

# BYOD POTENTIAL DEVICE GUIDE:

Device		Strengths	Weaknesses	Other Points to Note	Our suggestions	Price
<b>Tablets:</b> A tablet is a device that is similar to a smartphone with a much larger screen. They have touch screens.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable and lightweight</li> <li>• Turn on quickly</li> <li>• Apps are available to increase functionality of the device</li> <li>• Cheaper than a laptop</li> <li>• Cameras readily available.</li> <li>• Batteries last 8 – 12 hours before needing to be recharged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller screen size than a laptop</li> <li>• Not all devices have built in keyboards</li> <li>• Can not run all the programmes a laptop will run</li> </ul>	Some of the cheaper products advertised as tablets lack some of the features of the tablets we have recommended. These tablets are more similar in function to an eReader.		
	<b>Android</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some models come with USB ports and SD Card slots which mean extra storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating system is not as smooth as Apple</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asus Transformer</li> <li>• Samsung Galaxy Tab</li> <li>• Samsung Galaxy Note</li> </ul>	
	<b>Apple</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large number of education apps are available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• File transfer has to be done via email or cloud storage</li> <li>• Will not run flash based websites</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iPad 2</li> <li>• iPad Retina display</li> <li>• iPad Mini</li> </ul>	
	<b>Windows</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can accept SD Cards and USB Devices</li> <li>• Familiarity of Microsoft Office and other traditional Windows software</li> <li>• Devices come with a separate keyboard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very limited apps available</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microsoft Surface RT</li> <li>• Windows Surface Pro</li> <li>• Asus 10.1</li> </ul>	
<b>Laptops:</b> A portable computer.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully functioning and versatile device that can perform a wide range of functions including internet browsing, word processing and viewing video.</li> <li>• Photo and video editing capabilities.</li> <li>• Screen size 13” – 17”</li> <li>• Wide range of options available to suit different budgets and purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heavier and larger than a tablet.</li> <li>• Programmes such as Microsoft Office cost more than what apps would.</li> <li>• Batteries last 4 – 6 hours before needing recharging.</li> <li>• Not all models come with cameras</li> </ul>	As with tablets not all laptops are created equal. Many cheaper laptops are slower and often only cope with word processing and web browsing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macbook Pro</li> <li>• HP Envy DV6T</li> </ul>	
<b>Ultrabook:</b> A computer that combines components of a laptop with the portability of a tablet.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Portable and lightweight.</li> <li>• Battery life between 7 and 9 hours.</li> <li>• Screen size of 11” – 13”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No built in DVD/CD Drive</li> <li>• Only wireless network access</li> <li>• Hard drives are smaller in size when compared with a regular laptop.</li> </ul>	Ultrabooks are both versatile and portable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asus Zenbook</li> <li>• Toshiba Satellite U845</li> <li>• HP Envy 14</li> <li>• Macbook Air</li> <li>• Lenovo Idea Pad U300</li> </ul>	
<b>Chromebook:</b> A Chrome book is a small portable computer similar to a Netbook that runs Google’s Chrome Operating System		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very fast start up</li> <li>• 6 – 7 hour battery life</li> <li>• Cheaper than a laptop</li> <li>• Can have multiple users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not have the processing power to run games, HD movies etc.</li> <li>• Screen is lower quality but still good</li> <li>• Needs a wifi connection (no 3G)</li> </ul>	Chromebooks are not sold in retail stores such as The Warehouse, Harvey Norman, JB Hi Fi and Noel Leeming.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asus Chromebook</li> <li>• Samsung Chrome Book</li> </ul>	