**Empowering teaching and learning through apps**

**Handout**

Apps

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| Area | App | Description | Practical ideas |
| Grammar | Calendar app | Time management tool | Use the students’ own diary for practising the present continuous as future |
| Stocks | Stock market reports | Displays market information. Good for practising the language of trends; simple past / present perfect  |
| The Big Picture | Based on ‘Where’s Wally’ concept | Great game-like app for practising (among other things) present continuous; adjectives |
| Visual Grammar | New app to accompany Jim Scrivener’s book | Grammar practice for elementary students. Awesome graphics.  |
| Vocabulary | Quizlet | Vocabulary practice app | Good for practising new words. Students can input definitions and /or a translation. Vocabulary can be re-cycled in various ways, such as mix & match exercises  |
| My WordBook | Storage | Card system to store and review new words |
| Listening | TED | Conference presentations | Students can download a presentation and listen to it off-line, using the pause button at will |
| Podcasts | Download / listen to podcasts | Recommended: the BBC news bulletins |
| Reading | Flipboard | Personalised magazine | Based on the concept of ‘curating’. Displays articles from selected areas plus your Facebook and Twitter streams |
| Mind Tools | Business articles | Short, easy-to-read articles; like Flipboard, can encourage extensive reading |
| Speaking | Prezi viewer | Presentation software | Prezi is presentation software which zooms in on each slide. Students can practise off-line |
| Google Voice Search | Search engine using spoken input  | Search using the Google search engine by speaking your search criteria instead of typing it |
| QR code reader | Uses phone’s camera to decode a QR code  | QR codes are scannable barcodes. QR stands for Quick response. Can be used by the teacher to create ‘treasure hunts’ |
| Screen Chomp | Screen capture app: make screen recordings  | Record your voice / annotate a picture using the pen tools. Transforms the tablet into a mini interactive whiteboard  |
| Socrative | Voting tool app | Students app and teachers app. Voting possible on True / false questions, multiple choice & short answers |
| Writing | Evernote | Notes organiser | Allows students to share notes with others using the app |
| DragonDictation | Speech to text software | Tap on the 'Record' symbol and speak into the microphone. The app will display what you have said as text |
| Integrated skills | Escape from Pizza palace | Business Maze from Richmond’s @work series | Students work through a story. They have to make various choices. If they make a bad decision, they have to start the chapter again. They can go back to a previous section. |
| Pronunciation | Sounds | Phonemic chart  | One of several apps which contain a chart. Tap on a symbol to hear a phoneme. |

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