



## **New Joiners Further Information**

### **Bed Linen**

Bed linen, pillows and a duvet are provided, but boarders may personalise their bedroom by bringing their own duvet covers if they wish. Towels are not provided - see Uniform Lists.

### **Laptop computers**

All pupils are required to purchase a laptop / computer so that they can complete prep and school work. For further information, please see our [Personal Computers](#) guide.

### **Writing and Mathematical equipment**

Text books, exercise books and paper for writing are provided by the School, but the following equipment should be obtained for each pupil for personal use:

#### **Form 6 (Year 12) Students**

AS students are expected to bring a sturdy ring binder and dividers for each of their AS subjects. IB students are expected to bring a sturdy ring binder and dividers for each of the 6 subjects plus ToK.

#### **Dictionary and Thesaurus**

All students are expected to have either a good quality dictionary and thesaurus or access to OUP on-line or equivalent, in their place of work. All classrooms are equipped with dictionaries and thesauruses in the English corridor. All boarding houses have copies in their work rooms; there is no need for a boarder to purchase a hard copy dictionary/thesaurus, unless they wish to do so.

For home use there are several high quality dictionaries on the market which are suitable for younger students. The Chambers School Dictionary and Thesaurus are very clear and accessible (ISBN 978-0-550-10450-2 and ISBN 978-0-550-10438-2, respectively). However, if you wish to purchase a dictionary which will last throughout your child's school career, we suggest the Pocket Oxford Dictionary (ISBN: 0-19-861029-7) at £9.99 and, ideally, the companion Thesaurus (ISBN: 978-0-19-860866-0).

#### **Scientific Calculator and Writing Equipment**

Calculators are issued to Lower One Pupils for use in the classroom. For all other year groups the scientific calculator recommended by the Maths Department is any current version of the Casio family 83 or 85. Slightly different models have GT, ES, GT PLUS etc after them. There is not a great deal of difference between them, other than solar power in addition to battery power. We suggest you use correction fluid (or similar) to write your child's name on the calculator and its lid.

All drawing and mathematical equipment is available from the School Shop.

It is emphasised that students should bring their calculator to every maths and science lesson.

1. A short (15cm) ruler and a long (30cm) ruler (metric marking essential, inches optional).
2. Pencils. An HB pencil is essential. A soft (B) pencil and a hard (H) pencil are desirable.
3. Pencil sharpener.
4. Eraser.

5. Circular protractor.
6. A pair of compasses. (These do not need to be carried around all the time.)

Pupils should have a pencil case and coloured pencils. Any fountain pen must require a cartridge rather than an ink bottle for refilling. Pupils are not allowed to use liquid correction fluid.

### **School Bag**

Pupils should also have a bag suitable for carrying school books around the campus. This can be either a backpack or a briefcase. The school shop does supply a suitable Oakham branded bag which can be purchased at the same time as the uniform.

### **Translation dictionaries for overseas students – to be purchased prior to arrival in September**

For internal and public examinations, students whose first language is not English will need a simple word-for-word electronic bilingual translator. It must not be multifunctional or show diagrams or pictures on the screen, or give definitions or explanations of words. These simple translators are available on a number of websites, including Amazon. Or, if preferred, they may buy a simple word-for-word bilingual translation book dictionary for use in examinations. Students may also buy a multifunctional electronic bilingual translator to use in lessons and prep times, but will still need the word-for-word model for examinations.

Different arrangements apply for IB Diploma Students, who are not allowed to use electronic devices in examinations.