

Textwall Manual

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Welcome to your text wall!



Whenever you see ____ in the manual, replace with your textcode.

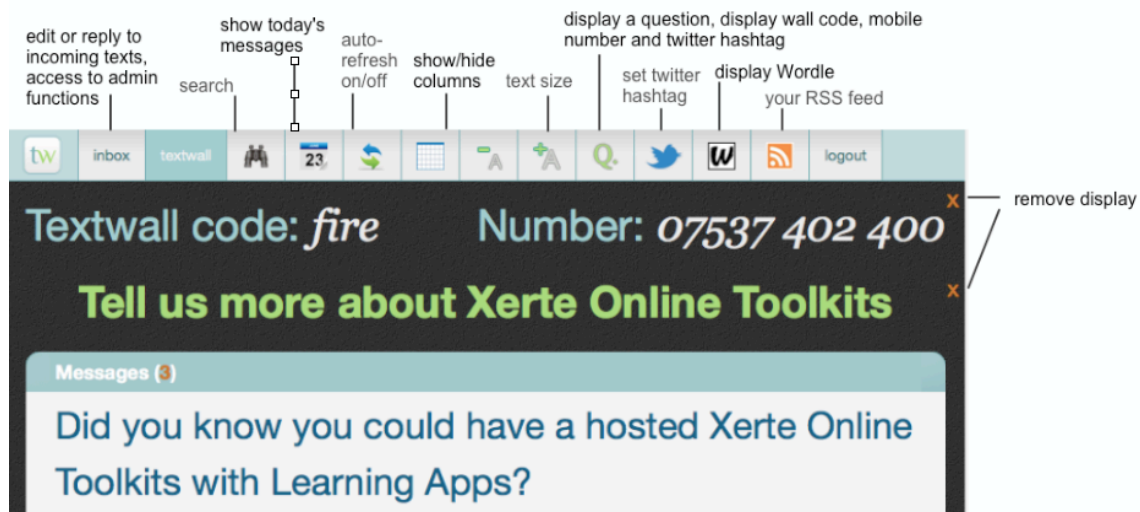
Start a text with ____ (not case sensitive) and send it to **07537 402 400**

Go to **<http://textwall.co.uk>** and login.

We have a backup landline number should you ever have a problem with the Vodafone number above. The landline number you can text to is

020 71 83 83 29

The textwall is a screen with large text for projection. Click on Q to set and display your question on the wall.



Click a message and it will **fill the whole screen**. Click again to return to the textwall.

The **Inbox** allows you to view your messages as a list and to delete them.

You have an RSS feed and you can export your messages from the inbox.

Click on **Q** to set a question and display textwall information.

You can also **post** a message to the text wall by going to

<http://textwall.co.uk/post>

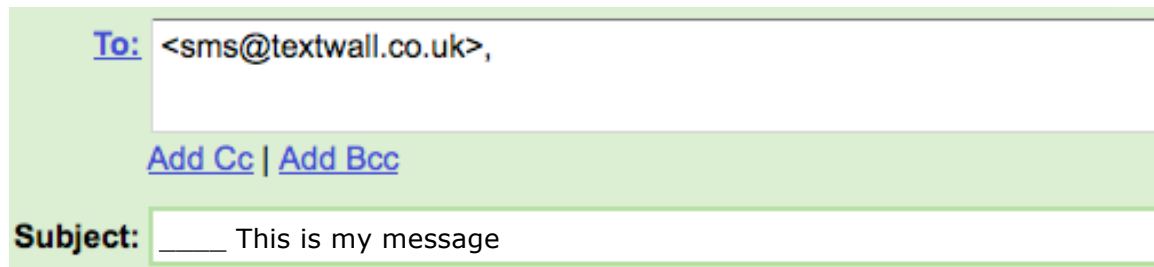
(Disadvantage: anonymous postings!)

Start the message with ____ whether you are texting or posting via the post page.

A screenshot of a web browser showing the 'web post' page on textwall.co.uk. The page has a dark background. At the top, there's a 'tw' logo and a 'web post' tab. Below that, the word 'Message:' is displayed. A large white text area contains the text '____ This is my message'. At the bottom of the text area, it says '0 characters (max 320)'. To the right of the text area is a green 'submit' button.

