

## FAQs – compulsory **Bring Your Own Device**

### What is blended learning?

Blended learning is a pupil-centred approach to creating a learning experience whereby the learner interacts with other pupils, with teachers and content through the integration of various media (digital and paper).

### What about Smartphones and Computer rooms?

Various tools will be used. Smart cell phones still play an important part especially as tools for graphic and sound recording and for quick access to information but not for deeper learning. Light weight, Wi-Fi devices with a keyboard and exceptional battery life for reading and collaboration in the Google Cloud and desktop computers for heavier applications and content creation.

### Why is a robust, built in keyboard necessary?

It is very difficult to author work of any length using a screen keyboard. Keyboard skills are a necessary skill required for the world of work.

### Will my child's device have to be enrolled in the Herzlia Network?

No.

### Can I create and view Microsoft Office files with a Chromebook?

Yes.

### How do I choose between a Chromebook and a Windows 10 Cloudbook?

Despite the hardware similarities, these are very different products that meet different needs. There are pros and cons to each, of course: Which one meets your own personal needs better is the preferred option.

### Do I have to have electronic text books?

eBooks are not compulsory and not all the text books prescribed are available in digital format. Those that are available as a 1-year subscription or as an outright purchase. The subscription option is usually cheaper than the eBook or the paper version. Having eBooks will however lighten the weight of school bags!

### Will all lessons be delivered digitally?

Middle School has adopted a blended approach to teaching and learning. The lessons will be delivered in a variety of different ways. For example, fully digital, delivered via a Google Classroom to a lesson without any technology being used at all.

### Can Middle School suggest a make and model of device?

Our research has shown that everyone has their own preference of device type and we would not like to prescribe a specific make and model except to reiterate our strong recommendation of a Chromebook.

### Why a Chromebook is strongly recommended?

A Chromebook is a personal computer that runs ChromeOS as an operating system which is inherently secure.

Chromebooks are robust, lightweight, portable and their batteries last 8 - 11 hours.

Chromebooks are less vulnerable to malware or data loss than traditional notebooks.

Chromebooks do not require active firewalls, or anti-virus and anti-malware software and file system encryption is not necessary as only identified users can view files.

Chromebooks automatically update in the background and are always current.

They have built in security, limiting the risk of unwanted software installations, adjusted settings, or malware.