Maidstone Grammar School
Bring Your own Device (BYOD) FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What personal ICT devices can a student use in school?

   Any tablet computer (an iPad or an Android tablet) or web enabled mobile phone.
   Laptop computers are not permitted at this time. No other devices are permitted.

2. How do I get permission to use a personal ICT device in school?

   Sign and return the BYOD agreement to school, and agree to the school's Acceptable Use Policy when prompted on your device.

3. Can I transfer work from school computers to my personal ICT device?

   Students may transfer files from the school network to their personal ICT devices using a USB pen drive or online via the Studywiz eLocker.

4. Can I connect my devices to the School wired network?

   No, you are not permitted to connect to any of the schools network sockets, only the Student WiFi. This will permit filtered Internet traffic only.

5. Can I connect my personal ICT device to the School wireless network?

   Yes, a specific MGS Student WiFi connection is available, you will need to connect via your usual method, and then sign in via a browser **with your normal MGS network username & password**, DO NOT connect to the MGS Guest network, your account will not work.

6. Can I print to the schools printers from my privately owned device?

   No, you can only print from MGS owned equipment.

7. Can I access another wireless network or networking service while in school?

   Students are not permitted under ANY circumstances to connect to any non-MGS wireless or networking service while in school, since the school cannot permit access to non-filtered services for safety reasons. This includes all wireless services e.g. 3G/4G networks, wireless hotspots etc. Any student accessing such a network would be committing a gross breach of trust and would no longer be permitted to use a personal ICT device in school. Additional sanctions for breaching school rules will also apply.

8. Can I use my personal ICT device in class?

   Devices may only be used in class with the approval of the class teacher.

9. How do I charge my ICT device?

   Devices should be charged at home or using the school provided charging stations to charge devices in school.

   You are not permitted to plug in privately owned chargers to the schools electricity supply.

10. What are my responsibilities as a student?

   • You are fully responsible for the safety, security and proper use of your own personal ICT device at all times.

   • There are no secure facilities provided at school to store your personal ICT device. You should therefore keep your personal ICT device with you at all times.

   • You must use the device for learning only.

   • You must charge the device prior to bringing it into school.

   • You must ensure antivirus and operating systems are updated regularly on the device.

   • You must care for the device and ensure it is kept safe and secure.

   • You must check the device for viruses and unsuitable material daily prior to bringing the device into school.

   • You must abide by the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy, the Internet Acceptable Use Policy and the Behaviour Policy.

   • Ensure that your devices are covered by a suitable insurance policy.

   If any further clarification is required, please contact the IT Manager in school