XIS Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)
Hardware and Software Recommendations

Understandings:

In order to provide a consistent experience for students, it is important the device meets the minimum standards outlined below. This will ensure the device is able to connect to the School network, printing systems, and ensure that digital content used in the classroom is compatible with the chosen device.

Specifications:

Platform	PC, Tablet PC or Apple MacBook or MacBook Air
Screen Size	10" screen or higher (measured diagonally) – consider portability and weight
Processor Recommended	Intel Processor Preferably i5 or higher for all students Grade 5 and up. This is to ensure longevity and speed.
RAM	4 GB or higher
Hard Drive	128 GB or higher Memory
Operating System	Windows 10 or newer Mac OSx 10.12 or newer (The newer the Operating system the easier it is to integrate the device into the network)
Wireless	Dual-band (2.4 & 5 GHz) wireless capabilities.
Required Features	Keyboard, USB port (We do not recommend purchasing the new Apple universal port computers unless you buy a universal adapter that can always be brought to school), headphone port, in-built microphone, webcam
Battery Life	4+ hours
Optional Devices	iOS, Android, Windows RT, Chromebook, Other Tablets (These devices may be used to enrich learning but should not be considered as main BYOD alternatives)
Hard Case or Cover and Keyboard Cover	Both of these things are optional but are highly recommended as XIS will bear no responsibility for a dropped or damaged device.
Software Requirements	Word Processing programs Provided by XIS (Ex. MSWord, Pages) Data Tools Provided By XIS (Ex. Excel, Numbers, Access) Multiple browsers (Ex. Chrome, IE, Safari, and Firefox)
Optional but Highly Recommended	a. Movie Editing Software (Ex. iMovie, Camtasia, Window Movie Maker) b. Image Editing Software (Ex. Photoshop, Gimp) c. VPN d. Repair/Replacement insurance/service plan for the device e. Cloud data backup (Students are provided with OneDrive. Other options are iCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive, or personal cloud)
Access to an APP Store	This is recommended to help students gain access to a robust set of tools to help them in their studies.
Media Player	VLC (Windows), (Mac) Quicktime (Free with Every Mac)
PDF Reader	Adobe Reader (Free)
Virus Protection Software	Malware Bytes (Windows), (Mac) or Avast (Free)

**Software installation, with the exception of software packages distributed by Xiamen International School, is the responsibility of the student/parents/caregivers. Valid licenses are required for all software present on your device.