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Dear Parent/Carer

We are very excited to continue our “Bring Your Own Device” scheme with 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. As well as accessing Google Classroom, 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.

Students will be shown how to access Google Classroom, including how to access work and upload assignments, during their technology 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.

### **BYOD - Insurance and Cover**

Please note that student owned devices are not covered by the school’s insurance policy, and it is your son’s responsibility to ensure his device is not left unattended. We recommend downloading a “find my device” app onto each device so that devices can be quickly located if necessary.

Many retailers offer accidental damage insurance cover when selling devices which we strongly recommend considering. There are also dedicated specialist websites which offer cover for devices (for example [www.protectyourbubble.com](http://www.protectyourbubble.com)). You may want to check the details of your home contents insurance before buying this to see what is covered. We also advise buying a sturdy protective case for each device. Griffin Survivor and Otterbox Defender cases come highly recommended from other schools.

### **Minimum Spec. for Device**

- 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

Please note that we do not specify one particular type or brand of device - this is to allow for different price points and budgets within families. If you have any queries, including financial, please contact [BYOD@verulam.herts.sch.uk](mailto:BYOD@verulam.herts.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

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