

8th June 2026

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Sixth Form BYOD Scheme

The potential for technology to support student organisation has become ever more prominent. Stylus enabled devices allow users to continue with the skills of handwritten work while also benefitting from the abilities of the technology to support with organisation and integration of their work.

The **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) scheme** was successfully introduced for all our yr12 students in September 2022 and eventually expanded for all of our Sixth Form. Therefore, we expect all our Sixth Form students to bring a stylus enabled device to use in all lessons. The introduction of the BYOD scheme is about our pupils' learning and their achievement. There is strong evidence which suggests that these devices enhance the excellent teaching and learning that is already happening in our classrooms, rather than replace it. It is not our intention to move away from the more 'traditional' methods of learning, but to provide access to the most appropriate method for each learning activity – using technology alongside class discussion, written and practical work.

The BYOD scheme is therefore essential to ensure that no student is left behind and to enable teachers to teach to the technological needs of the group (for example sharing learning resources electronically as opposed to in paper format). The requirement of having a stylus enabled device ensures that basic handwriting skills are not lost.

Based on the technology used in/outside classroom at King Edward VI Aston School, we recommend our students to purchase either an iPad (with an Apple pencil) or a Windows Laptop (touch screen with pen). Please see our school [website](#) for further details about minimum requirements. Students will be able to choose the device that suits their needs the best. An iPad is suitable for all students apart from those who are studying A Level Computer Science, A Level Music or the Cambridge Technical Award level 3.

Please do take the time to explore the details on our website and on the attached FAQs and support documents. Please also complete the following form, designed to help us with our planning for September [Click here to access the form](#). Should you have any specific questions about the BYOD, please email Mrs Lally at k.lally@ast.kevibham.org.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our Sixth Form in September.

Yours sincerely,

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