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**KAZ News** 



## **TEACHING TYPING SKILLS SINCE 1995**

Welcome to the Autumn/Winter edition of KAZ News. We have just launched our **most innovative**, career-enhancing product in partnership with Open Awards.

Our new **National OFQUAL Regulated Touch Typing Qualifications** are now available. They offer learners a way of validating their learning, gaining a qualification which adds to their education record and giving employers confidence in their staff's touch typing skills.



The qualifications are available in two levels:

Level 1 - 610/1412/6 Award in Touch Typing Skills (RQF) - 4 Credits Level 2 - 610/1413/8 Award in Touch Typing Skills (RQF) - 6 Credits



We developed these new qualifications as a stand-alone product. So it doesn't matter if you learned to type with another software - purchase the 'Assessment Only' edition:

Available as:

Training + Assessment Assessment only

This edition will be available to Individuals, Schools/Colleges and Businesses (No min. age requirement in school settings). What greater incentive to learn this skill than a qualification which adds to your education record?



**Home edition -** A little later than hoped but better late than never...\***Our new iPad App is due for launch in the coming weeks**. Please remember that we always recommend using a keypad or a docking station with tablets/iPads. Most importantly, always practice good posture!



**Schools** - We have recently updated all our courses to reflect the growing maturity in the classroom. All our school editions now come with our Junior edition (Big KAZ bird) and our Adult edition with no animation (as delivered to higher learning establishments). All school editions allow for the uploading of vocabulary, which can be zoned to suit different groups/abilities. We have licensed text-to-

speech software within the course, so all words in this new section are also heard. The new slogan:

SEE the word - Hear the word - Type the word



Please contact the KAZ team for a free trial: enquiries@kaz-type.com

**Colleges and Universities -** Our new updated edition allows uploading of course-specific vocabulary. We are pleased to welcome Oxford and Dublin College University to KAZ. Thank you to all for your positive comments and take up.



**Business -** KAZ Business edition is proven to increase the efficiency and productivity of staff. A fundamental yet essential skill often overlooked in training. We are one of the few courses that can prove a Return on Investment (ROI) - See the proof - FREE ROI calculator on our website. Teach and equip your staff with the essentials and build on

their skill set. Some of our clients are offering incentives as they realise how much of a difference it can make to their business, staffing and bottom line. It's one of the cheapest courses on the marketplace and one that does make a huge difference. Available in SCORM for LMS or Online, hosted on our servers.

DSA / NMH

**DSA/NMH/Access to Work** - We have recently updated our course with our new Challenge modules, designed to help individuals with short-term memory. The new feature consists of three challenges, offering vocabulary based on the letters from

KAZ's five trademarked phrases. Students are presented with 20 words, which they must type three times against the clock. Each challenge encourages them to use designated fingers for designated keys, starting with the most dexterous fingers. Each word is presented visually and spoken, a multi-sensory approach for maximum effectiveness.

With regular practice and the repetition of typing actual words, muscle memory will build. Students will learn to recognise words by sight, saving the decoding process, which sometimes causes problems for neurodivergent students.

The aim is to refresh the memory and for spellings to become a series of finger movements and patterns on a keyboard.

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We want to thank all OTs and Assessors who have already contacted us and are now using and recommending KAZ. Assessors, don't hesitate to contact us for licenses, webinars, or booking CPD sessions, either directly via the DSA tab on our website, email or via the DSA reseller network. Email: **sheraleen@kaz-type.com** 

Lastly, congratulations to our Typing Tournament Winners for 2021/2022, **ESMS**, and to our new champion, Andreea, who took first prize with a score of 73wpm and an accuracy of 98%.

"At ESMS Junior School, we believe touch typing is an invaluable communication skill for children as it enables them to concentrate on being creative and expressing themselves where otherwise they would have to search for the keys.

The simple structure of the KAZ program and the ability to customise their settings allows children to personalise their experience. They enjoy the challenge and gain confidence as they progress through the elements of the program.

The touch-typing tournament generated great excitement and motivated the children to practise. The tournament does encourage pupils to practice and learn the skill of touch typing. The children started practising in September and were determined to claim the trophy. Having entered the tournament for the past two years, we



Ms Kirsty Nicholson (Head of The Mary Erskine School) presents the award and trophy to Andreea.

are thrilled to have won it this year! It was wonderful to see their dedication and progress. We're so proud of them all, especially Andreea, who came out top! Thank you, KAZ. We love being champions and will try to retain the title this year!".

Rachel Hewitt, Head of Junior School Digital Learning