





Can I use my phone in College?

Most students have a smartphone, which can provide basic access to College email, Microsoft Teams lessons, and the online resources used on College but is more difficult for completing homework. Teachers may encourage, or discourage, phones to be used for quick internet searches in lessons.

The College has a high-specification Wifi network across the campus.

Do I need a 'home office'?

In short, no. But working at a computer device can be tiring and the homework that goes with it. Students should identify a working area at home – a kitchen table, bedroom desk etc. Make sure it's kept tidy, the screen is level and at a comfortable height, and that using the keyboard does not require contortion. Take regular breaks from the screen.

I have a mobile device already – will it be OK?

Yes, we would not want devices which still have a useful life to be discarded! If you're not sure, there is no harm in starting studies with whatever you have and consider an 'upgrade' later in the first term, using the initial experience of learning at College to inform your decision.

Where the existing mobile device is a tablet (e.g. iPad, Windows tablet etc), consider whether a keyboard can be connected. Long essays or reports are very tiring and cumbersome using an on-screen keyboard. A USB keyboard can be obtained from any computer shop – be sure to get one which is compatible with the device.

I want to buy a mobile device – what should I buy?

As a College, we are very careful to not influence towards a particular manufacturer or proprietary technology.

The College uses Microsoft products within its infrastructure, and therefore the best compatibility and performance is likely to be with a Windows device. Our suggested baseline specification would be:

Windows 10 Home/Pro (not W10s for compatibility)

8Gb RAM, 256 Gb HDD/SSD

Intel i5 or equivalent. Students doing graphics or media work may find an i7 gives better performance; also consider a device with a GPU for graphics/video editing

Keyboard (to enable typing – there are lots of essays/coursework in A levels and BTECs!)

Screen size to user preference, suggest 15" min for writing essays and reports. Students planning to do video-editing or digital graphics may find a larger (high resolution) screen is helpful. However, this has an impact on portability...

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Where can I buy a mobile device?

You can obtain a device from any of the normal computer suppliers, local computer shops, or online shops. Your choice of supplier might be influenced by the extent of customer support or advice you may need, financial services, and aftercare. Some suppliers offer special pricing to students.

The local computer shop nearest to the College, Disking, offers Godalming College students a discount on a range of computer products. Their website is <https://www.diskingcomputers.com> – to obtain the discount, please mention to them that you're a Godalming College student (they may wish to see your College ID card, or confirm with us to check that you're about to be a College student!)

I can't afford a mobile device, what can I do?

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