



WOLVERHAMPTON
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Digital Technology

at Wolverhampton Grammar School



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At Wolverhampton Grammar School we want to ensure our children are as prepared as they can be for the digital world ahead of them. The very best schools worldwide are using digital technology to add to the skills and learning opportunities in the classroom. We began this journey in 2017, and technology is now integrated seamlessly into lessons using iPads as an effective educational tool. We are proud that whilst being one of the oldest schools in the country we are certainly looking to the future in our approach!

All WGS students entering Years 3 and 7 are required to purchase an iPad Bundle from School. For your convenience we will source and acquire these on your behalf at a discounted rate through our preferred Apple Partner and arrange insurance cover. We then pass the cost on to parents and this is split over the first two terms' invoices.

Induction

Senior School parents and students are invited into school for an induction session in August prior to the start of the new academic year. The induction will guide them through the initial set up and familiarise them with the functions of the iPad and introduce students to the core apps used at school. Parents are shown how to monitor iPad usage and set up restrictions of their own and a digital learning guide will be given out at the induction for future reference. Students joining mid-year will be offered an induction as they start. Junior School students will be introduced and guided on the use of iPads by their Form Tutors.



Equipment Specification

Junior School (Year 3)

- iPad 10.2" 64GB
- STM Dux Plus Duo Red Case
- 3-year iCare insurance cover



Senior School (Year 7)

- iPad 10.2" 64GB
- STM Dux Plus Duo Red Case
- Apple Stylus Pencil
- 3-year iCare insurance cover



NB. Students joining outside of Years 3 and 7 will be advised by our Admissions team regarding the purchase options available.



Benefits

The advantage of buying through School is that students' devices are preloaded with software that allows the School to distribute apps, manage security settings, as well as guaranteeing compatibility with our systems. Students are allocated a Managed Apple ID. This ID is specifically designed for educational purposes and gives 200GB of iCloud storage as opposed to the standard 5GB with regular Apple IDs. It also blocks the use of the App store, giving you piece of mind that the apps being used are only those carefully selected by us for educational purposes. If students forget their passcode, we can easily reset it.

Whilst children still write in books in the Junior School and handwriting remains an important skill to be taught, iPads are used daily in the classroom in Years 3 to 6. They allow access to our student portal 'Firefly', use of specialist apps, access to an online dictionary and thesaurus, a range of online assessment tools and our Accelerated Reader Scheme, as well as being useful for general research.

A device purchased through School will be automatically enrolled to the School's Mobile Device Management (MDM) platform enabling all the safety controls, features and filtering systems used within the school. Educational apps will automatically be pushed to your child's iPad ready for them to use straight away. You will not be required to use the App store to purchase or download any applications.

By using iPad technology we can offer students their own bespoke textbooks tailored to their needs. Whilst traditional texts are available digitally and are used for the GCSE and A Level syllabus, in Years 7 to 9 we enhance students' learning further by creating customised teaching and learning resources by handpicking the best mix of different offline and online resources. These are then adapted for students so that each is getting a learning experience tailored to them.



For example, resources for a history lesson might include an image, a video to watch and extracts from a variety of printed texts; they might even include a newspaper cutting. This will then be followed by questions and activities for the student to record on their iPad. Students' resources, notes and feedback are all stored in one location backed up in the cloud so they can be accessed anywhere.

This unique approach allows us to continually update our teaching resources as we discover new and relevant content. When students add their work to the iPad this is instantly received by the teacher, who can then mark and give constructive feedback. Likewise homework is set online and often completed on the iPad. Parents and students alike can see the teacher's comments, and everything is conveniently stored in one place.

By Year 10, students will have learnt research and digital skills to give them the very best opportunity possible in their preparation for GCSEs, Sixth Form and beyond. From then onwards, they will continue to use their iPad but also work with a book or file in each subject.

As all children have their own device, they can follow the lesson at a pace that suits them, for example when viewing a video or presentation, they are not bound by the pace of the demonstration at the front of the classroom; instead they can view directly on their iPad and investigate independently.

The iPad will be preloaded with a variety of educational apps. For example using virtual and/or augmented reality students would be able to explore the human body, jet engines or geographical sites in ways that would not ordinarily be possible. All of which enhances the learning experience and opportunities for our students.

Purchasing your iPad

Junior School

Wolverhampton Grammar Junior School has a compulsory iPad purchase scheme for entry to Year 3. The School will acquire iPads at a discounted rate through our Apple Partner and the cost will be spread over the first two terms' invoices.

Please note that when your child enters Year 7, even if they have had an iPad in the Junior School, they will still be required to purchase a Senior School iPad bundle. This is to ensure that all students are using the same model and age of device from the start of their senior school education.

Please refer to the matrix below:

Year Group on entry	Equipment requirements
3	Compulsory Purchase Scheme
4	Compulsory Purchase Scheme
5	Hire from School
6	Hire from School

Due to the compulsory purchase scheme operated in Year 7 we strongly recommend the hire of an iPad for students joining Years 5 and 6; however, there is still the option to purchase via the school for those who wish to own their own device.

By using an iPad in School you and your child agree to Wolverhampton Grammar School's IT Acceptable Use Policy. This can be found on the School website.

