



May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Guilsborough Academy ICT and Bring-Your-Own-Tablet Scheme - Parent Information sessions

Guilsborough Academy have a Bring-Your-Own Device Scheme in Years 7 through to Year 9. This scheme allows students to bring their own device in to school and use this device, connect to our IT network and the Internet, to support their learning. We make extensive use of our VLE, email systems and the Internet.

The scheme is not compulsory, however an overwhelming majority of students have participated in the Netbook and Tablet schemes in previous years, and we wish to continue this level of engagement in the Bring-Your-Own-Tablet Scheme for the upcoming Year 7.

Information Sessions

We are providing Parent Information sessions on the following dates:

Tuesday 23 May, 6pm	Guilsborough Academy	Main Hall
Wednesday 24 May, 3.45pm	Long Buckby Junior School	Year 6 classroom
Thursday 25 May, 3.45pm	Clipston Primary School	Year 6 classroom

The Parent Information sessions will provide details of devices and functionality that will fulfil the school requirements for the Bring-Your-Own-Tablet Scheme. The sessions will also highlight how our VLE works and how this is used with students to record homework and provide access to resources to support learning. The session will outline how the school email system supports your child's learning, as well as how your child is kept safe online in school and the monitoring and filtering of our Internet and network services. It will also detail the software that will be made available to your child to download on to their own device and at home.

There will be an overview of support provided to your child using technology in school and at home to support their learning. This will outline the support provided to enable your child to use their device successfully in school and the technical support available through our Network Team. We will discuss the school's Acceptable Use Policy and the Bring-Your-Own-Tablet Scheme policy you will be required to agree to enable your child to use their tablet in school.

Information provided at these sessions will also be made available through the school's website.

Supporting Student Access

The Academy receives funding from the Department for Education to support students on Free School Meals and we will use this funding to purchase a Windows Tablet that has a 3 year warranty. A request form will be available via the Academy website. Additionally, the school will review any parental request for support in providing their child with a laptop or tablet. Please put any request in writing to the Principal, Mrs Swales.

If you require further information, please email harvey@guilsborough.northants.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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