



ISCT Technology Levy 2025

In 2022, the Board of Governors took a considered decision to introduce a Technology Levy. From 2024 onwards, the parents of any Year 9 students who have been at ISCT from Year 4 will be eligible to take over the ownership of their child’s device (iPad) at the end of Year 9 or donate it to an outreach partner identified by the school.

Why

Technology has become firmly embedded in the school learning environment through our iPad rollout program. These devices facilitate learning in a host of different ways allowing for innovative, creative teaching and learning opportunities that encourage 21st century skills in line with global best practice.

Who

This levy has been targeted by student requirements:

In Early Years, KS1 and Yr3, there will be a bank of iPads available- approximately 1 device per every 2 learners per Year. **Yr4 to Yr9** students will enjoy the use of a dedicated device, with the Technology Levy scaling accordingly. **Yr10 to A-Level** students will not pay a levy as we have a mandatory Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) approach for this group. Further information and the minimum/ recommended spec requirements are attached to this letter.

How Much

The annual levy is determined by the cost of the device, related insurance, software updates and tech support. The school takes on the financing risks involved in direct bulk purchasing as there are substantial cost efficiencies to this approach.

The Technology Levy for 2025 will be applied per student as follows:

	per Annum
Yr4-Yr9 2025 Technology Levy per Student	R4 300
Yr3 2025 Technology Levy per Student	R2 300
Early Years & KS1 2025 Technology Levy per Student	R2 150



Year 10 to A Level students: Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Technology is an integral part of daily life and learning. From the start of Year 10 (January 2025), students from Year 10 and up are required to bring their own laptop to school every day. Parents should document the serial number and insure the laptop for loss or damage in the unlikely event that there is an issue. We recommend providing a padded case to prevent laptop damage.

The laptop can be any brand or model (e.g. Samsung, Apple, Dell...) as long as it has a battery life that allows it to work through the school day without the need to be recharged. This is typically a 3-cell battery, and often, an older laptop can have the battery upgraded.

It also needs to have updated antivirus software, a web browser, and acceptable storage in case the student needs to use other applications. If you do not currently have a laptop, and you are planning on purchasing one, we recommend the following specifications:

Laptop Specs BYOD Yr 10 & above	Minimum Specs	Recommended Specs
CPU	Intel i3/i5 - 7th Gen or newer	Intel i5/ i7 - 8th Gen or newer
Memory	4GB/ 8GB Ram	8GB Ram
Hard Drive	256GB SSD	512GB SSD
Battery	6 Hour Battery Life	8 Hour Battery Life
Screen Size	15" Screen	15" Screen
Resolution	1366 x 768	1920 x 1080

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 10/11 or the latest IOS with all security updates; must be in English

AntiVirus programs: Symantec, Trend Micro, Avira, McAfee, Malwarebytes, Sophos

** We also ask that all students bring their own headphones to class. The school does not provide headphones for hygiene reasons.



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The laptop must have a working WiFi connection to connect to the internet via the school infrastructure using their standard login credentials. Please note that this is a managed connection, and students should be aware that all transactions on school infrastructure are potentially traceable.

Thank you once again for supporting your child's education as they learn how to work in a digitally connected world.