

Transform communication and collaboration across your Trust

Accelerate digital transformation

Facilitate clear, consistent communication

 SharePoint  Teams  Microsoft 365

Addressing your challenges

While all multi-academy trusts are unique in their organisation and approach, they all typically experience some common challenges:

Managing Growth

Benefiting from economies of scale and fostering collaboration, without compromising quality, stability or coherence.

Communicating with stakeholders

Dealing with the challenges of multiple sites and making sure to clearly articulate your vision and values to staff and students.

Developing leadership and talented teachers

Recruiting, retaining, supporting and developing managerial and teaching talent for the Trust and its academies, and ensuring their wellbeing.

Using innovation effectively

To improve business processes and enhance teaching and learning. Ensure your staff and students are competent and confident in using technology.

Managing tight budgets and limiting technology creep

MATs already have myriad systems in their schools. With stretched budgets, the last thing you need is to introduce yet another platform. However almost all schools have Microsoft 365, SharePoint and Teams accessible on every device – although they are normally under-utilised.

The solution provided by Cloud Design Box will help you to overcome each of the above challenges and support your mission to provide great places for people to work and learn.

Supporting your MAT's strategy

All too often we see organisations that have standardised on Microsoft technology but simply don't realise the benefit from it that they could.

That's why we set up Cloud Design Box: to help multi-academy trusts and schools to harness the full potential of Microsoft 365, SharePoint and Teams.

We do this in two ways:

01

We build a powerful Trust hub – a modern-day 'intranet' – to improve communication, foster collaboration, maximise productivity and reduce workload.

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We then provide comprehensive training and on-going support designed to maximise user adoption and ensure best practice across your entire estate.

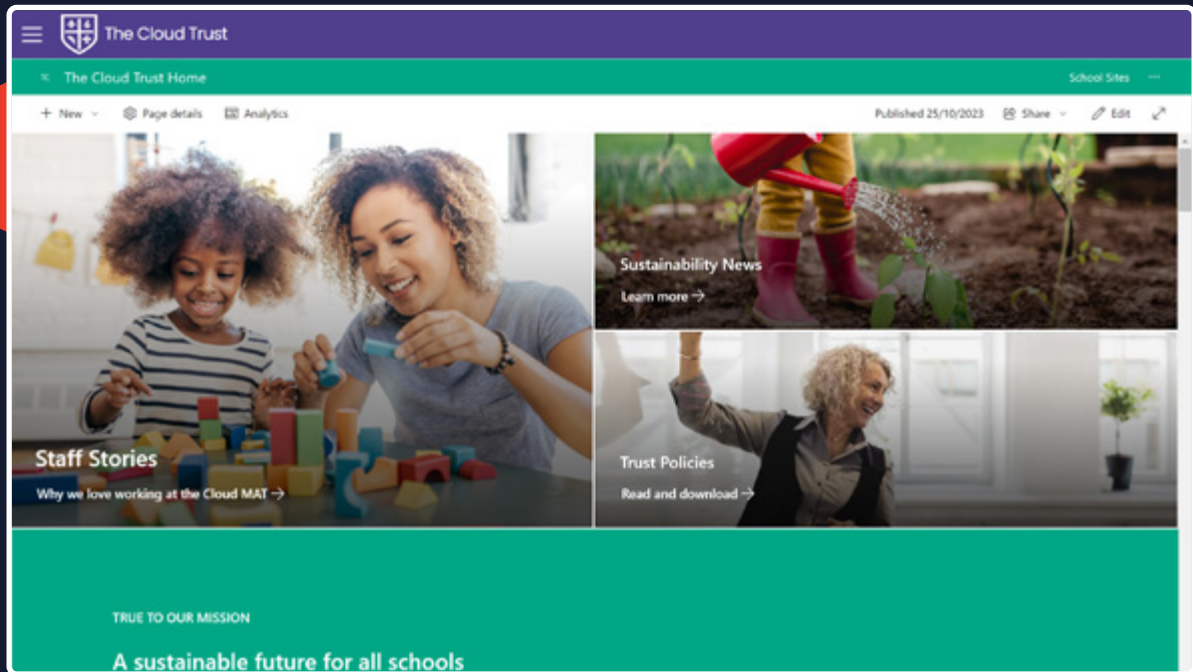
Our service helps ignite teaching and learning, producing happier teachers and more engaged students!

Did you know?

Moving to the Cloud can help you reduce costs AND save huge amounts of admin, IT and teacher time! What's more, as a Microsoft Global Training Partner, our CPD-certified training will help all your staff rapidly gain confidence in the technology to achieve just that.

