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ISCT Technology Levy 2026

In 2022, the Board of Directors, in consultation with 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 for more than 3 years 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. We have been able to get preferential rates and further education discounts, allowing us to decrease the levy for 2026.

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The Technology Levy for **2026** will be applied per student as follows:

	per Annum
Yr4 - Yr9 2026 Technology Levy per Student	R3 500
Yr3 2026 Technology Levy per Student	R1 800
Early Years & KS1 2026 Technology Levy per Student	R1 650

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

Technology is an integral part of both daily life and learning at ISCT, and we remain committed to equipping our students with the skills and confidence to use it effectively.

As part of this commitment, we would like to inform you that the iPad programme will come to an end in December 2025 for Year 9 students. At that time:

- Students who have been at ISCT for the past three years will take full ownership of their school-issued iPads.
- Students who joined more recently will have the option to purchase their iPad at a scaled rate, depending on the length of time they have been enrolled.

This transition ensures that all students benefit from their devices while also providing a clear path forward as the programme comes to a close.

From **January 2026**, all Year 10 students will be required to bring their **own laptop** to school every day. To ensure that devices remain secure and functional, we ask parents to:

- Record the device's **serial number**.
- **Insure the laptop** against loss or damage.

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- Provide a **padded protective case** to minimise the risk of accidental damage.

Laptop Requirements

The laptop may be **any brand or model** (e.g., Samsung, Apple, Dell), provided it meets the following requirements:

- **Battery life** sufficient to last through the school day without recharging (typically a 3-cell battery; older laptops can often be upgraded).
- **Updated antivirus software** installed.
- A **modern web browser**.
- Adequate **storage capacity** for applications and school-related files.

Recommended Specifications (if purchasing a new laptop)

- Processor: Intel i5 / AMD Ryzen 5 or higher (or Apple M1/M2 equivalent).
- RAM: 8GB minimum (16GB recommended for longevity).
- Storage: 256GB SSD or higher.
- Battery: 3-cell or equivalent, capable of lasting the full school day.

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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.

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.

We will continue to provide support in ensuring that devices are used appropriately in class and integrated effectively into teaching and learning.

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