

# Thames High School

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## Year 9 Stationery – 2021

### General requirements

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| Pens – Black <b>or</b> Blue and Green <b>or</b> Red   |
| Pencils (HB)  |
| Eraser  |
| Ruler   |
| Gluestick   |
| 10 x 1B5 books (or similar)                           |
| 2 x 1E5 Maths books                                   |
| Digital Device – BYOD - highly recommended (as below) |
| Useful – felt pens and coloured pencils               |

### BYOD – bring your own learning device

All taiohi/students are highly recommended to have and bring their own suitable device to support their learning. Suitable devices are devices with a keyboard and reasonable screen size (not a smart phone). This means taiohi/students can use the device for reasonable periods, with ease of typing and without undue eyestrain.

Taiohi/students can access the internet using the wireless network on campus, and access learning materials provided by the school.

Having their own device means taiohi/students can use the *device that they prefer and increases the amount of time a device is accessible for learning, both at school and at home.*

Note - The use of Smartphones is strictly controlled during class time – taihoi/students must have their phone in their school bag, unless it is specifically has been allowed for supporting learning (e.g. as a translator, calculator, for quick research, or as a camera for projects, etc.).

### School recommendations

- A Laptop (or equivalent hybrid) – Chromebooks, Windows laptops, Macbooks and may be used.
- For Years 9-11 a Chromebook (ACER, HP, or Lenovo) or similar entry-level laptop is well suited – they all allow cloud-based storage and that means files are secure and accessible anywhere.
- Should have at least 4GB RAM; at least 32GB eMMC storage is also an advantage.
- At least 11.6" (30 cm) screen size – reduce eye strain and allows for a better reading experience. Many laptops have 14" screens and could be considered.
- Wireless Connectivity dual band, using 802.11n (or higher)
- 8-hour battery life from one charge (minimum); students are expected to bring fully charged devices to school.
- Light and robust (i.e., tough to take the everyday knocks)
- A protective carrying case (to help take the knocks)



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- Operating System – there is no preferred operating system, as applications are generally web-based. This means students can opt for the system they prefer Google Chrome, Microsoft Windows, Apple Mac OS v.10.10 or newer.
- Up-to-date Antivirus Software
- The ability to install and run the Microsoft Office Suite is an advantage. Note that Office 365 is **free for Thames High School students** with the Microsoft Student Advantage. There is no need to buy a subscription.
- Laptops should last 3-5 years.
- NOTE for higher level courses (like digital design etc.) in the senior school a high-specification laptop may be an advantage. That is so it can run software like the Adobe suite.

## Years 9-11 (examples only)

For years 9-11 some recommended suitable learning devices (at a reasonable price point) are listed below:

- a **Chromebook** e.g. Lenovo 11.6", HP 11.6" G8 EE, Acer 11.6" C733
- an entry-level **Windows laptop**, e.g. Lenovo 14" IdeaPad 1 or Acer 14" Aspire 1

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| Lenovo 11.6" 100e (2nd gen) Chrome  | HP 11.6" G8 EE Chrome   | Acer 11.6" C733 Chrome  | Lenovo 14" IdeaPad 1 Laptop  | Acer 14" Aspire Laptop  |

