

A Guide to Apps

iPad App	Description	Use	Suggested Android Alternative
Explain Everything	Whiteboard app that allows you to record videos and so much more	Create instructional videos or animated explanations of concepts or simply use as an powerful interactive whiteboard in conjunction with AirServer.	Whiteboard
ShowMe	Similar to Explain Everything, with fewer functions. Sign in required.	As above. Also worth searching through the extensive catalogue of video content created by other users.	Whiteboard
Prezi	Dynamic alternative to Keynote or PowerPoint. Very slick app for creating great looking content. Lots of templates to choose from, with automatic backup in the Cloud. Sign up required.	Students can use this app to demonstrate understanding of content and concepts in a more creative manner than traditional approaches.	Prezi
Notability	Powerful and versatile app for creating hand written notes and diagrams (using stylus or finger), viewing and annotating PDF documents.	Write notes, annotate documents or record audio notes. Could become an alternative to using exercise books, at least for rough work.	Notepad, iAnnotate
iMindMap HD	Very user friendly mind mapping app for creating great looking diagrams.	Alternative to exercise books for planning work and exploring concepts. Students can collaborate on the same mind map too!	SimpleMind Free

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Skitch	Similar to ShowMe, without the ability to record videos. Excellent as a whiteboard app, particularly for working with images and marking up PDF documents. Can even add stickers and comments.	Great for annotating images and doing basic designs. A handy alternative to a whiteboard and pen!	Skitch
iMovie	Very powerful movie creator and editor. A firm favourite with iPad users.	Create a movie to explain a concept or topic.	GoAnimate, ToonDoo
Garage Band	Play instruments, create and record compositions or audio clips. Can even make your iPad into a guitar amp!	Great for music lessons, but also a very useful app for recording feedback (recording runs in the background while you use other apps). Be creative - can you express their understanding through music?	None
Pages	An excellent word processing app designed specifically for the iPad. Integrates very effectively with Word.	Word processing tasks. Some students may wish to use it as an alternative to exercise books where appropriate/allowed.	Google Drive
Keynote	Very easy to use presentation app - an iPad alternative to PowerPoint, which allows you to make use of PowerPoint files.	Use as alternative to PowerPoint - looks great!	Google Drive

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Book Creator	Create your own iBook, incorporating images, sounds and videos. Very easy to use.	Great as a means of presenting project work. Create your own textbooks and publish them to your teachers. Can publish to iBooks too!	Glogster.edu
iFiles	View and access your school files remotely. Also allows you to access your Cloud storage from one app.	Very handy way of accessing and storing information. Can also be used to share resources with teachers and other students.	None
Dragon Dictation	Dictate text - a handy, hands-free app which might be particularly beneficial for SEN pupils.	Allow you to dictate work rather than type.	Dictation via keyboard if possible
SyncPad	A collaborative whiteboard app that allows small groups of students to work together on the same space. Very powerful for brain storming or sharing ideas in groups.	Great for sharing ideas - e.g. to make a list of words associated with a concept or topic.	Collaborate (only works with other Android users)
Nearpod	An incredible app that allows teachers to transmit slides and videos directly to students' screens. Better still, you can do Q&A, surveys, tests, and much much more. A must have app for learning!		Nearpod

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Edmodo	'Facebook for schools.' A powerful social networking app made for education. Safe and secure, with the ability to create groups, collect and assess work, and share ideas.	Help each other with homework, peer assess in class and complete quizzes and polls. You can even hand in work. Great way of communicating with each other.	Edmodo
Socrative (student)	This is used by students to take part in the Socrative sessions.	When you set up your sessions, all you need to do is share the code with your students.	Socrative
Sketches	Great for Art lessons - a very versatile and high quality app.	A genuine alternative to paper! Ask students to submit their sketches as PDF files to Edmodo and peer assess each other's work.	Sketch and paint
iTunesU	This allows you to access learning resources created by your teacher. You can also access courses created by other iTunesU users around the world.		None
iBooks	Apple's online eBook store. A wide range of reading materials available, including eTextbooks. Also acts as a PDF reader and store.	Online textbooks offer real value for money. They are enhanced with multimedia content and can be excellent learning resources. Students and teachers can also use Book Creator to create their own eBooks and open them in iBooks.	Kindle app for eBooks

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WordPress	Very easy to use blogging app. Requires sign up.	Students could create a blog on a topic and work collaboratively to research and publish information. Great to use for self and peer assessment, and for maintaining a record of feedback and targets for improvement.	WordPress
Showbie	Collect and assess work electronically, giving feedback directly to students in a range of ways.	Access materials shared by your teachers, hand in work and get your feedback all in one place!	None (email or DropBox/Drive)
Dictionary	Powerful dictionary app.	Great for improving literacy and finding quick definitions.	Dictionary
PuppetPals	Allows users to create their own play/video using a range of characters and scenes.	Students could act out a role play about a topic or issue. Great for scripting in drama.	None
Peek	Revision app allowing users to create their own tests.	Good alternative revision activity. Students could test each other.	StudyDroid flash cards
MyStudentPlanner	An electronic planner	Alternative to school planner	MyStudentPlanner
HaikuDeck	Create great looking presentations with this easy to use alternative to PowerPoint or Keynote	A different way of completing projects or demonstrating understanding. Students will feel very proud of their results!	None

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Ormskirk School App	Designed by an ex-student especially for us!	Access your timetable, record your homework, see notifications and important school info and see a map of the school. It's really helpful!	Available on android too!