



Premium Security Solutions for one of the UK's Premier Schools

UCS, a top independent day school in England and part of the Eton Group of schools, selects SonicWall for flexible, fast and cost-effective security to keep the threats out and the school thriving.

Business Need

University College School (UCS) caters for children from 4 years up to 18 years. The school has over 4,000 staff, students and parents and, therefore holds a lot of highly sensitive data. The rise in cyberattacks on educational organisations, coupled with a move to the cloud, led UCS to rethink their security infrastructure and rearchitect to ensure they were protected from the growing number of evasive and increasingly sophisticated threats. The school were working with multiple security providers and wanted to simplify their security management by working with a single vendor that could give them a holistic solution covering endpoint, perimeter and cloud.

Solution

UCS worked with SonicWall experts to architect a new security framework for the organisation that would protect the school and its data from advanced threats. A HA pair of NSa 6650 next generation firewalls were deployed, securing the network perimeter and providing VPN capabilities. Capture Client was chosen to protect the schools growing number of managed endpoints, now frequently being used away from the school site, allowing for increased visibility and protection both on and off the school network. As the school has high usage of SaaS applications, SonicWall Cloud App Security was chosen to deliver comprehensive protection and a seamless user experience across core collaboration and communication platforms.

Results

Student, staff and parent data is secure from attack, collaboration both internally and with external organisations can take place safely, and staff are not constrained in how they innovate with the ability to safely access external apps and online resources to support their teaching. IT staff now have full visibility and control of the school network and flexible, fast and cost-effective security to keep the threats out and the school thriving.

Benefits

- Advanced threat protection
- Increased visibility and control
- Lower total cost of ownership (TCO)
- Visibility and security for cloud apps
- Secure endpoints both on and off network
- Simple migration leading to very little downtime

Solutions at a glance

- SonicWall NSa 6650 (HA Pair)
- SonicWall Capture Client
- SonicWall Cloud App Security (CAS)

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“SonicWall took the time to fully understand our requirements, both as an organisation and as an IT team, and recognized our budget limitations. Through close collaboration SonicWall developed a reliable, holistic solution that was easy to deploy and is easy to manage. As a team, we are now confident that UCS is safe from today’s most evasive cyberattacks.”

Nik Cragg

Head of IT
University College School

CUSTOMER PROFILE

Company	University College School
Industry	Education
Country	United Kingdom
Staff/Students	2000+
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