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Dear Parents/Carers,

iPad-compatible writing pen

As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing the learning experience for all students, we are pleased to share an additional optional resource that we believe will have a positive impact on students' productivity and the quality of their written work. Many students already have iPad-compatible writing pens and, in recent months, several students have been trialling the use of iPad pens in lessons across a range of subjects. We have observed a number of clear benefits which have informed our decision to recommend them as an optional purchase for students who use an iPad as part of their learning.

We want all students to have access to tools that support their learning and enable them to work to the best of their ability. The iPad pen provides:

- a more authentic writing experience,
- increased precision in subjects requiring diagrams or graphs,
- improved organisation of work through clear annotation and colour coding,
- greater efficiency during lessons compared to writing with their finger.

For these reasons, we are encouraging families to consider purchasing an iPad-compatible pen.

To make this optional resource as accessible as possible, we are pleased to offer families a school-sourced iPad pen at a discounted price of £6.00, available to purchase directly through the Arbor Shop. By securing these pens in bulk, we are able to pass the savings on to parents and carers. Once purchased, the pen can be collected conveniently from Student Services at break or lunchtime, and students may begin using it in lessons straight away.

For families wishing to explore a more economical option, we will also have a supply of basic styluses available for 75p from The Hub. While these do not offer the full precision and natural writing experience of an active iPad pen, they still provide a helpful introduction to digital handwriting.

This is entirely optional, and students will continue to be fully supported in lessons regardless of whether they choose to use one.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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