



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

As a Trust, we are considering the best options to support students' access to electronic devices during their time at College.

Access to a laptop is really important for students; indeed, many GCSE and A Level students bring laptops to College to work on. As we move from ITS Learning to Microsoft Teams, with more and more home learning set online and teaching in the classroom integrating technology increasingly into lessons, having a laptop to work on at home (and at College for GCSE and A Level) really does support a student's learning. When students reach Sixth Form, having a personal device becomes more essential for some of the subjects studied.

We are therefore encouraging you to invest in the Class Technology Solutions (CTS) Easy4U laptop purchase scheme, which Emmanuel College and other schools in the Trust are partnering in. This is the only laptop purchase support scheme that we will be engaging in at present.

The scheme enables you to rent a school-managed laptop for your child to use both at school and at home to support their studies.

The scheme is extremely straightforward to use and some of the benefits are as follows:

- Insurance and warranty are provided for the duration of the scheme, which will ensure any damaged or failed devices can be sent off for immediate repair and a loan device provided to minimise any impact on students' learning while their own device is repaired.
- Devices will be able to access ESF cloud services using student ESF log ins – this includes Microsoft Office 365, Sparx Maths and other subject-specific services.
- Devices will connect to the Emmanuel Schools Foundation 'bring your own device' network when in school.
- Monitoring software (which operate when the device is in school on the College network) will ensure that access to the internet in school is safe, secure and appropriate, and will flag up any online behaviour that may pose a safeguarding concern, allowing us to intervene to protect all of our students from potential harm.
- A robust case will be provided to protect each laptop.
- The laptop will also be perfectly usable at home, connecting to your own internet connection.

Unlike the current devices used by GCSE students, these devices will not be managed by Emmanuel; our monitoring systems will operate on the devices should they be used in school and on our network (web filtering and monitoring, etc.), but the device should be considered the same as buying a device from a high street retailer in terms of control and updates.

The device is available for a monthly subscription and can be handed back when a student has finished their studies. One low monthly payment covers the rental of the device, the installation of school approved software and ongoing service, support, and insurance.

[Click here](#) to view the flyer and a code to access an online shop in order to browse and select the device you would like. Emmanuel College does not receive any commission or money for creating this partnership; this is purely a relationship between you and the provider.

A deposit of four months' rent is payable at the start of the agreement. At any point you can return the device to CTS and the monthly payments stop – you are not tied into a costly finance agreement. As it is a rental scheme (not a lease agreement), there are no credit checks required. At the end of the rental period, either give the device back to CTS and they will return your deposit, or you keep the device and CTS keep the deposit.

Devices are sent directly to students' homes. If you order by the end of July, we envisage that devices will arrive by September. However, we would recommend that you order as soon as possible, if you are interested, to guarantee a delivery before next term.

Yours sincerely

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