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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very excited to introduce a "Bring Your Own Device" scheme to Year 7 at Verulam this year. Details of the specification and advised equipment are given below.

These devices will be used to enhance learning in and out of the classroom, and will be used in a variety of ways. Your son may be asked to use his device to take part in an interactive quiz during a lesson, to perform some independent research as part of an ongoing project, or to access applications which will enrich his subject knowledge.

Google Classroom is one of the first platforms that your son will be introduced to. This is a virtual classroom where teachers will post assignments and give support, and where students can collaborate with one another. Any home learning assignments will always be posted on "Show My Homework" as the first point of reference, but may direct your son to use Google Classroom to access further details.

Students will be shown how to access Google Classroom, and any other linked resources, during their induction in September. Please note that students are provided with lockers in their form rooms and will be responsible for the security of their devices during the school day. The school is unable to offer individual hardware support for every device, and therefore any technical issues would need to be referred to the device manufacturer. A full e-safety and behaviour policy will be published on the school website in due course.

## **Minimum Spec**

- At least a 7" screen
- At least a 5-hour battery life
- Wireless networking and internet
- Still and video camera recording facility
- At least 16Gb of storage
- At least iOS v11, Android 9 (Android Pie), Windows 10

## Typical devices that would be suitable would be:

- Apple iPad/Mini Ipad
- Android tablets such as Google Nexus, Samsung Galaxy, Asus ZenPad 8 S or 10 inch version.







If you have any queries about this scheme, or if you are in receipt of free school meals and would like to enquire about financial assistance, please contact <u>BYOD@verulam.herts.sch.uk</u> and a member of staff will get back to you.

Yours sincerely

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