Achieving your objectives

Your internal communications platform



Bring all of your teaching and learning apps, resources and communications channels together with a secure, central online portal built in Teams and SharePoint.

Your Trust level site connects teachers from across your organisation with a dynamic central hub as well as a school level intranet for each of your academies, available directly in Teams, each complete with appropriate school colours and branding.

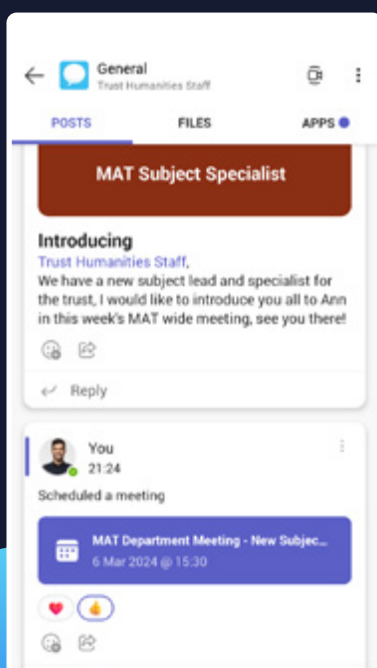
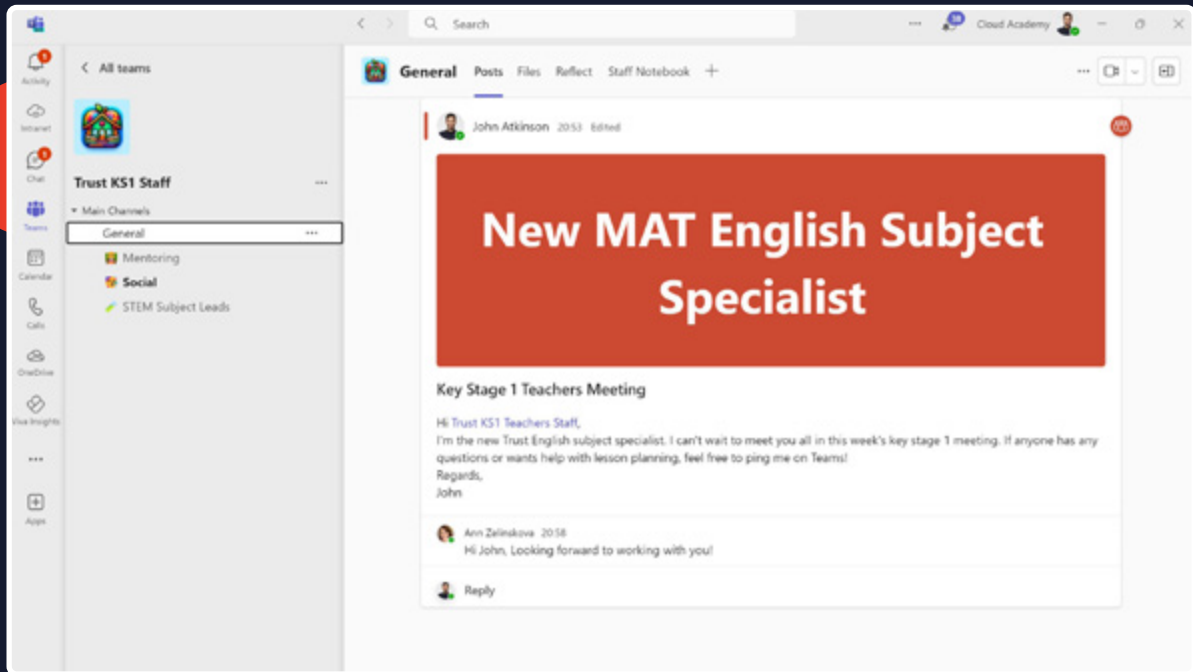
Your communications portals can feature news, information on key initiatives, training videos, policies and procedures etc.

All the content is very simple to edit and can be personalised for staff and/or pupils with ease.

With Cloud Design Box, you'll be able to present your vision and ethos – impactfully and consistently – across all the academies in your Trust!

Achieving your objectives

Working and learning, collaboratively



Using a tried and tested, flexible information architecture, your mission-critical business and learning files will be stored securely in a system that is both intuitive to use and accessible to the right people, wherever they are.

The menu structure we agree with you will be a modern-day replacement for the staff and student 'drives' that you might currently have in your organisation.

