



Britannica International School
Budapest
an Orbital Education School

Secondary Bring Your Own Device Policy

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School Vision

At Britannica we develop our lifelong learners to be responsible, respectful and resolute global citizens who, as independent and inquisitive students, strive happily for excellence in everything they do, in a safe yet challenging environment.

Our staff at Britannica are keen to embrace the benefits and opportunities that exist with the development of effective integrated technology into the process of learning and teaching.

Why do we have a Bring Your Own Device Policy?

The availability of students' devices facilitates innovative pedagogy and increases opportunities for learning through exploration and enquiry within and outside school.

BYOD devices enable individual students to access digital textbooks and other learning resources in many different locations.

Students using their own devices, rather than school computers, have a more comfortable and personalised experience. They can complete tasks more quickly and be more in control of their learning as they have their own software that they are familiar with and their own bookmarks. They can focus more on the content of learning activities rather than the technology used to support these.

Knowing students have their own devices with them at all times means teachers can decide at short notice to try something new in addition to planned activities.

Students having their personal digital device/s with them at all times, supporting their learning inside school and out, assists them in the development of 21st century skills like communication, collaboration and creativity as well as information and media literacy and technical skills.

Important Note: In the context of this policy, a mobile phone is not regarded as an appropriate device. Please see Expectations of Parents below for details.

Expectations

Expectations of the school:

- To provide a secure Wi-Fi network with sufficient bandwidth to allow access to all users who need it
- To provide staff development for teachers to enable them to use available technology
- To always have one eye on future developments in technology and plan for implementation as appropriate

Expectations of Teachers:

- To actively explore opportunities to use technology in their planning and delivery of lessons
- To keep abreast of new technology opportunities specific to their subjects
- To effectively use whole school technology including Canvas and iSAMS

Expectations of Students:

- To have an appropriate device (not a mobile phone) in school and ready to use
- To take responsibility for the charging and updating of their device
- To make a commitment to learn any new technology needed for learning
- To abide by the schools Acceptable Use of ICT policy
- To not have a mobile phone in a classroom unless it is turned off (unless agreed for a specific purpose with the class teacher)

Expectations of Parents:

- To provide a suitable device for their child that is fit for purpose *See below*
- To take an interest in the various ways their child is using technology
- To use Canvas to support their child's learning outside school
- To support their child in taking responsibility for their device
- To support the school if their child falls short of expectations.

Device Guidance:

- In the context of this policy, *a mobile phone is not regarded as an appropriate device.*
- The school **can't prescribe** what device to purchase, with so many options and changes in technology that would be almost impossible
- The device needs to be able to connect to the school Wi-Fi
- Having **a keyboard is essential** for students and is strongly advised by the school
- The size of screen has an impact on how easily things can be seen – this is partly why a mobile phone is not appropriate
- Generally either Windows, Apple OS or Chrome devices will work with any apps and software we use
- Current students' devices that seem to be meeting their needs include, Windows based Ultrabook (thin and light for ease of carrying), MacBook, all Windows based laptops

Please consult with specialist staff if your child is an A Level Computer Science student