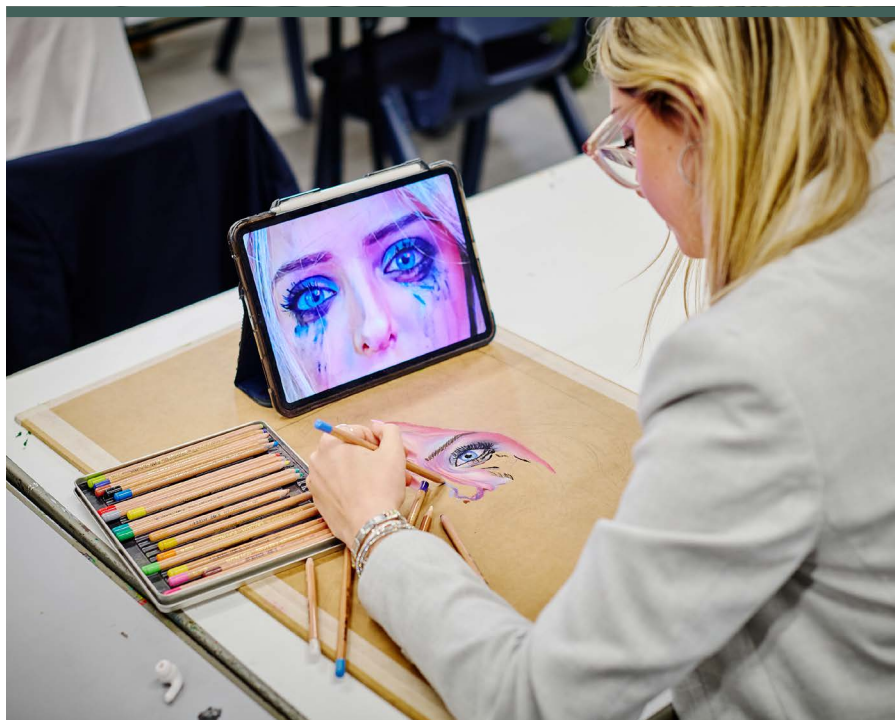
Senior School

Wolverhampton Grammar School has a compulsory iPad bundle purchase scheme for entry to Year 7. The School will acquire the iPad, case, styles and insurance, at a discounted rate through our Apple Partner and the cost to parents will be spread over the first two terms' invoices. This includes students moving up from the Junior School who may have previously bought a Junior School iPad bundle.

Year Group on entry	Equipment requirements
7	Compulsory Purchase Scheme
8	Purchase via the school or speak to Admissions
9	Purchase via the school or speak to Admissions
10	Purchase via the school or speak to Admissions
11	Purchase via the school or speak to Admissions
Lower Sixth	BYOD
Upper Sixth	BYOD

In the Sixth Form, students can continue to use their School iPad, or alternatively they may bring their own laptop or other device from home (BYOD).

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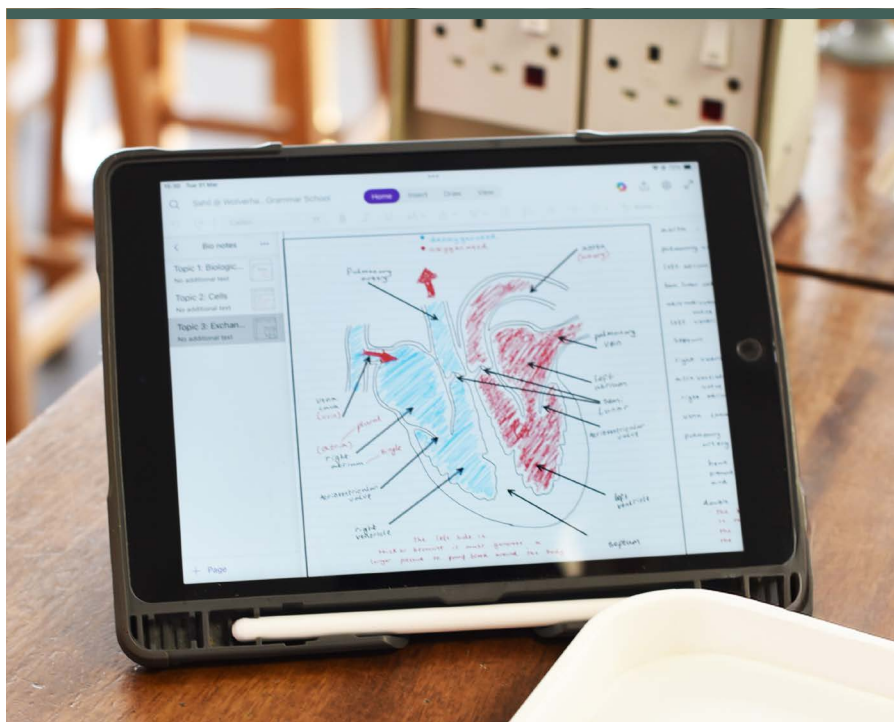
FAQs

Is the iPad required for all lessons?

Students will need to bring their iPad into school fully charged every day. However they will not use the device in every lesson. The use of iPads will be dependent on the subject and topic being taught; our staff use a sensible and pragmatic approach in lessons to ensure maximum student engagement. Students will expect to use a variety of resources and activities in their lessons.

Can my child use their iPad at home?

Yes, the iPad is theirs. They will be expected to take the iPad home and complete homework on it. They must also ensure it is charged overnight ready for use the following day.



How do you ensure my child is only viewing appropriate content?

The School has monitoring software that ensures students cannot access inappropriate content when using the School's Wi-Fi. Teachers use Apple Classroom, an app that allows staff to monitor students' devices in class and lock them into certain apps or websites. At home parents can use the Screen Time app which monitors the use of the iPad as well as set restrictions on the device. This feature is demonstrated to you during your iPad induction session or at your request.

Can my child download games and other non-school Apps on to their iPad?

In short, no. The iPad is primarily an educational tool and is set up accordingly. The App Store is not available to students; however, they do have access to a school-managed platform known as the 'App Catalog'. This catalogue contains a range of carefully selected educational and appropriate leisure apps that students can download and use.



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