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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about our **'Brick 2 Click' laptop initiative** which has the expectation **that every Secondary student has a laptop that they can use at school and at home**. We know that technology plays a significant part in the success of our students' academic development and believe that they need to be able move freely between home and school with the confidence that their work is easily accessible. The information in this letter is to support all **Year 7 to Year 12 Secondary students** as they ready themselves for September. You may well have a suitable laptop at home already, and the minimum specifications below outline what we require and recommend.

Importantly, from September 2025 all Year 7 to Year 12 Secondary students must use a Microsoft Windows compatible laptop. We are no longer in a position to support Apple, Android or Chrome devices on our network. If you purchased a laptop which supports Microsoft Windows in the last three years, it is probably sufficient for the job.

Within our Microsoft Office 356 campus network, laptops will be required to run the **Windows Enterprise Edition** to authenticate with our Microsoft Campus Network and run our Network Enhancement suite of applications, including internet security. These include a direct connection to our print services as well as full monitoring of those network devices. If you have a laptop already running Microsoft Windows but do not have the Enterprise Edition, we will assist in updating the operating system to the version required to run on our network. **We are aiming to update as many laptops as possible before the end of this academic year.**

If you are looking to upgrade, replace or make a new purchase, there are a multitude of Microsoft compatible laptops available. If you find yourself in one of these situations, again we encourage you to purchase one that fits our minimum recommended specifications.

Minimum Specifications:

- Microsoft Windows Enterprise edition
- 14" screen (touchscreen recommended).
- Integrated microphone and speakers (in case headphones are not available).
- 16 GB RAM minimum
- 500 GB hard drive.
- USB port for mouse connection (touchpad optional).
- Wi-Fi A/B/G (N or AC optional).
- 6-hour minimum battery rating.

To support our families, we are **offering a financing/purchase arrangement**. The term for this financing will be 10 months at which time the laptop will be paid for in full and owned outright by the parent/student. The outstanding balance of the purchase can be paid in full at any time. The school makes no profit from the arrangement, essentially providing the financing at 0% interest.

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We have an agreement with a local vendor **to supply the Dell Ultra 5 laptop with a three-year warranty** which covers accidental damage and repair at the cost of **\$1400**. **This laptop comes pre-loaded with required Microsoft Enterprise Edition.**

The specifications for our Dell Ultra 5 laptops are:

- 14" 2 in 1 touchscreen display, 1920 x 1200 resolution boasts impressive colour and clarity with 16x10 aspect ratio.
- Intel i5 CPU, ultra-low-voltage platform provides maximum high-efficiency power to go.
- 16GB DDR5 RAM, plenty of memory to smoothly run multiple programs.
- 512GB SSD. Save files fast and store more data, with plenty of storage and advanced communication power.
- Backlit keyboard for easy typing in dim or dark locations, allows you to enjoy comfortable and accurate typing.
- Intel UHD graphics with shared video memory provide image quality for internet use, photo editing and casual gaming. Stereo speaker system & built-in 720p HD webcam.
- Windows 11 Pro included.
- 3-cell Lithium-ion battery, 2 x USB 3.0 Type A Port, 1 HDMI output port, 1 x 3.5-mm headphone/microphone combo jack. 180° flip-and-fold design, Wireless-6E and Bluetooth 5.2

We also offer an upgraded version of this laptop which has a faster processor and is available for \$1700. This model also has a three-year warranty with accidental damage coverage and has Microsoft Enterprise Edition.

Please note:

- Your child should have suitable **headphones/ear pods** and a **laptop bag/cover**.
- If you are not purchasing a laptop via the school, do consider a **warranty/support contract**.
- All laptops will run our school licensed version of Office 365 which includes the full Education Microsoft Suite of applications.
- All laptops will be subject to our **Internet and Mobile Device User Policies** which detail firm expectations for usage on campus. The policies are available on our school website under School Policies.
- **The requirement to install the Windows Enterprise Edition** will allow students to connect efficiently to our wi-fi mesh network, to be able to print directly to one of our network printers and to ensure internet safety via our filters and monitoring software. This monitoring software will not function when the student is at home, only when connected to the school network.
- Our IT Department will assist your child in the upgrade process of their windows laptop to a version that runs best on our network. **If you have a MacBook and need assistance, please email me directly.**
- **VPNs** are prohibited when using a laptop at school.

Should you have any questions please email me at **mhamilton@warwick.bm** or if you would like to sign up to purchase a laptop, please [CLICK ON THIS LINK](#)

Kind regards,
Mr. Mark Hamilton
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