



# 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 must comply with the following specifications:

## SPECIFICATIONS

- Laptop or tablet with keyboard running Windows 10 1909 onwards or Apple macOS 10.15 (Catalina) onwards
- At least 128 GB of storage, 256 GB recommended
- At least 4 GB RAM, 8 GB recommended
- Able to run Microsoft Office 365 (we will install Office 365 free of charge)
- Up-to-date anti-virus software on Macs (we install Avira)
- For Photography or Art GCSE & A-Level students - Adobe Photoshop Elements



## RECOMMENDATION

We recommend the Microsoft Surface Go / Surface Go 2 with keyboard, provided it has 128 GB or more of storage (versions of the Surface Go are available with only 64 GB of storage).

## DIMENSIONS

For the laptops to fit into our Lapsafes for safe storage and overnight charging, we recommend a maximum screen size of 14". Girls may also struggle with larger laptops when they carry them together with their books. A battery life of at least 6 hours 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 set up; we create shortcuts for email, the intranet, and personal and student share network folders. We do not lock down or otherwise make any changes to the operating system.

## PRINTING

Direct printing from laptops is disallowed although PaperCut web 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, or Photography suites or the Sixth Form Wyatt House. All students are given a print quota annually, adequate for all prep and coursework needs.

## CASES & INSURANCE

Laptops can have a hard life at school and are prone to being knocked and dropped. Regardless of the model of device you choose, we strongly recommend getting a soft "sleeve" case for the device to protect it against any knocks and scrapes. These are inexpensive and readily available on Amazon. Likewise it is our recommendation that you take out accidental damage insurance to cover repairs and replacement parts. Broken screens and damaged cables on chargers are especially common.

## SMARTPHONES

We will make best efforts to connect Android and Apple smartphones and tablets to the school 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](mailto: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.*