

## BYOD- Bring Your Own Device

To prepare students for university or employment, we make extensive use of electronic communication and learning resources. All of our subjects make use of G-suite apps including Google Classroom, email, and Google Drive as well as other tools to share learning resources with students and encourage independent research and wider study. Rivers Sixth Form has full WiFi coverage in each classroom to facilitate this, with all students entitled to online storage on Google Drive and can use Docs, Sheets, and Slide through their school email account.

Laptops can be used in lessons to type up notes, download resources, and work off of. Students can do this directly in their Google Drive which will automatically save anything they do. This allows students to safely keep and access all of their school work from school, home, and even their mobile phone.

The subjects below have a large amount of coursework and we strongly encourage students to bring a laptop or Chromebook to lessons in order to support learning, research, coursework and practical activities.

### **Subjects with Coursework:**

**\*these may vary a bit year to year based on courses running**

- Child Development - 50% coursework
- Drama: 20% coursework
- Engineering: 60% Synoptic Project in Year 13
- English Literature: 20% coursework
- Extended Project- 100%
- Geography- NEA worth 20%
- Health and Social Care: 50% course
- History- NEA worth 20%
- Sport: 2 Units of coursework in Year 13
- Vehicle Technology - 60% Synoptic Project
- Digital Media - coursework and exam



## Which device should I get?

Ideally, one that you already own! Our suggestions are simple:

- At least a 13" screen and keyboard
- Wireless networking
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Almost any reasonably modern laptop will suffice, particularly from the main brands of Acer, Apple, Asus, Toshiba, Lenovo, HP, Dell, Microsoft etc. Chromebooks from various vendors are also completely suitable for sixth form work and integrate well with our GSuite for Education environment, though bear in mind the limitations of these devices if you need to run dedicated software for example in Photography.

You should consider the weight of the device as you will have to carry it to school and from lesson to lesson. We suggest a minimum of 3 hours battery life so you don't have to constantly recharge it. Insuring your device is up to you, but personal devices are not covered by school insurance so you should consider coverage for accidental damage or theft if you think that is a risk. This is the same with mobile devices. A carrying case or a backpack with a built-in laptop pocket will help keep your laptop safe.

The Sixth Form common area has multiple wall plugs to ensure when your laptop does need a charge, you are able to do so. There are printers all around the school where you can print directly from your laptop (or mobile device). You can set up your laptop to connect to the school printers by using the poster attached. These posters are also up in Sixth Form as a simple reminder.

The closest printer to the Sixth Form area is at the top of the stairs leading to Student Reception, however, you will find there are printers in each department of the school. When you print from your device, you can go to any printer to collect.

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**Step 1: Join the ORA-BYOD network**

**Step 2: Log into Smoothwall**

**Step 3: Browse to <http://mobile-print:9163/setup>**

**Step 4: Follow instructions to set up the BYOD-Print printer**

**Step 5: Print, enter your Rivers login details, and collect your work from the corridor printers**

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