

A letter to parents about BYOT program for Sixth Form

To Parents and Guardians of Wycliffe College Sixth Form pupils:

After considerable discussions, we are pleased to formalise an exciting academic initiative from September 2018 for all Sixth Form pupils. Recognising the ever-increasing importance of digital technology in the lives of pupils worldwide, Wycliffe College aspires to provide our pupils with every advantage in preparing for University and the workplace to secure a better future.

Since 2018 - 2019 academic year, our Sixth Form pupils have been part of the **BYOT (Bring Your Own Technology)** initiative and have been required to bring a device of their choice (Laptop, Macbook, Surface, etc.) as part of their school supplies. This is not something new for Wycliffe pupils, as over the years many have brought in a device of their choice. However, after seeing the benefits of pupils having a 1:1 device of their own inside and outside the classroom, we decided to formalise this as part of a requirement for their studies here at Wycliffe and launched this formally alongside our 1:1 iPad initiative for Years 9 to 11 in 2018. If you are interested, you can find out more about the 1:1 iPad initiative for our lower school by visiting <https://wycliffeilearn.fireflycloud.net>.

Our intent is that by not specifying the device for our Sixth Form pupils, they can make an independent choice of the device that would be most suitable for the course they have chosen for their A level studies at Wycliffe. Most importantly, in all pupils having access to the relevant 'technology' in and out of the classroom, regardless of the device, we can better ensure accessibility to the activities and assignments that our staff can offer as part of learning & teaching. We also recommend that you take out adequate insurance for security of the device to cover any breakage or in case it is lost or stolen. ***You can purchase some of the devices and accessories from our recommended suppliers by going to the link below. Please use the discount code "WYCLIFFE" before you check out to automatically apply the education discount offered by Sync.***

Purchase Portal: <https://www.wearesync.co.uk/portals/wycliffe/>

Discount Code: WYCLIFFE

Purchase Deadline: Thursday 5th August 2021

Please purchase your preferred package by the deadline date above to ensure that it can be delivered in time before the start of term. We wanted to make you aware of this before the holiday shopping season gets into full swing. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this initiative or any further questions, please feel free to email Mr B Ittyavirah, Director of IT on benoy.ittyavirah@wycliffe.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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