



DUBAI INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

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Learning Systems An Information Leaflet for Parents

The use of Technology to support learning is now integral to school life. Students will use devices to complete work both in school and out of school so that they are fully prepared for life in the 21st Century.

The school has a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) system in place for students to access the school network and required resources. Read more on the website at <http://diadubai.com/learning/technology/>

Year 7 students can use iPads initially if they already have them. A laptop becomes more necessary over time and any laptop purchased should have a minimum i5 processor with 4GB RAM and 512 GB Hard disc, running Microsoft Office and PDF Reader and two Internet browsers. It can be Windows-based or Mac.

The secondary school handbook gives more information on school policies relating to the use of devices, platforms and the Internet in school.

We have very strict policies on the use of devices in school. Sites available through the school network are appropriate and monitored; social media sites are not accessible. Many of the security provisions and protection mechanisms that we have in place through the school network are not in place when students are using their own mobile phones on 4G data. Mobile phones should be switched off and secured in a bag or locker during the school day if they have to be brought into school. Please consider the devices that students bring to school and consider restricting access to 4G data, social media and other platforms that students use to message. Many friendship and pastoral issues are increasingly arising owing to misuse of social media. Please ensure that your sons and daughters are fully aware of these issues and check the age restrictions and appropriate use of social media. The school will, of course, be reinforcing these messages in a variety of ways in school.

The students will use many platforms and many electronic resources. The school Information System iSAMS helps students and parents to access information and school reports but is not a learning platform for students. We use Managebac, Edmodo and many other platforms to share and access the most appropriate resources. Whilst students adapt to this very well, parents can often be concerned that everything is not in one place and easily seen; if you feel concerned, please clarify with your teachers. See links to the sites & resources we use on the school website: <http://diadubai.com/learning/resources/>

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