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Dear Parents

Year 7 iPad Parents Information Evening

Over the last ten years we have implemented a very successful programme where students use individual iPads in lessons and at home to support their learning. We now wish to include the current Year 7 students in this programme.

As part of this process, we would like to invite you to an online Information Evening at **6:30pm on Monday 09 May 2022, on Zoom**. Prior to the meeting, please read the information in this letter, and the Frequently Asked questions document, which you can find on our website (under [Teaching and Learning > iPads at Langley Grammar](#)). At the evening, students from different year groups will talk about their experiences. Ms McBride (IT Project Manager) will outline the practical arrangements that the rollout will entail for both students and parents. Mr Botha (Business Manager) and Paula Jeffery (Jigsaw24) will also be on hand to answer any finance related questions you may have. After reading the information below, if there are other questions you would like to ask, please indicate them [through the Forms survey here](#) so we can try to address any common themes at the presentation. We will send a link to the Zoom meeting before 09 May 2022 via the School's In-Touch system.

Background Information about our use of iPad 1:1

The budget constraints on state schools, and grammar schools in particular mean we are not able to provide iPads from our school budget - we simply do not have enough money to do this, but we remain convinced of the impact of 1:1 technology in our school. To make the use of iPads sustainable, there needs to be agreement by parents to fund or contribute to the purchase of a device for their son or daughter. The school has already provided an iPad to families for whom we receive a Pupil Premium Grant on behalf of your son/ daughter (excluding the service premium). If the school is not in receipt of a Pupil Premium Grant for your child, but you are currently facing difficult financial circumstances, we may be able to offer some financial support. Please contact Mrs Dobbs, Assistant Headteacher, via the school office to discuss this.

There are three options for providing a device.

Option 1 – families may provide their own iPad

Refurbished, reconditioned or second-hand iPads are a viable alternative and are available from several retail outlets or online. Our recommendations:

Non-Air range:

- iPad 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th generation onwards is the best choice and will provide broadly the same functionality.
- iPad 5th generation and older are not advised as they are discontinued models. We do not know how long Apple will continue to provide updates, and they may therefore be unsupported by Apple (and the school) soon.

Air range:

- Models which cannot update to the latest iOS version are not suitable, e.g. iPad Air 2.
- iPad Air 4 and iPad Air 5 are discontinued but still acceptable for now. Please bear in mind that the older the model, the more likely it is to be nearer the end of its capacity and usefulness.

We suggest a minimum storage capacity of 32gb but note the most recent iPads have a minimum storage of 64gb, reflecting the increasing demands of apps and data used by students. We do not recommend iPad minis as we do not regard the screen size as suitable for long-term study.

Please note the school cannot be held liable for damage or loss to personally provided devices, and we cannot cover them through our insurance policy; parents are therefore advised to make appropriate arrangements to **ensure that they have adequate cover in place**. Some household contents policies will include such cover. Alternatively, you could purchase a policy from a company who specialise in insuring digital devices (commonly known as 'Gadget Insurance').

Option 2 – Contribute towards a device through the School's Portal

We have partnered with three companies called Jigsaw24, CHG and CPU Group to supply iPads through a contribution scheme leased by Langley Grammar School that operates over 24 months, either as monthly payments or as a single one-off payment. If you choose to contribute to a leased device, and as long as all payments have been made, you will acquire full ownership at the end of the lease with no further payments due by yourself. All costs associated with this scheme are on the portal (link below); you will have a variety of options from which to choose.

All iPads will be supplied with cases; they will have worldwide insurance cover for accidental damage and theft (but not loss), and an extended 2-year warranty. The insurance documentation (Key facts and policy wording) from CPU is available on the school website ([Teaching and Learning > Technology for Learning > iPads at Langley Grammar](#)). The device must always be kept in the case provided; insurance claims will not be met if an alternative case is used. Please note that should your iPad need to be replaced during the 2-year period of insurance, the policy is not 'replacement as new', but rather a replacement device to the nearest comparable specification or value, taking into account the age and condition of the property.

If you choose to contribute towards a leased iPad, there is a range of devices to choose from. The contribution prices for both options can be found on the portal. In addition, for all devices, you may also purchase an Apple Pencil (1st Generation for the iPad, and 2nd Generation for the iPad Pro). For the iPad (9th Generation) only, you also have the option to purchase a case with integrated keyboard. Please note these are not essential and are not covered by the insurance policy. You may wish to compare these costs against the typical retail price, but please note that all prices quoted in this letter include a case, a two-year warranty and insurance.

Decisions about parental contributions and the type of device can be made through the Jigsaw24 Parent Portal: <https://www.cpu.co.uk/cint/mobilelearning/selectSchool.asp>. The portal code for registering is **LGSAPRIL2022**. If you have any queries relating to access and use of the portal, you should contact Jigsaw24 directly using the details on the login page.