Working and learning, collaboratively

Common communications channels include the following:

Information services

Here you can provide access to staff resources, guides, policy documents, handbooks, briefing notes, lunch rotas, etc – and automate certain business processes in SharePoint or point to specific services such as HR, marketing, finance or IT.

Collaboration

In these confidential areas, Trustees, Governors, Heads of School, Heads of Year, Safeguarding Leads or Departments can work together. This can be set-up within an individual school or across the entire Trust – so it could be all the science teachers from all the secondary schools across the Trust, and/or from an individual school. Members of these teams can also chat and video call with other members of the group.

Central teams

Here MAT employees working across the Trust, such as the Finance team or IT team, can come together to chat, video call and share documents and resources.

School sites

You may decide to open individual school sites to central MAT employees or to other schools within the Trust to access resources, whilst still maintaining the security of any sensitive information.

Your individual academies will have access to the following:

Classes

Automatically created every year for all the classes that exist in each school MIS such as English 7C or PSHE 11E. Set student assignments, host online lessons and mark work in these teams. Also includes drop-off areas for student work that the pupil and teacher can both see.

Subjects

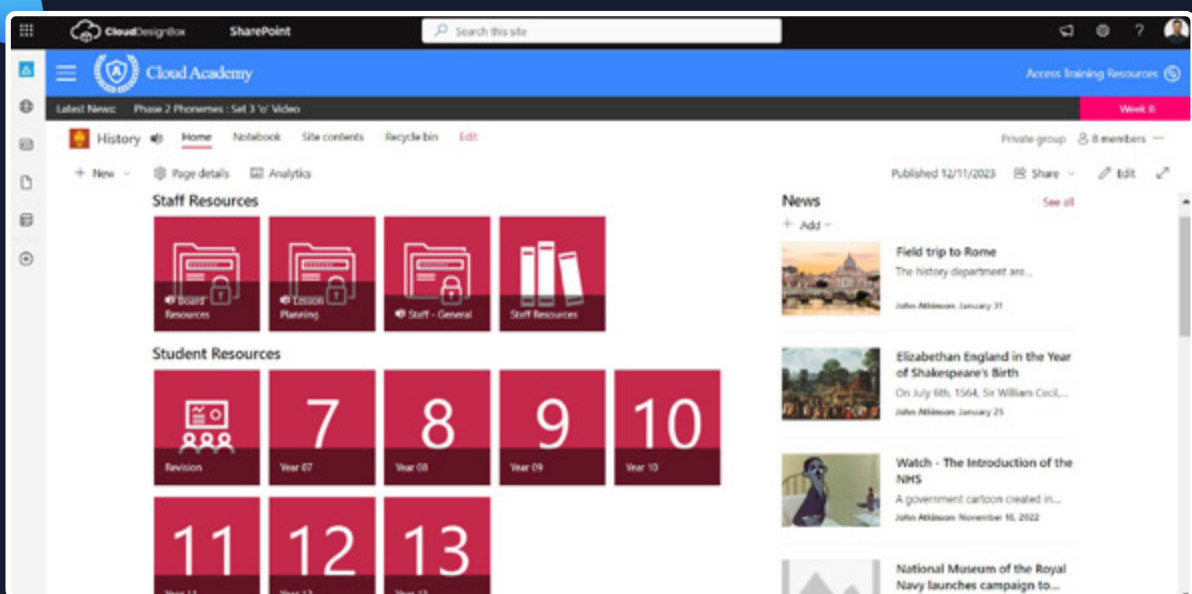
A centralised resource area for each subject, connected to class teams so that teachers can re-use their resources with each appropriate class every academic year. The channels are personalised for the classes a teacher leads or the classes that a student is enrolled in, and students can view (but not edit) resources from previous years. Heads of Department can keep track of the quality of resources, and teachers can share their work to the benefit of their colleagues, including cover staff.

Achieving your objectives

Improving the quality and consistency of your resources

Creating and sharing quality resources in the cloud is no longer exclusive to tech-savvy teachers – everyone can collaborate and share!

