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RE: Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYOD) in Years 10-13

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to share an important update regarding the continued advancement of technology in our Senior School, specifically for students in Years 10 to 13.

In our commitment to fostering educational excellence and preparing students for university and future careers, we have transitioned from school-supplied iPads to a **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)** model for all GCSE and A-Level students. This move has been in place for the past 3 years and has received very positive feedback from both students and parents, particularly for the increased flexibility, independence, and depth of learning it promotes.

As we look ahead to the 2025/26 academic year, we kindly ask that all students entering **Year 10** arrive equipped with their own device. We hope this advance notice provides ample time for families to make the necessary arrangements.

As an **Apple Distinguished School**, we recommend the use of Apple products - such as the **MacBook Air** or **iPad Pro with Smart Keyboard** - which best integrate with our learning platforms. You can explore Apple's educational range <u>here</u>.

Important note for GCSE Computer Science students: A Windows-based laptop, in addition to an iPad, may be beneficial for specific programming tasks. For personalised guidance, please contact Mr. Kealan Barron, Head of Computer Science: kealan.barron@reptonabudhabi.org

Key Benefits of the BYOD Approach

University and Workplace Readiness

Students gain confidence and fluency with industry-standard technology, better equipping them for future study and careers.

Improved Collaboration

Whether in-person or online, students can engage more effectively with peers and teachers through shared platforms and tools.

Access to Subject-Specific Software

Designated devices enable students to use advanced tools and apps aligned with their chosen subjects and examination specifications.

We are confident that this change will further enrich our students' educational journeys. Should you have any questions about device specifications or suitability, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Barron directly.



Kind regards,

Mr. S. Davis

Vice-Principal & Head of Senior

