How to create a Google account

Next week we will be creating Android apps using MIT App Inventor. To access this online tool, you need to have a Google account. And if you don't have one already, this is how you can make one.

1. Open your web browser, preferably Google Chrome, and go to the following URL: https://accounts.google.com/SignUp.

2. The first thing you should do is select 'I prefer to use my current email address' under the 'Choose your username' heading. You will notice that the form changes slightly after this.

3. Enter your first and last name into the form.

4. Enter your West Calder High School email address, which your teacher can provide you with if you can't remember.

5. Next, you will need to create a password. This needs to be at least 8 characters long. Try to make it something you can remember, with a mix of letters and numbers.

6. Type your password again in the next box, to confirm that you have not made a mistake.

7. Enter your birthday into the next set of boxes, in the form Month/Date/Year.

8. Select your Gender from the drop-down list.

9. Enter your mobile number and location into the next 2 boxes. Remember, if your mobile number is 07777777777, then in this box you should put +447777777777. The location should be set to United Kingdom.

10. Click 'Next Step', then agree to Google's privacy terms on the next screen.

11. You may be asked to verify your account through your mobile phone. Select the option for 'Text Message (SMS)'. A code will be sent to your phone which you should then type into the box provided.

12. Next, you will be asked to verify your email address. You will need to sign into your West Calder High School email, and click the link that has been sent to you.

13. Once you have clicked the link, you are ready to go!