

Google Apps for Education

At Glan Usk pupils and staff use Google Apps for Education (GAFE) to enhance the way we use technology and share information within and beyond our school community.

Essentially, GAFE is a cloud based learning platform allowing teachers and pupils to create a range of documents online, email, share calendars and 30 gigabytes of data to be accessed at home and school on any device.

GAFE allows us to collaborate and learn more effectively through the use of technology, and offer a range of new learning opportunities for teachers and pupils.

Further information about GAFE can be found here
<http://www.google.com/enterprise/apps/education/benefits.html>

Facts about Google Apps for Education

- GAFE is used by many of the world's leading educational institutions, including universities, secondary and primary schools.
- GAFE is completely free for schools and does not contain advertising anywhere within it.
- Many of GAFE apps such as Google Docs and Gmail are familiar to many pupils and parents.

How will Google Apps for Education enhance my child's learning opportunities?

- GAFE allows teachers and pupils the ability to collaborate on documents simultaneously. This type of collaboration has been impossible in the past.
- GAFE works on any device. This allows our pupils to continue learning beyond the classroom and the ability to access their content at any time.
- Pupils and teachers can work in teams, sharing calendars, documents and collaborating ideas to learn more effectively.

What should I be aware of?

- GAFE allows pupils to communicate and store information in both public and private spaces online.
- Unlike many other web services GAFE acknowledges its users as the owners of content they produce and store.
- GAFE does not share any data or user information with any other party unlike other Google products such as Gmail.
- Your child will be provided an email address as part of the GAFE package.
- GAFE terms of service can be read here. http://www.google.com/apps/intl/en-GB/terms/education_terms.html

We will be working with pupils to educate them around using GAFE in a productive and responsible manner. We also feel it necessary for parents to be aware of new technologies such as GAFE and encourage you to be proactive discussing and exploring it with your child.

If you have any questions regarding your child using GAFE then please contact the school.

Regards

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