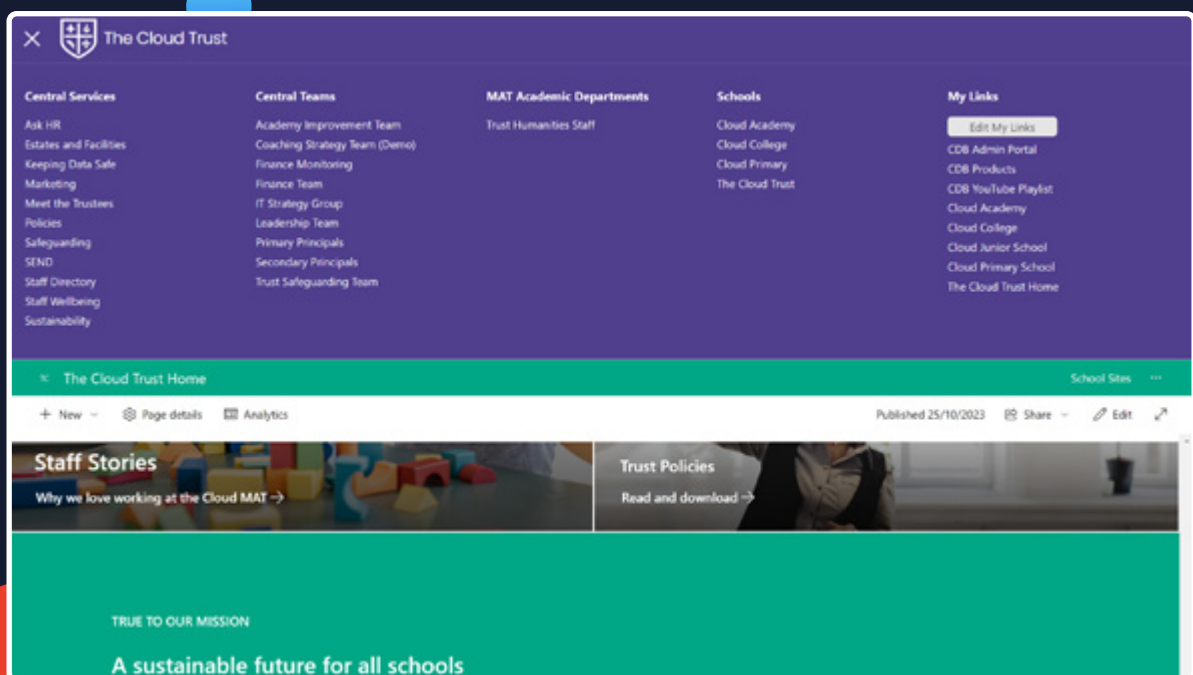
With a Cloud Design Box solution, you'll find that teachers no longer work in silos. Phase and department leaders can easily check and drive up the quality of resources and ensure that all the necessary work is being set, thanks to assignment analytics.



Achieving your objectives

Allowing teachers to teach

Cloud Design Box will deliver a global, personalised menu for easy, clear navigation so that all your staff will be able to take advantage of the technology you have invested in.



Save huge amounts of time thanks to automated, central resource areas where teachers can co-author, share and re-use resources year after year.

