



# Cardiff High School

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## BYOD Recommendations

(Bring Your Own Device)

*What are the requirements?*

### Wireless - 802.11ac or 802.11n 5.2Ghz



CHS runs on the DoE's commercial grade wireless. For devices to connect to our wireless and internet they need to be 802.11ac or 802.11n 5.2Ghz compatible. When purchasing a new device, please ensure you double check that the device is compatible.

### Screen Size - 11" to 14"



Screens smaller than 11" can be hard to read from and do not allow enough space for a decent sized keyboard. Devices larger than 14" can be large, heavy and cumbersome, most will not fit inside a school backpack.

### Operating System



ChromeOS



Windows 10



Mac 10.12 or later



iOS 10 or later

Devices running Android are not compatible and are not permitted.

### Battery Life - > 6hrs



Greater than 6hrs is ideal. There are limited power points in classrooms for students to charge their laptops. If students need to recharge their laptop they can do so in the Library at Lunch time.

### Memory



- 4GB minimum for devices running Windows & MAC. 8GB or greater is ideal.
- 2GB minimum for devices running ChromeOS. 4GB or greater is ideal.

### Storage



- 16GB min for cloud storage devices such as ChromeBooks and eMMC devices.
- 128GB min for local storage devices such as Windows and Mac devices.

### Insurance



This is a personal choice. We recommend that you take out insurance on devices. Check with your insurer as some policies already cover BYOD devices as part of the contents insurance. The school takes no responsibility for damaged or broken devices.



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*Which devices should I get?*

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### Year 7-12

#### Chromebooks

We highly recommend ChromeBook devices for all students. Chromebooks are great for students who mainly use their device to work on assessment tasks, research the internet and connect to the schools Google Classroom portals. They are great for students who do everything on the internet. Chromebooks are cheaper to purchase than a standard laptop and are light weight. Chromebooks require internet access at home to function properly and have limited ability to work offline for long periods of time. Major store front retailers do not stock Chromebooks all year round, they are generally only available during the Back to School sales period. They can be purchased online generally all year round.

#### Windows Laptops

Any device that fits within our recommendations on the previous page is suitable.

#### Tablets

Most Windows 10 based tablets and iPads are compatible with our system. They are more expensive than a laptop, more expensive to repair and the majority have an 8"-10" screen. If you are considering purchasing a tablet for your child to use at school, we highly recommend that you purchase either a detachable keyboard or a Bluetooth keyboard that is part of the tablets cover/case. This helps compensate for the smaller screen size. Tablets running Android are NOT compatible with the DoE's commercial grade wireless system and are not permitted.

### Year 11-12

#### Windows Laptops

Senior students undertaking Art, Engineering, Music and Textile courses may require a more advanced device. We recommend a Windows based device with minimum 8GB of Ram, minimum 256GB HDD/SDD and a dedicated Video Card or Video Memory for those undertaking an Art course.

#### MacBook

Macbook devices are suitable for Senior students, but due to their higher cost, we do not encourage purchasing one. MacBooks require additional configuration to work within the DoE's commercial grade wireless system. Students with a MacBook will need to see the school's Technical Support Personnel to have it configured properly.



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*What software do I need?*

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### Year 7-12

#### **Google Suite or G Suite**

Google Apps, Google Drive and Google Classroom are all free for students no matter what device they are using. All are part of the schools Google Classroom suite of apps. G Suite requires internet access to work. Students will need to sign in using their school email account and password. G Suite apps are built into Chromebooks. Other devices may require the apps to be downloaded and installed, including Chrome.

#### **Microsoft Office 365**

Students on a Windows or Mac based device can obtain a free copy of Microsoft Office 365 through the student portal. It will need to be downloaded on the device it needs to be installed on.

Students with a Chromebook or iPad will need to download it through the relevant device store.

#### **Adobe Creative Cloud**

Adobe Creative Cloud suit of applications is free to all students through the student portal. It is only compatible with advanced Windows based devices and Macbooks. Students in Year 7-10 do not generally need access to this software at home to complete their school work. It will need to be downloaded on the device it needs to be installed on.

### Year 11-12

Students undertaking an Art or Textile course may require Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Illustrator, In Design or Premiere Pro. This software is part of the Adobe Creative Cloud suite and is free to all students through the student portal. An advanced model Windows laptop or a MacBook will be needed to run these software packages.

Students undertaking Music courses may require software such as Sibelius. Where possible, the school will short term loan a device with the software on it so a student can work on it at home. Should a student wish to purchase their own copy of the software, an advanced model Windows laptop or a MacBook may be needed to run these software packages.

Students undertaking an Engineering course may require software such as SketchUp. Where possible, the school will short term loan a device with the software on it so a student can work on it at home. Should a student wish to purchase their own copy of the software, an advanced model Windows laptop or a MacBook may be needed to run these software packages.