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Dear Year 11 Parents

IT in the Sixth Form

This letter is to clarify the RGS expectation for IT use in Years 12 and 13. Sixth Form boys are free to use any form of IT in classes/on site, **apart from mobile phones**. Teachers use Office 365 Teams to communicate with teaching classes, and resources are also shared on our CloudBox platform, which can be accessed via this [link](#), or via the LogIn button on the top of the [RGSHW website](#).

Your son may continue to use the iPad that he had in the lower school; if he chooses to do so he will need to remove the MDM profile which can be done using the following instructions: *General>Profiles and Device Management>clicking on the Meraki profile and selecting 'Remove Management'*.

If your son does not wish to use his iPad he is free to sell it, unless there is an outstanding payment agreement; iPads in this situation cannot be sold until all obligation has been discharged. If you are unsure of the status of your son's iPad, please contact ithelp@rgshw.com.

The School would, in normal external circumstances, ask our parents not to feel obliged to provide their son with any electronic support. However, during the pandemic, the School has worked hard to provide a comprehensive and challenging virtual education to the boys, via #LearnAtHome, and for this to be effective we would ask that you support your sons with an electronic device.

We encourage boys to work electronically to share resources/hand in homework, both during the pandemic and afterwards, but we will also encourage them to work more traditionally with pen and paper when note-taking as this is known to aid learning and memory. It is also important to note that their final exams are all handwritten, and they must remain able to write longhand well and legibly for up to 3 hours.

Please also be aware that all boys are only allowed access to the internet through the School's IT systems which are filtered and monitored in accordance with the School's Safeguarding Policy.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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