The third way of posting to the textwall is by **email**:

Send an email to sms@textwall.co.uk starting your subject with ____ followed by your message.

A screenshot of an email composition form. The 'To:' field is filled with '<sms@textwall.co.uk>'. Below the 'To:' field are links for 'Add Cc' and 'Add Bcc'. The 'Subject:' field is filled with '____ This is my message'.

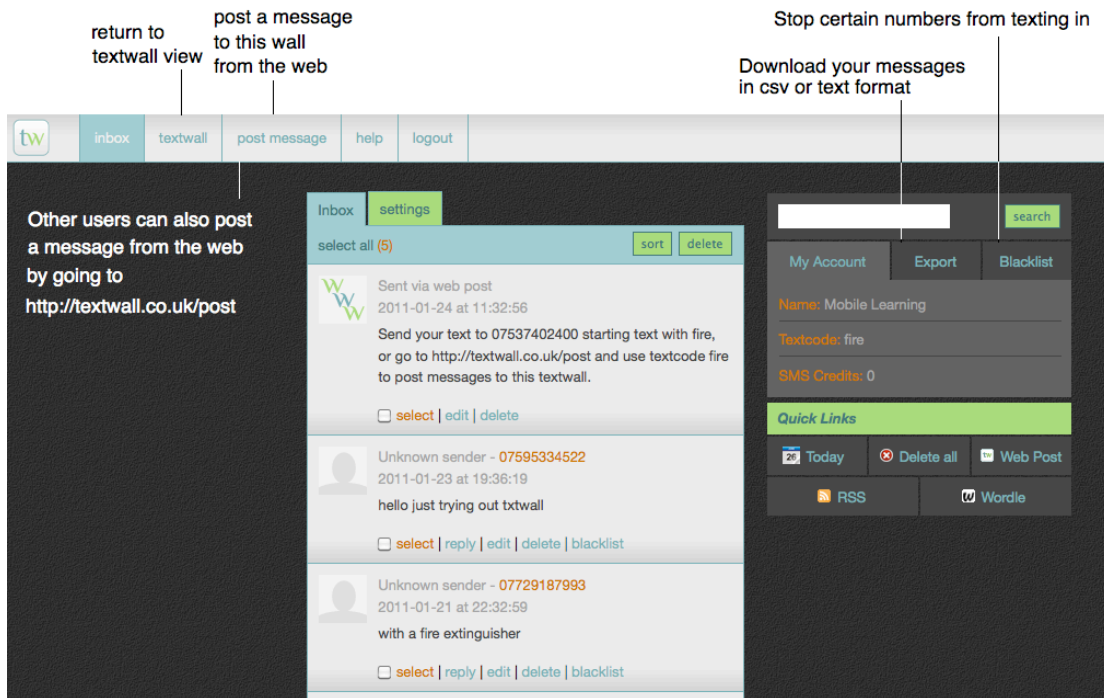
Please note: You have to set your Outlook options to plain text first.

Wordle

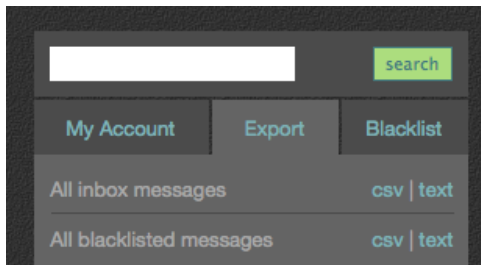
A Wordle is a visual view of the key themes contained in your textwall. Click the Wordle link in your textwall to display this.