Option 3 – using a school-owned device

If students are not able to provide their own device, we will have a small number available for loan in school, but we cannot guarantee individual access and it will not be possible for students to take these off the premises. To take full advantage of the use of the iPad for learning, it is important that students have access both at school and at home.

Arrangements for all options

As the devices will be using the School's WiFi and students will be using apps purchased by the school through a substantial educational discount. All devices must be 'enrolled' onto a Mobile Device Management (MDM). Langley Grammar School currently uses 'Jamf Cloud', as is common practice in many schools with 1:1 device programmes. Device Management supports the school in complying with the government's expectations regarding safeguarding. It also enables us to purchase and deploy apps to iPads and streamlines iPad management. The school's clear expectation has always been that the MDM remains on iPads throughout a student's time in school, including Sixth Form. This also prepares students for some of the practices they will have to comply with at both university and in the workplace.

To enable application of MDM software to iPads, they must first be enrolled in Apple's "Device Enrolment Programme" (DEP). The consequences of being enrolled in DEP are:

- if the MDM is removed by the student, or iPad is reset to factory settings, MDM will automatically be reapplied.
- An iPad can be removed from DEP (and MDM) once no longer in use by a student, e.g. if student leaves or iPad is resold. This is managed by our ICT Technicians when a student leaves the school or presents a replacement iPad for configuration.
- Students are issued with Managed Apple IDs. Personal Apple IDs are not necessary but can be used alongside these for some services on the device. However, please note this does not include FindMyiPad.

We will impose additional restrictions on the functionality of the iPads, which includes access to the AppStore and inbuilt instant message applications. These will be removed as students become used to having the devices in school but may be re-imposed at any time in line with the School's Behaviour Policy.

If you provide your own device and it has already been used, please ensure that you have backed up any photos or data you wish to keep and that you have signed out of all Apple IDs and performed a factory reset before bringing the device into school. If the device has not met these criteria, we will not be able to accept it. For this initiative to be viable we require a high level of parental support. It is simply not possible for the School to fund individual iPads for students from our budget.

Many of the requirements outlined in this letter are covered by our Online Access and Safety Policy, which includes the ICT Acceptable Conduct and Expectations, and Appendix B iPad User Agreement: (<https://tinyurl.com/AccessAgreementLGS>). This declaration was signed when you joined the school. The reply below requests reconfirmation that you agree on behalf of your child.

Next steps

The Jigsaw24 portal is now open and will close on **Friday 20 May 2022**. Please advise us by then of your choice with a scan or photograph of the completed reply slip (below), emailed to reception@lgs.slough.sch.uk. It is important to note that no payments will be taken at this point, payments will only start once the devices are delivered, date to be confirmed in due course.

After that date:

- If you choose to contribute to a device through Jigsaw24, devices will be delivered to school, already set up. Setup will be completed by the school and will simply need to be switched on. This will happen in ICT lessons. We will advise you when payments will begin, coinciding with delivery to the school.
- If you are providing your own iPad, Ms McBride will contact you with instructions about how to prepare your device to be brought into school, and the timeline for drop-off and collection.

In the highly unlikely event that Jigsaw24 do not receive a sufficient number of orders via the CPU portal they may withdraw the leasing option and we would then communicate with any parents affected by this.

Yours sincerely



John Constable
Headteacher



Daniel Mace
Assistant Headteacher



Gary Botha
School Business Manager

iPad Project 2022

Name of student _____

Form: _____

	Option 1: Provide an iPad from an independent source (e.g. already owned, or purchased from another retailer) which will be wiped before bringing into school.
	Option 2: Purchase an iPad through the School's Portal (with Jigsaw24, CHG and CPU). https://www.cpu.co.uk/cint/mobilelearning/selectSchool.asp . Code: LGSAPRIL2022.
	Please tick to confirm if that the order has been placed on the portal. I am aware that the portal closes on Friday 20 May 2022.
	Option 3: Will need to use a school-provided (pool) iPad, which will be collected at the start of each day and returned at the end.

Please tick one of the above options.

We (parents/guardians) understand that:

- The device should come to school each day and be fully charged
- The device will be enrolled onto Jamf Mobile Device Management (MDM) and Apple's Device Enrolment Programme (DEP). It will have an Internet filtering certificate installed to function on the school's Wifi network.
- We recommend use of a logged in Managed Apple ID, recognising its limitations.
- Key data on the device should be frequently backed up using OneDrive and iCloud.
- We are responsible for purchasing the relevant insurance policies for electronic devices and accessories brought on to school premises, including iPads. This is regardless of purchasing model, e.g. contribution scheme from school or independent purchase by us. The school does not accept liability for any losses or damages incurred whatsoever.
- We agree and accept the Online Access Safety Policy, including Appendix B "iPad user agreement", on behalf of our child.

Signature: _____

Please email this form to reception@lgs.slough.sch.uk by Monday 23 May 2022.