THE EVOLUTION OF TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS

Educational capabilities are growing and changing with each passing day as a result of technological innovations.

1860 -

One-room School Houses & The Blackboard

A single teacher taught academic basics to several grade levels of primary-age children.

1920

Radio

On-air classes became available for any student.



1930 ----

Used to display images in the classroom.

1940-1980

Filmstrips

Still image instructional multimedia, once used by educators in primary and secondary schools.



1951

Magnetic tapes were used to store motion images and sound.



1959 Photocopier

Making paper copies of documents and pictures.



1964 BASIC Programming Language

John G. Kemeny and Thomas E. Kurtzwanted designed the BASIC programming language to enable students to use computers.

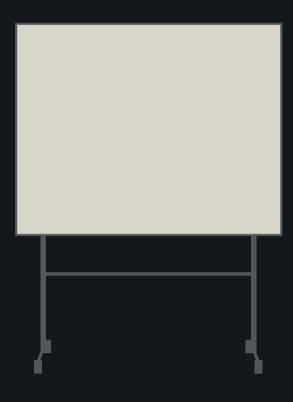
1954 B.F. Skinner's Teaching Machine

Its aim was to improve teaching methods for spelling, math, and other school subjects by using a mechanical device.



1960 Whiteboards

The replacement of blackboards with whiteboards started in the early 60's.



1972 Scantrons

Scantron sheets were testing aids that turn exams into multiple guess puzzles using the method of data acquisition.



1972 ----Handheld Calculator Used by students for quick mathematical calculations.

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Apple Inc began donating Apple 1 model desktop PCs to schools.

1981 -----First Portable Computer IBM introduced its first personal computer weighing 24 pounds.





1982 BBC Micro

BBC Micro was used in the creation of student's own programs.





1993 Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)

A mobile device that functions as a personal information manager.



2002 Moodle LMS

Moodle is the largest open-source learning management platform in the world, used both for education and business.



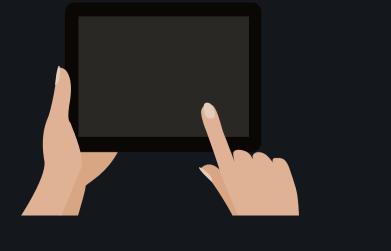


MySpace was introduced first with Facebook and Twitter following. Many schools are restricting access to social media, while others have embraced them.

iPads and Tablets

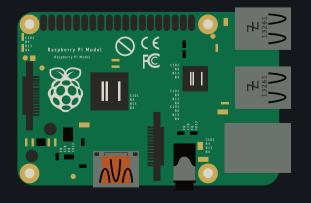
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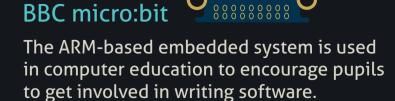
The popular tablet allowed pupils to record high quality videos and podcasts, improve research on the Internet, create great reports, presentations and many other things.





The pocket-sized computers are promoting the teaching of basic computer science in the classroom.





Future Prediction

Virtual Reality and Learning

This could combine the best aspects of both real-world classrooms and distance e-learning into a single virtual learning management system.





Webanywhere have developed School Jotter, a virtual learning environment, for the classroom, already used by more than 2,000 schools in the UK. Teachers and administrators can create a unique online presence and website for their school in just a few easy steps.

Find out more at

https://www.webanywhere.co.uk/education/products/school-jotter