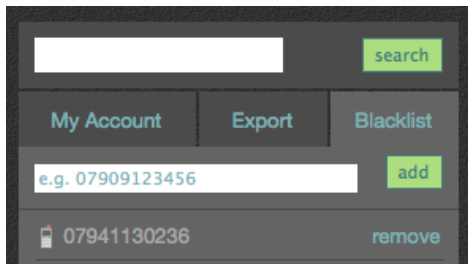
Inbox



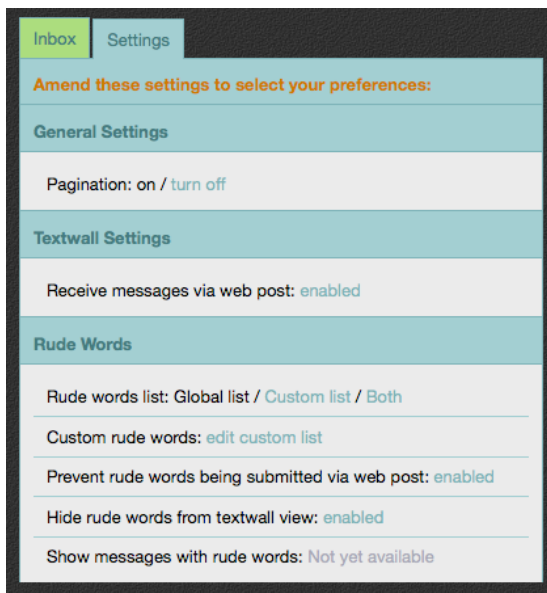
You have the ability to download your messages as a text file as well as in csv format.



You can blacklist numbers if a user has sent inappropriate text messages. You can remove numbers from the blacklist as well.



Settings



Under the Settings tab you have further options.

1. Pagination: You can choose to view all your inbox messages as one long list or have them display 15 to a page.
2. Receive messages via web post: You may wish to stop accepting messages via the web post function (<http://textwall.co.uk/post>). Click on 'enabled' to disable this function.
3. Rude words list: You can choose to use the Global list (where the key rude words are maintained by Learning Apps) or use a custom list. You can also use both lists. Click on **Edit Custom List** to add your unwanted words to filter out the messages. This prevents them from displaying on the text wall but they will still appear in your inbox. This is useful as you can then blacklist mobile numbers from which the rude texts are being sent.

Hopefully the rest is self-explanatory.

Any questions or requests to add to the global list, please email textwall@learningapps.co.uk

Textwall view, embed code and RSS feed



The RSS feed for your text wall means you can display the texts on any web site you choose, including your vle.

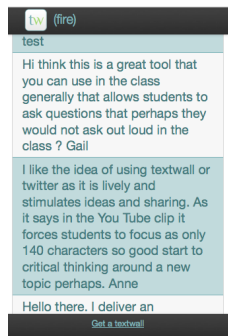
We have made it easy for you to do this with our embed code.

Click on **Inbox > Admin > Add a textwall view**.

Enter a name for this textwall view to replace the temporary name eg 18may2012 or mondayclass.

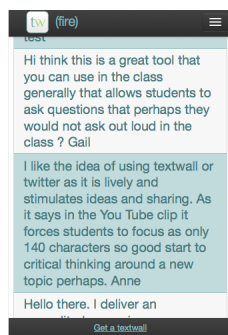
Your display options are as follows:

Messages only



Messages and post

Has a button on the top right of the frame that allows viewers to switch to the textwall web post frame so they can add their message directly to the textwall.



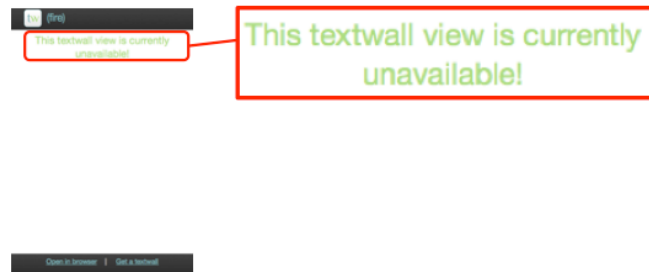
Post only

Shows only the textwall web post frame to allow messages to be added to the textwall anonymously.



