several years old, running legacy software.

Solutions

Navisite provided its NaviCloud® DaaS (Desktop-as-a-Service) cloud desktop solution. A platform which was highly scalable, resilient, secure and easily manageable. The college also took advantage of Navisite's cloud-based disaster recovery solution. The solution is housed in one of Navisite's two UK data centre facilities, ensuring faster recovery times in case any core line of business systems go down.

Business Outcome

Teaching staff can now access the school's academic management system remotely, allowing them to work offsite supporting education.

COMPANY OVERVIEW: Clifton College

Clifton College is one of the UK's leading independent boarding schools. The College was established in 1862 and now educates over 1100 pupils aged between 2 and 18 years. Clifton College offers the finest all-round education based on the highest academic standards and nearly all leavers go on to the best universities in the UK and worldwide.

Project

Clifton College was looking for a solution to replace its onsite remote access server farm. The server farm was several years old, running legacy software and in urgent need of updating. The remote access system provided staff with the ability to connect to the Clifton College site and access College software whilst away from the campus via a thinly provisioned desktop.

Being forward thinking, the College had developed an IT strategy whereby they wanted to deliver all software and solutions through a web browser and become completely device agnostic. Therefore, they needed a solution that was scalable, resilient and easy to manage.

Phase one of the project was to deliver a remote access solution to staff that would be better than the in-house system they had before. The Clifton IT team wanted to deliver a faster, more immersive user experience for its staff and deliver to them the functionality they needed whilst away

from the main College site. They needed to ensure key personnel had remote access to software and systems to maximise productivity.

Phase two of the project is to provide a solution to students and staff whereby they would be able to access older applications, hosted at the College, over the public Internet. Staff use a range of different software packages at the College to teach, some of which are not available as cloud hosted subscription services. Clifton needed to deliver this wealth of onsite resource to pupils in the same way they could Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) applications over the Internet. Clifton has many international boarders so providing access to software, used for learning, away from the College was very desirable.

The College went to market and looked at potential suppliers of different systems and ultimately decided to work with one of their long-term partners Navisite.

Solution

To ensure the requirements were met, Clifton College engaged with Navisite to provide its NaviCloud® DaaS (Desktop-as-a-Service) cloud desktop solution. Navisite offered Clifton College a platform which was highly scalable, resilient, secure and easily manageable at an affordable price.

Clifton College decided that the Navisite DaaS solution aligned very well with its IT strategy and the decision was taken to implement the system.



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Clifton College found the DaaS implementation to be smooth without issue and Navisite's engineers completed the task on time and without issue. The system was implemented and has delivered on all key requirements asked for in the initial project scope.

Clifton College has been a long standing Navisite customer and has also taken advantage of Navisite's cloud-based disaster recovery solution. The solution is provisioned via the NaviCloud® portal and housed in one of Navisite's two UK data centre facilities, ensuring faster recovery times in case any core line of business systems go down.

Throughout the implementation of these cloud solutions, Clifton College has benefited from and been impressed by the expertise and customer service levels offered by Navisite's team of dedicated account managers and technicians.

Results

Support Staff at Clifton College – who handle a variety of functions, including Sports Centre management and Estates planning – can now work in a more effective manner via any device with an Internet connection. The new DaaS system is improving functionality and productivity.

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allowing them to work offsite supporting education.

Having Navisite manage Clifton College's IT infrastructure through a cloud-hosted desktop platform has reduced overall IT costs by avoiding upfront investment in new physical servers. Instead, Clifton College was able to shift its IT costs to an OpEx model, simply paying a manageable monthly fee. This also allowed Clifton College's engineers to focus on improving the College's IT end-user services, rather than maintaining IT infrastructure.

The NaviCloud® DaaS cloud desktop service has currently been rolled out to Clifton College staff. The early success of the implementation in enabling remote access to systems means the College is already planning to roll out the solution to pupils. Using DaaS, Clifton College's IT team will be able to offer remote access to all 400 software programmes used by staff and students, including legacy applications, through a single platform, ultimately enabling pupils and teachers to deliver and receive a better educational experience.

The cloud disaster recovery solutions dramatically reduced the amount of time that Clifton College needs to restore core business functions such as Finance, HR and Estates management if systems go down in any of the schools on premise data centres.

Summary

The College was running its remote access IT systems on older on premise servers, and spending a large amount of time and budget maintaining them. Clifton College selected Navisite to provide its leading DaaS and cloud-based Disaster Recovery solutions. Clifton College Staff

can now access College systems and older applications from any location in the world with an Internet connection. Early success of the new cloud-based desktops means the College is already planning to roll out the DaaS solution to students. The cloud disaster recovery solution has also reduced the amount of time Clifton College needs to restore core business functions in case its on premise systems go down.

About Navisite

Navisite, LLC, a part of Spectrum Enterprise, is a leading international provider of managed cloud services, including managed multi-cloud Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Managed Office 365 and Managed Applications. Navisite provides a full suite of dependable and scalable managed services, enabling enterprises to extend their data centres with hybrid, private and multiple public clouds. Enterprises can outsource IT infrastructure to Navisite to maximize the agility and value of their IT investments. With more than 600 certifications held by Navisite employees, clients depend on us for customized solutions, delivered through an international footprint of state-of-the-art data centres. For more information, visit Navisite.com or Navisite.co.uk.