



# Blended Learning at Stanborough School

From September 2022, Stanborough School will be introducing a policy of students bringing devices in from home to further develop opportunities for high quality teaching and learning at Stanborough School. This will start with the Year 7 cohort of 2022 initially and will then be rolled out across subsequent Year 7 cohorts. This is referred to as Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).



## Why introduce Blended Learning?

- We are living in a digital age. Computers have all but infiltrated every aspect of our lives. When our students leave full time education, they need to be prepared for the real world.
- Being permanently connected to the Internet is changing how we learn.
- We believe that access to a personal device for all staff and pupils allows everyone to use the right tool at the right time to enhance their teaching and learning.

## What is Blended Learning?

- Blended Learning means we make the most of the tools we have in a way that is most appropriate to facilitate the very best teaching and learning.
- Live interactivity allows for teachers to gain immediate feedback on what students know or have misunderstood.
- The use of 'cloud' based software allows student to move effortlessly between work at school and work at home.

**IMPORTANT The use of devices does not replace the practice of handwriting or use of exercise books. Public examinations require pupils to complete their examinations by hand - this remains an important skill.**

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## What are the benefits of Blended Learning?

It means that a range of planned or spontaneous activities can take place in lessons, for example:

- Collaboration on a shared document
- Noting data for an experiment
- Research through the use of appropriate online tools to support learning
- Fact checking during a discussion
- Accessing video explanations, rather than purely static visuals

When these tasks are finished, laptops can be closed and other activities can take place.

## What sort of devices can be brought from home?

There will be the ability for students to either bring in a suitable device from home (we will be providing further guidance on this) or to buy into a scheme that will allow students to enter a payment plan to buy a device over a certain number of months. The specification of the devices required and details about the payment scheme will be provided to you after the allocation of a place at Stanborough School for September 2022.

**IMPORTANT All students will be fully supported to have a suitable start for September 2022**

