

Choosing the Right Device for Learning

At OIS, digital learning is supported through Microsoft 365 and Learning Platforms. To ensure students can work effectively across all subjects, it's important that they bring a reliable and capable laptop to school each day.

Both **Windows laptops and Apple MacBooks** are suitable for school use.

A well-cared for laptop should last **4-5 years**, supporting students throughout their OIS education.

There is no single "best" laptop. Devices that meet the recommended specifications will work well for school.

Suggested Basic Laptop Configuration

You can copy & paste these requirements into your preferred browser for suggestions:

- **Screen size:** 13 to 15"
- **Battery life:** 7+ hours
- **Memory (RAM):** 8 to 16GB or higher
- **Storage:** 512 GB SSD or higher

Ports and Connectivity

Modern laptops are becoming thinner and lighter, which often means fewer built-in ports. Most now rely on USB-C.

We recommend:

- At least one USB-C port (standard for charging and accessories)
- At least one USB-A port (for compatibility with existing devices)
- An HDMI port, or a simple adapter, for connecting to displays

If a laptop has limited ports, a small USB-C adapter can easily solve this.

For safety reasons, laptops brought from outside Europe should be used with a **European-standard charger**.

Travel adaptors are not suitable for prolonged daily use and should not be used on school premises.