Heathfield Laptop Recommendations

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At Heathfield School we support a variety of laptop brands for use on our network, rather than restricting students to a single choice. However, any primary computer used on the school network <u>must</u> comply with the following specifications:

SPECIFICATIONS

- Laptop or tablet with keyboard running Windows 10 1903 or Apple MacOS High Sierra onwards
- At least 2GB RAM
- Microsoft Office 365 or Home & Student 2019 Edition (we will install Office 365 free of charge if none exists)
- Up-to-date anti-virus software on Macs
- Adobe Photoshop Elements (for Photography or Art GCSE & A-level students)

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend the Microsoft Surface Go with keyboard. It is designed to maximise the Microsoft infrastructure and learning tools we are rolling out during the next 5 years.

DIMENSIONS

In order for the laptops to fit into our Lapsafes for safe storage and overnight charging, we recommend a maximum screen size of 14". In any case, girls struggle with larger laptops when they carry them together with their books. A battery life of at least 4h is also strongly recommended as chargers remain in the Lapsafes; they are not allowed in the classrooms for health & safety reasons.

INITIAL SETUP

New laptops must be brought to the IT Office for initial setup. We ensure that network access is setup; we create shortcuts for webmail, intranet, personal and student share network folders. We do not lock down or otherwise interfere with the laptop software.

PRINTING

Direct printing from laptops is disallowed although BYOD printing is provided. Students are taught to save documents into their personal network folder and then print from one of the school computers in the C1, C2, Library, Art, Photography suites or the Sixth Form Bungalow. All students are given a print quota annually, adequate for all prep and coursework needs.

INSURANCE

The laptops have a hard life at school and are prone to being knocked and dropped. We strongly advise that you take out accidental damage insurance to cover repairs and replacement parts. Broken screens and damaged cables on chargers are especially common.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

We support BYOD for wi-fi connection and make best efforts to connect Android and Apple phones and tablets to the wi-fi and e-mail system. However, not all devices (e.g. Amazon Kindle) are supported so we make no guarantees.

For more information, please contact systems@heathfieldschool.net

We cannot guarantee wireless access in every room, although the school has well over 80 access points on-site.

All internet access requires a security certificate to be installed; it is filtered according to our internet filtering policy.