

4th July 2024

### **Equipment for School September 2024**

Dear Parent/Carer,

The vast majority of our students come to school each day with the appropriate equipment needed for their lessons. This is important as it ensures that learning can take place efficiently and our students learn to take appropriate responsibility for their part in lessons.

We recognise that for some families, ensuring their children have the equipment needed for school can be challenging. We want to help everyone to have what they need to start every day successfully. In order to do this, we lend necessary equipment at times and also provide a great deal of additional equipment that all students are not expected to bring to school. In addition, students can use their Epraise STEPs to purchase equipment in school.

From September, we will be providing a 'shop' each morning run by our student leaders where students can purchase equipment before school with either their STEPs or via an online payment using SCOPAY prior to attending school. We will also be ensuring that tutors check equipment every single day.

We have reviewed our equipment list to ensure it is reasonable and includes the minimum needed each day at school. I am providing you with this updated list now so that you have plenty of time to ensure that your child is fully equipped for September. In the meantime, our normal expectations for equipment continue to apply.

#### Equipment Required for all Students from September 2024:-

##### **Year 7-10**

1 black/blue pen  
1 green pen  
1 pencil  
1 ruler  
1 calculator (CASIO fx 83 or 85)  
1 charged Chromebook

##### **Year 11**

1 black/blue pen  
1 green pen  
1 pencil  
1 ruler  
1 calculator (CASIO fx 83 or 85)

Other useful equipment for student to bring to school (not compulsory):-

- Extra black/blue pens
- Pencil case
- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Protractor
- Coloured pencils
- Yellow highlighter pen/pack of coloured highlighters

In September, students' equipment will be checked daily and STEPs issued for the full correct equipment each day in the first two weeks. If any item of the equipment list above is not brought to school, a demerit will be issued as well as the necessary equipment lent for the day. Teachers may also issue demerits if equipment is not then brought to their lessons. Tutors will contact parents if there is a repeated lack of equipment within the first two weeks of school to support improvement.

You will see we have specified a calculator in the list above. In order for the calculator to work correctly in lessons and for students to be trained to use it well, they need to have a standard type. This should last them throughout their time at school and is a necessary item for their maths GCSE examination. In order to support with the cost of this, we have made a bulk purchase which gives a significant discount. **The calculator can, therefore, be purchased via the school's SCOPAY online system for £12.55** or with a fully stocked pencil case for £14.50. Following payment, students will have this delivered or be able to collect their purchase from the Finance Office on the first day of the Autumn term. Parents of new Year 7 students will be able to make this online purchase once their child has started at the school. This represents a significant discount as this calculator retails at £19.99.

If you have any questions regarding the equipment required for school or require support in providing this for your child due to financial constraints, please contact Mrs Rust (Assistant Head).

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher