



Case study

Scottish University



Background:

Founded to serve the north-east of Scotland, this esteemed university has grown into a globally recognised institution. Their commitment to balancing regional needs with a global perspective remains as strong today as it was centuries ago.

Challenge:

The Impending End of Windows 10 Support:

With the impending end-of-life for Windows 10 on October 14, 2025, the university sought expert guidance to navigate the transition to Windows 11. The complexity of their IT environment and the need for minimal disruption to teaching and research activities demanded a strategic and comprehensive approach.



Solution:

XMA's Comprehensive Approach

XMA partnered with the university to ensure an efficient Windows 11 migration. The approach was multifaceted:





Windows 11 Readiness Assessment:

A meticulous evaluation of hardware and software compatibility was conducted, pinpointing any potential roadblocks to a smooth upgrade.

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Environment and Management Capabilities Analysis:

XMA assessed the university's existing IT infrastructure and endpoint management solutions, identifying areas for optimisation and alignment with Windows 11's requirements.

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Recommendations and Proof of Concept:

A detailed report outlining the path to Windows 11 adoption was delivered. This included guidance on leveraging Microsoft Intune for modern management, along with a Proof of Concept showcasing Windows 11 deployment capabilities using Autopilot.

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Strategic Planning

XMA assisted in designing a Windows servicing strategy and creating a detailed deployment plan, minimising disruption and ensuring a successful rollout.

Outcomes:

Thanks to XMA's expertise, the university is well-prepared for the transition to Windows 11. The comprehensive assessment and strategic recommendations will enable them to upgrade their IT environment efficiently, ensuring their staff and students have access to the latest technology while minimising disruption. Key Benefits:



Smooth Transition:

The university can confidently migrate to Windows 11, knowing that potential compatibility issues have been identified and addressed in advance.



Modern Management:

XMA's recommendations empower the university to adopt modern management practices with Microsoft Intune, enhancing security and simplifying IT administration.



Minimal Disruption:

The carefully crafted deployment plan and Windows servicing strategy ensures the upgrade process is as seamless as possible, allowing the university to focus on its core mission of teaching and research.



Future-Ready IT:

By partnering with XMA, the university has taken a proactive approach to IT modernisation, ensuring they are well-equipped to support the evolving needs of their staff and students.





XMA has been an invaluable partner in our transition to Windows 11. Their thorough assessment and strategic planning have given us the confidence to move forward without concerns about compatibility or disruption. Thanks to their expertise, advice & support we are well-prepared to embrace modern IT management practices while ensuring our teaching and research activities continue smoothly.

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