KikStart™ unlocks the power of iPad®

KikStart for iPad is an interactive tutorial app that helps users unlock the full potential of their mobile device. It is the first app of its kind to train you to a recognised industry standard of competence.

Based in Northern Ireland, iTech delivers training to help schools integrate technology effectively within the classroom, with a particular focus on the iPad.
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THE BACKGROUND
‘The iPad can strike fear into staff who don’t consider themselves tech savvy’, says Patrick McGrath, Managing Partner at iTeach. So recognising BCS’ unique position at the forefront of IT skills development, iTeach was keen to establish a partner relationship to support schools on their iPad journey.

The focus at iTeach is solely on the education market, and they’ve seen a phenomenal growth in iPads within that market.

Patrick explains: ‘Two years ago in Ireland there were perhaps 12 or so “iPad schools”. Now they number in the hundreds, increasing by five to ten new schools every day. The deployment process begins with teacher pilots and progressively rolls out through school one-to-one programmes in which everyone has an iPad.

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The KikStart app from BCS provides self-paced iPad learning and certification, all via the learner’s device. Patrick tells us the app is ideal for their needs and has helped their school wide CPD programmes advance at a much greater pace.

‘Our customers trust iTeach to deliver the right development programmes for them’, says Patrick. ‘With KikStart as an integral element, the training is something we can roll out as standard to all our partner schools.’

iTeach is involved with up to 300 schools including St Malachys College in Belfast, an all-boys school with 1,000 pupils, which provides iPads to every staff member and pupil in years 9 and 13.

The need for a level platform of self-paced learning for students, which would also be suitable for staff, could have been quite a challenge for iTeach. Instead, with the KikStart app, they accelerated the learning curve for all at St Malachys, with certification as proof of completion

This saved the school time and money and meant the rollout process was completed quicker than anticipated.

AT A GLANCE

- Interactive tutorial-based app
- Supporting video clips
- Clear and concise step-by-step guides
- Recognised standard of competence

THE BENEFITS

Schools are evolving, and they are doing so fast. The iPad is a vital tool in continuing to ensure engagement between teacher and student; so essential in today’s classroom environment.

Patrick explains: ‘With an iPad, teachers can increase the interaction - with greater mobility around class, no longer tied to the whiteboard at the front.

‘But the real development is when you place the iPad into the hands of the pupils, empowering them with a personal learning device of their own. That’s when the magic happens.

‘KikStart enables us to deliver the appropriate learning to both staff and pupil, and it enables the training to be accelerated.’

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