



# MOBILE DEVICE STORAGE

Terry Jackman, who works in the IT department of Dixons City Academy in Bradford, describes what a difference effective tablet storage has made in his school...

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## LapCabby

New thinking in ICT storage

*Set up in 1990 as a technology college Dixons is now part of a chain of schools across the Bradford area. Dixons' 1100 students regularly use tablets in their lessons.*

**T&I:** How long has your school been using technology in its lessons?

**TJ:** We've used laptops for quite some time, and when we took part in an initiative providing technology for schools we started using tablets, too. Our participation began as a one-to-one programme, where every single pupil was provided with a Nexus 7 they could take home or keep in their locker. The initiative was great, but unfortunately a lot of tablets were damaged whether in school – having fallen out of lockers – or at home. Eventually we decided to keep the tablets in school and distribute them around the departments, but working out how to

manage them was a big problem. At one point we had about 1200.

**Did you have any storage?**

We'd used laptop trolleys before, but the ones we had were essentially big, cumbersome metal boxes, and they didn't have charging technology or anything like that. We had to install the tech we needed manually. When we found ourselves in need of a solution to storing hundreds of tablets quickly, we knew trolleys like these weren't going to do the trick. We needed something that'd do everything we wanted in one simple package.

**How did you find the storage you needed?**

I just searched online for tablet trolleys – and that's how I came across LapCabby. I was desperate for a solution that'd keep the tablets safe while allowing them to be moved around the building and accessed easily, and the TabCabby immediately seemed to fit the bill. The TabCabbys had built-in Power 7 charging technology, easy-access compartments and lots of added features to keep devices safe when they're not in use. They were also brilliant value, especially compared to the storage we'd had before. Luckily, one of the other schools in our chain had some LapCabby units in use so I popped over to see how they worked. And that was that, I was decided!

**So, which LapCabby product did you go for?**

We've about 15 of the TabCabby 32H, with angled metal shelves rather than slide out trays. You can even open up the sides to get the cables out easily. It was great to find something that suited our needs so perfectly.

**What sets these units apart from similar products?**

The ease of use is a big selling point; they arrive fully assembled and installation is simple. They're also extremely well made and

easy to wheel between classrooms, with protective bumpers, cushioned compartments and durable castors ensuring devices are kept safe in transit. That's particularly useful for our science department as a couple of trolleys are shared between classrooms.

I love the appearance of the TabCabby, too. They come in lots of colours but our school colour is blue – so we went with that!

**What's the most innovative feature?**

The fact that you can programme your charging schedules in advance. There are three different schedules you can set for each day, which is really useful as each of our departments has different needs. Plus, the charging is intelligent, which means every device gets exactly the amount of power it needs and batteries aren't overloaded or damaged.

**Are there any products you might try in the future?**

We've thought about the GoCabby as it'd be very useful for field trips – you can wheel it around so easily. If we invest in iPads or another type of tablet in the future, we'd look into the LapCabby products with synchronisation technology, too.

**Who else do you think would love a LapCabby, and why?**

Any educational establishment, definitely. Anywhere, really, that runs activities involving tech or works with members of the public – perhaps hospitals, private healthcare companies or even football clubs would find them useful. Ultimately, LapCabby units just make life easier. The products are so versatile that I can imagine many companies would find one to suit. Devices are kept really secure, we know exactly where they all are and where to find them, and it's so simple to move them around the building. For us, our TabCabbys have made a big difference.

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