

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for your daughter to join SCHS next academic year, we wanted to provide some information regarding the technology requirements. We operate a one-to-one device policy, and each student must bring a device to school each day.

Our vision is for all students to become independent learners and confident users of digital technology by developing what is known as 21st-century learning skills. These include critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and flexibility. These abilities prepare students for the future world of work and arms them with critical life skills.

For teachers to integrate digital technology into lessons, we require consistent features. This allows the school to support students with their devices and plan lessons that use the full range of device capabilities. We need the device to be a Windows laptop with a touchscreen and stylus. We understand you may have questions about this requirement, so we wanted to explain our reasoning in detail.

Firstly, the device must be geared toward productivity. A laptop provides the flexibility required and the potential to meet your daughter's needs throughout her time at SCHS. They have access to full-featured software versions, which is not always true with a tablet.

Secondly, a touchscreen and stylus allow for more versatile and engaging learning experiences. Students can interact with digital content more tactilely, which can help with the retention and understanding of concepts. Additionally, students can take notes, draw, design, and annotate documents directly on the screen, essential skills for digital collaboration and creativity.

Finally, a Windows laptop is easier for both our technical staff and teachers to support daily. Laptops running Windows support touchscreen technology and have full capabilities that make them flexible and powerful enough to grow with your daughter as she progresses at SCHS.

We have negotiated the purchase of two Dell laptop devices through a company called Easy4U on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June and the devices will be there for you to view.

We have developed a comprehensive set of guidelines and procedures to help ensure that your daughter is using her device in an appropriate and responsible manner. We will also provide training and support to help her use her laptop effectively and safely. Please see the attached document with further guidance on the specification, and please do contact Mr Frost, Head of Digital Learning, at [p.frost@schs.gdst.net](mailto:p.frost@schs.gdst.net) if you would like to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely



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