



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

For 3rd and 4th Form new entrants September 2020



What is our Digital Learning philosophy?

At Shrewsbury we want to make sure that our pupils have the digital skills required to thrive here at school and thereafter in higher education and the world of work, just in the same way as we would want to prepare them academically, physically and emotionally. There is no doubt that being digitally literate is crucial for today's school leavers and this is only going to become more the case over the years to come. At Shrewsbury we have a philosophy of a blended learning approach. This means that the use of technology is integrated as part of normal lessons by teachers as they see fit and is just one of many approaches we take to teaching and learning.

In order to facilitate this in the classroom Shrewsbury operates a 1:1 policy meaning that each pupil needs to have their own device to access resources during the school day and beyond.

What device do pupils need?

- 2 in 1 hybrid (tablet and laptop)
- Windows 10
- Stylus
- Good size screen
- Light weight
- Good battery life
- Solid build quality

Increasingly the ability to effectively combine hand-written notes, diagrams and mathematical notation with typed text is particularly advantageous for pupils' learning. A device that can blend written and typed information opens the way for a multitude of applications in the classroom. For this reason, we are strongly advising all pupils have a hybrid 2 in 1 laptop which combines tablet and laptop technology and has a pen-like stylus for digital inking.

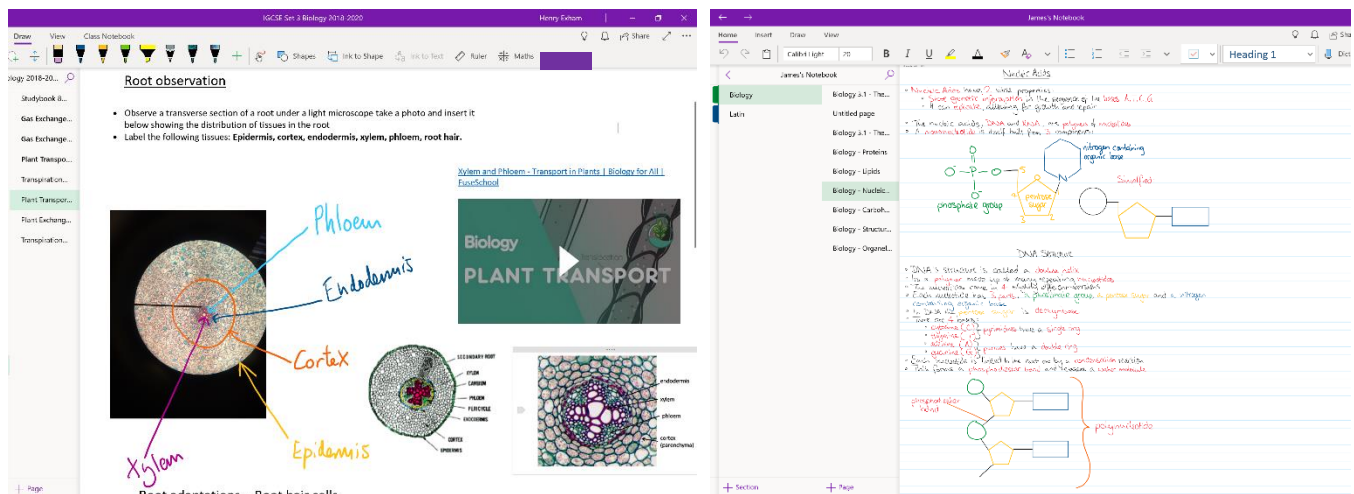
Teachers also need to be able to plan and support lessons and therefore need a standardised platform and range of software to work from which is why we are specifying Windows 10 devices and Office 365. Windows and Office are the main platforms used in higher education and the workplace, so it makes sense that our pupils become proficient in using them.

For these reasons we are asking pupils to have one of the following Microsoft Surface devices. They meet all the requirements listed above and are tried and tested in an educational setting.



| | Microsoft Surface Pro (6 or 7) | Microsoft Surface Go |
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| Screen size | 12.3 inch (Quad HD 2736 x 1824) | 10 inch (Full HD 1800 x 1200p) |
| Minimum Processor | Intel® Core™ i5 Processor | Intel® Pentium® Gold 4415Y 1.6GHz |
| Minimum advised specification | 8GB RAM 128GB | 8GB RAM 128GB |
| Battery Life | Up to 13.5 Hours | Up to 9 Hours |
| Approximate price (tablet, keyboard and stylus). | ~ £1000 | ~ £650 |
| Pros and cons comparison | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very high resolution and practical size screen. • Full size keyboard • Powerful processor and graphics • Higher purchase price than Go | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small lightweight design • Same core functionality as Pro • Not as powerful as Pro • Smaller screen size and keyboard for working |

Recently we have seen an increase in teachers using Microsoft’s Class OneNote. This is a complete system for note taking, distributing work, completing work, filing and feedback. This is one specific area where the use of a stylus on a digital device is invaluable as it allows pupils to draw, sketch, annotate as well as type. Pupils quickly see the benefits of being able to store hand-written and typed work in one place. The teacher is able to mark the Top Schools in the notebook with their device and leave feedback in situ.



Some examples of work completed by Shrewsbury School students on OneNote

What about device security?

- All devices and styluses will be labelled securely in houses shortly after arriving at school.
- Pupils are responsible for ensuring their device is in good working order at all times including with appropriate charge and application of updates.
- It is very important that you invest in a suitable case for your child’s device. All Third and Fourth Form will be required to have a school bag, but a harder case is needed to protect it from the inevitable knocks and bumps throughout the school day. We recommend the UAG cases.
- It is worth considering a 3 year extended warranty and/or accidental damage protection. Household insurance may provide some protection but please check your policy. While the main school insurance does not cover pupils’ personal belongings, parents can elect to purchase Marsh’s pupils’ personal effects insurance via the school, or alternatively other insurances are available.
- Whilst IT support are willing to help pupils who are having issues with their device, they are not responsible for fixing them and they cannot carry out any hardware repairs. This would need to be organised via your own means or through your insurance. They do have a small supply of spare Microsoft Surface devices and styluses in the IT Support Office that can be loaned to pupils if they are waiting for their own device to be mended.

The Acceptable Usage Policy

The School takes cyber safety seriously. All pupils sign our ICT Acceptable Use Policy annually and receive regular reminders of IT responsibilities, ethics and digital citizenship. We run enterprise-grade internet filtering to minimise inappropriate use and protect the school network. Pupils are therefore monitored when they connect to our wireless network.

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