

LWO / GPA

29th December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may recall, we had a big drive on equipment at the start of this academic year. Thanks to your support, the vast majority of students across the school have been really well equipped and ready to learn in lessons. Staff have rarely needed to provide equipment, and this has drastically reduced the amount of wasted time at the beginning of lessons, allowing them to be more productive and engaging from the start. It also meant that students in recent Formal Exams and Assessments were much better prepared, reducing their anxieties and ensuring that they were able to concentrate fully on doing their best by using every minute available.

As it is the Christmas break, please may we ask that you take this opportunity to check your child's equipment, as well as the contents of your child's school bag, ensuring that they are kitted out for the new term. Many students are finding that pens are beginning to run out or pencils have gone astray so it may be that some need an equipment 'top-up' to be ready to learn when they return. As a reminder, you will find a list below of the essential equipment that they need to have, as well as a list of desirable equipment that supports us as a school. Most of these items can be purchased very cheaply online or at local supermarkets.

<u>Essential Equipment:</u>	<u>Desirable Equipment:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A minimum of two writing pens (black or blue) • A green pen • A pencil • A ruler • A pencil sharpener • An eraser • A scientific calculator (it is important that it is scientific for Maths lessons) • A pencil case to keep all the above equipment in (we suggest it should be clear as this will support examination requirements). • A reading book (Students may borrow books from the library and should regularly change their reading book). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pair of scissors • A glue stick • Other mathematical equipment, e.g. compass, protractor • Highlighter pens • Colouring pencils/pens • A dictionary

Form Tutors and Heads of Year will be checking equipment as part of daily routines in Spring Term and those without essential equipment will have their responsibility cards ticked. If you have any concerns about providing equipment for your child, please can you let your child's Head of Year know and we will do our best to support families in any way we can.

I should like to take this opportunity to send best wishes to you and your families for the remainder of the holiday period, and a very Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Woolnough
Assistant Headteacher