CLOUD SOLUTION DELIVERY.

ABOUT CALDERDALE COLLEGE.

Situated in Halifax, Calderdale College offers a large array of post-16 courses to 4,500 students, championing a hands-on, work-based learning approach.

The college provides specialist engineering and motor vehicle courses where students have access to industry-leading machinery.

> "The successful rollout of our Azure Virtual Desktop project is due to the expertise that Holker provided during the planning, configuration and testing stages. My team are now well equipped to carry the work forward."

Jim Leiper, Head of IT and Digital Infrastructure at Calderdale College

THE CHALLENGE.

Calderdale College had an aging IT estate made up of over 1,500 student and teacher devices, unable to support the new education applications they wanted to roll out. Completely replacing all equipment was not a viable option from a budget perspective.

Calderdale's onsite IT Team were also experiencing a range of device management problems, including losing track of devices and an inability to deploy critical security updates.

The college were looking for an IT provider with experience in cloud solutions to deliver a project that would extend the lifespan of their existing desktop hardware. Calderdale recognised that they lacked the inhouse expertise to implement these changes in the time frame required.

THE SOLUTION.

Holker designed and implemented a Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop solution, to provide a standardised desktop environment for Calderdale to deploy the latest education applications.

As a result of moving to the cloud, Calderdale no longer needed to find the capital expenditure to replace their aging server hardware.

The lifespan of their existing laptops and desktops was also extended using thin client technology.

For the onsite IT team, a cloud management console was implemented to provide complete visibility and control, and enable efficient security management.

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