

PUPIL LAPTOPS AND ICT REQUIREMENTS 2017



All Stoics are expected to attend School with a laptop and a virus checker pre-installed.

Pupils will have to UPDATE this virus software on the day they wish to access the School network. This includes Apple (iOS laptops).

A current example of a suitable and free virus checker is the Sophos (home version) available on the internet.

Laptops must meet minimum criteria as below:

An English version of:

- MS Windows 10 is recommended. Windows 7 and 8 will function on the network.
- Apple OSX v10.7 and above.

Pupils will work using MS Office 2016 software installed as work will be set using this format. The School provides licensed access to its Office 365 services for the duration of a pupil's career at the School.

When Laptops Fail

Pupils need to have arrangements in place to fix the device within two weeks, during which time School computers or smart devices may be used to submit and receive digital work.

Tablets

In addition to a laptop pupils sometimes choose to utilise iPads for mobile access to resources, though the School also enables the use of Windows and Android tablets as well.

Smart Phones

Parents providing access to voice or data communications technology must sign the Parent Acceptable Use Policy and provide and enable suitable filtering to protect pupils from inappropriate access to services over the Internet.

Please note the School will restrict access to phones and services in line with its behavioural policies and for the benefit of the community.

Computers and ICT Policy

All pupils have their own network socket in House and laptops should have an Ethernet port or be provided with a USB adapter to guarantee access at all times.

Academic Departments have developed their sites on our VLE- Stowenet, a web based service, which is an important part of the teaching and delivery of digital material to pupils. To complement this, we are developing use of IT and Audio Visual tools in the classroom and integrating these into the way we teach.

There are over 800 computers at Stowe, about 150 of which are available for pupils to use in computer rooms, Academic Departments and Boarding Houses. These are on a server-based network allowing pupils to access their work, email and online resources from their devices.

All pupils sign the School's Acceptable Usage Policy on an annual basis to remind them of the need to use the School's network and computer systems in a responsible and secure way. The policy informs them of what they are and are not permitted to do.

Remote Access

Pupils can access their School email and Stowenet (the VLE) using a standard web browser.

This information is also available on our website at:

<http://www.stowe.co.uk/parent-information/laptop-requirements>