

Cooperation between Microsoft Corp. and the Westermann Group. Coupling of kapiert.de's tutoring portal with Microsoft Office 365

Brunswick/Munich, June 2016 – kapiert.de is the innovative online learning platform for the Westermann Gruppe publishing group at secondary school level. Within the framework of the educational initiative "Besser lernen" ("Learn Better"), Microsoft Corp. offers a multitude of opportunities for the successful integration of technology into schools, study and work. The cooperative workings of the two companies, which started last year, has now developed to a production level, combining the learning calendar of the online portal with the mailbox. Assignments can now be taken from kapiert.de's "Lernmanager" (study organiser) and saved to be recalled through programs such as Microsoft Outlook.

With kapiert.de's web-based learning platform, pupils can build directly on their lessons. Kapiert.de already integrates books for years 7 – 10 (ages 10 – 14 years), with years 5 and 6 to follow in autumn, in the key subjects of mathematics, German and English. The multimedia learning materials can be practiced and tested in an interactive way. Even if the specific book is not covered, pupils learn through themes and competences which always follow the curriculum. Through the "Klassenarbeitstrainer" (classwork coach), kapiert.de offers a professional and individual preparation for classwork. With the help of the integrated study organiser, pupils learn to work independently and to organise themselves better. This now works in connection with the Microsoft Office 365 calendar.

"Through the tie-in with the Microsoft Account, we are broadening the learning calendar on kapiert.de and therefore supporting independent learning," said Dr Stephan Kyas, the Project leader for kapiert.de. "Pupils get Office 365 ProPlus for free for the duration of their time at school, and will now be reminded of their work and all necessary deadlines this way. Better organisation means better grades and more free time for the pupils," he explains.

"Digitalisation in the education sector requires strong cooperation," stresses Stefan Schick, Leader of the research and education division for Microsoft Germany. "Microsoft has been working with competent partners for decades to develop new paths and solutions in the education sector. The coupling of kapiert.de and Microsoft Office 365 supports students in their academic organisations and develops their digital competencies. With Office 365, which is free for educational institutes to use, students will be fully prepared for the demands of the workplace in the future."

Microsoft offers Office 365 free for educational institutes. Therefore pupils can use Office 365 ProPlus through appropriate licensing by their school or teachers through the duration of their schooling as a so-called Student Advantage Benefit, or Teacher Benefit. More information can be found at www.edu365.de



With approximately 25000 topical units, 25 different types of exercises and over 170 integrated school books in total, the education platform kapiert.de offers a professional learning system with innovative tools.

kapiert.de will also be implicated in schools from summer 2016. Programs for years 5 and 6 will follow in October.

You can find more information about kapiert.de on their website, www.kapiert.de

More information about all the available educational offers from Microsoft can be found at www.microsoft.de/besserlernen.

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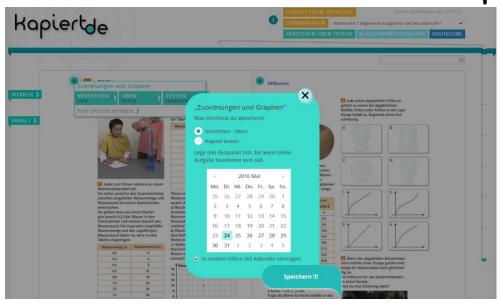
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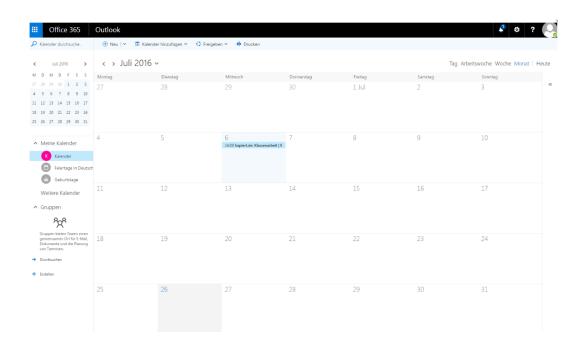
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