

LWO / GPA

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Equipment Required for Learning from September 2021

At Alec Hunter Academy, we place a lot of importance on helping our students to prepare for life as responsible adults. One of the key responsibilities that we promote is being organised and ready to learn. When our students are organised and equipped for their lessons, it helps lessons to start quickly and purposefully. We all know that organisation is a skill that is harder for some than others but by continuing to insist upon students being well equipped to learn, we believe they will practise an important life skill that will help them in whatever path they choose in the future. Therefore, so that you can actively help your child to get into good habits in preparing for each school day, I am writing to clarify our requirements around equipment, some items of which are essential and some of which are desirable, for the new academic year.

Essential Equipment

From September 2021, we will expect all students to have the following equipment which will be checked daily by their Form Tutor:

- 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 in which to keep all the above equipment (we suggest it should be clear if possible as this will meet requirements for public examinations).
- A reading book (students may borrow books from the library and should regularly change their reading book).

Students who do not have the correct essential equipment at the start of every day will have their responsibility card marked.

Desirable Equipment

Along with this, it would support student learning and help us as a school to keep down costs and wastage if students could also bring, in their pencil case, any of the following items:

- A glue stick
- Highlighter pens
- Colouring pencils/pens
- A dictionary

Please note, students will not have their responsibility cards marked for not bringing the desirable equipment listed above as these items are voluntary.

All the equipment mentioned above can be purchased very cheaply online or in a local stationery store or supermarket. We would ask you to check your child's pencil case and bag regularly and ensure that any equipment that has gone missing or has run out, is replaced, and topped up as required. If you need our support in equipping your child, then please contact your child's Head of Year and we will try to find a way to help. Equally, if we are concerned that a student is regularly attending school without the correct essential items, we will contact home to find out how we can help you.

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is for students to have the necessary equipment to ensure they engage with their learning, and it also means less learning time will be lost in handing out materials. We hope you will support us in our drive to encourage good organisational habits and to get every student fully equipped and ready to learn on a daily basis.

Kind regards,



Miss Woolnough
Assistant Headteacher