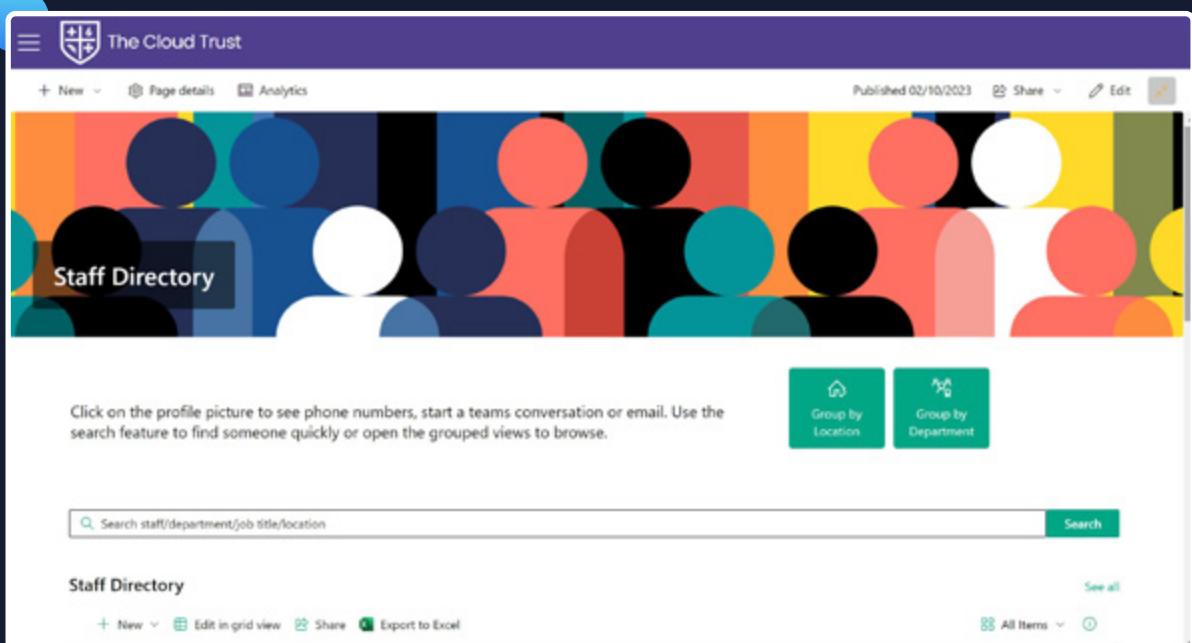
Achieving your objectives

Supporting the future growth of your Trust

We help fast-track your Trust's digital transformation, by harnessing the full potential of Microsoft tools. We do this with a step-by-step on-boarding process and on-going support and training, all facilitated by a long-term user adoption strategy.

Staff will quickly gain confidence and embrace a more effective way of working. You'll see just how much more engaged, productive and efficient your staff will be!

What's more, you'll find it easier to ensure equality of IT systems across the Trust and on-board new schools as you grow. Consistency of systems will bring economies of scale – as well as being easier to support.



Let's work together in partnership



Changing the way that people work isn't an insignificant undertaking. However, the benefits are clear and the impact transformational. We have a vested interest to ensure that the project is a tremendous success, so we're here to support your growth, every step of the way.

Helping to communicate your vision to the central MAT function as well as school leadership – detailing exactly what the benefits will be to teachers and to pupils.

Giving key people ownership over the project – it's important that the project is not seen as being about technology – it needs to be teacher and learning driven, and it needs to be sponsored strongly at both the Trust and school level.

Ensuring there's a long-term plan and milestone dates in place.

Supporting staff user adoption with training and conducting a technical handover as well as a separate teaching and learning handover so that everything is focused on building wider staff confidence.

Measuring success and resolving any issues.

Supporting with ongoing adjustments to your digital strategy.



“Working with the team at Cloud Design Box means that we get the best of both worlds: a unique portal that promotes consistency across the Trust, yet reflects the individual character of each of our schools.”

The Cam Academy Trust

About Cloud Design Box



We are Microsoft partners and SharePoint and Teams experts, based in the UK, who support over 500 schools and school groups internationally by providing state-of-the-art intranets.

We enhance working and learning through unified communication and collaboration, driving opportunities for greater success and improved wellbeing.

To arrange a demonstration and learn how Cloud Design Box can ignite teaching and learning across your Trust, please contact our team of experts:

Let's talk

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Pricing

Please find below the pricing for our **Multi-Academy Trust Communication Portal**, alongside costs for integrating Primary and Secondary schools into that environment. The prices listed are accurate as of 5 January 2026.

Discounts are available on request for bulk purchases e.g. adding multiple Primary or Secondary schools.

Please contact info@clouddesignbox.co.uk for a personalised quotation based on your setup and requirements.

Service	Annual Licence	One-off Onboarding	What this includes
MAT Communication Portal	£2,165.00	£4,800.00	Centralised communication portal for trust wide services and departments, design and configuration of a branded MAT intranet, and ongoing support and updates.
MAT Primary	£530.00	£999.00	Addition of a primary school to an existing MAT setup, configuration and onboarding for primary phase requirements, integration with the trust structure, and ongoing support and updates.
MAT Secondary	Please see the table below for Secondary School pricing. Prices are banded according to the specific product and number of students.		Addition of a secondary school to an existing MAT setup, configuration and onboarding for secondary phase requirements (e.g. multiple curriculum subjects), integration with the trust structure, and ongoing support and updates.

Secondary School Packages and Tiers	Organisation Size	Annual Licence	One-off Onboarding	What this includes
Silver	Under 500 users	£1,115.00	£3,499.00	Core platform licence, automated provisioning and configuration, initial setup, admin handover, and ongoing support and updates.
Silver	500 to 1,999 users	£2,275.00	£3,499.00	
Silver	Over 2,000 users	£3,240.00	£3,499.00	
Gold	Under 500 users	£2,245.00	£4,499.00	Silver tier inclusions plus one structured online training day, access to the self-service training portal, and assignment analytics.
Gold	500 to 1,999 users	£3,425.00	£4,499.00	
Gold	Over 2,000 users	£4,300.00	£4,499.00	
Platinum	Under 500 users	£3,355.00	£6,300.00	Silver tier inclusions plus two structured online training days, access to the self-service training portal, user adoption support, and assignment analytics.
Platinum	500 to 1,999 users	£4,860.00	£6,300.00	
Platinum	Over 2,000 users	£5,840.00	£6,300.00	