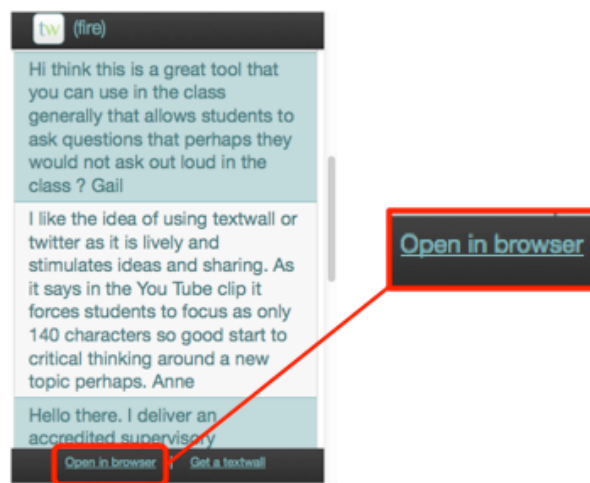
No messages or post

Allows you to set up and embed your iframe in your web site or vle course page in advance. Edit and change to one of the other options when ready to display or receive messages.



Show external link

If Yes, your viewers will have a link in the iframe to view the textwall messages in full screen.



After clicking **Update**, you have a choice of providing a link to the full view for the textwall, or an iframe to embed on your web page. You can also edit or delete your view.

Dashboard

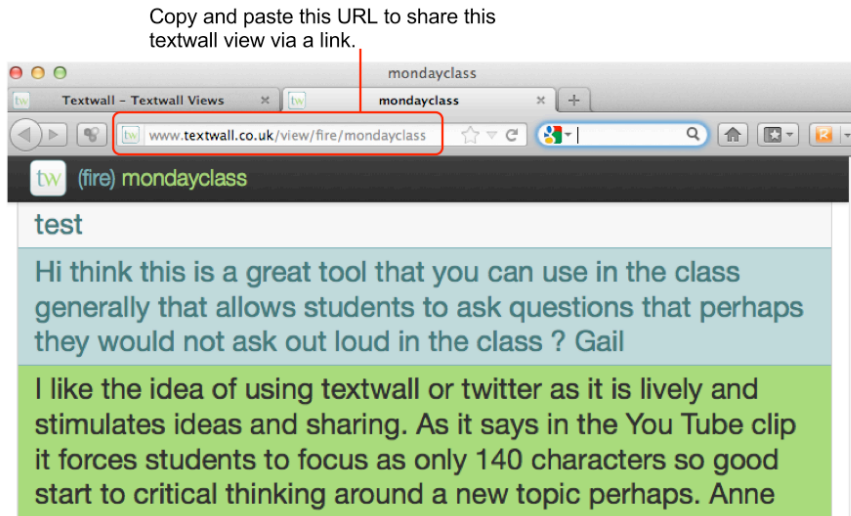
Textwall Views

Textwall Views

+ add a view

Textwall view name	Full view	Iframe	Edit	Delete
11may	view	view		
mondayclass	view	view		

Full view



iframe

Instructions are provided when you click **View** under iframe on how to change the shape of the iframe.

Simply copy and paste the code into the html editor for your web page

(usually a button like this: )

By embedding the textwall in your course vle or web site, you can update it without logging in – just send a text, email or web post instead!

Useful tips:

1. Some people take a long time to compose a text. Think about providing the text code and number to text to in your handouts, or on big sheets of paper around the room. Feel free to use the graphic on page 1 in your slides or handouts.
2. If people are going to store the text wall number on their phones, tell them to store the number with the text code ____ as part of the contact name to remind them to start their texts with ____.
3. The most common mistake people make is to miss out the text code.
4. The second most common mistake is the misspelling of the text code! Bear in mind that the number 1 and the letter l can look very similar. Also the number 0 and the letter O.
5. After 15 minutes or so of inactivity, you may be logged out of the text wall system. Logging in too early before showing the text wall to your audience may mean that you are looking at a static page rather than your live text wall. If you note that there are no new messages on your wall, refresh the browser (F5 on a PC) and if you have been logged out, you will see the login screen again.

Use the text wall for voting!

<http://mashe.hawksey.info/2010/09/sms-evs-voting/>

<http://mashe.hawksey.info/twevs/rssVS.php>

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