



Mittelschulen und Berufsbildung

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To all students entering the GM in the
school year 2024/2025 as well as to their
parents/legal guardians

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Re: notebook-based lessons in year 10 (first classes), 2024/2025

Dear students, dear parents, dear legal guardians,

There is hardly a university course and hardly a career left nowadays that does not require knowledge of computer technology, the Internet and the so-called new social media. No end to this development is in sight, on the contrary: computer- and web-based applications are increasingly being integrated into every-day life.

The Gymnasium am Münsterplatz accommodates this development without changing the syllabus or the general educational contents. In accordance with the Ministry of Education of Basel-Stadt's ICT strategy for upper secondary education, an extensive part of the curriculum will be taught using notebooks and based on web resources. This means that students will be using **their own notebook** or MacBook in class on a daily basis.

The advantages are obvious: students practise using ICT and, in this way, acquire valuable knowledge and skills for their university studies and for their professional future. Teachers can use modern forms of teaching thus tailoring learning opportunities to students' needs in a more nuanced manner.

A purpose- and meaningful, self-confident and reflected use of computers and the Internet is an important goal of our school profile. Good practices of learning and teaching are not banished from the classroom, but continue to play an essential role. In this way, students become increasingly aware whether and how, depending on the work phase, working with the computer and the Internet can be of advantage.

Students use **their own (private) notebook/laptop/MacBook/convertible** in class (bring-your-own-device concept, BYOD). Although by using computers some books and other materials students would otherwise have to take to school become obsolete, we strongly recommend a device as compact and light as possible so you don't have to carry a heavy load around all day. The servicing and maintenance of their notebooks is the students' responsibility.

In post-compulsory education, starting with year 10, the legal guardians have to pay for the learning materials. Legal guardians of students who, for financial reasons, do not have a notebook of their own and cannot afford one are kindly asked to contact the secretariat of the GM (gymnasium.muensterplatz@bs.ch) in order to get the official forms for requesting financial support.

We will introduce students on the first day of school to the use of the Internet and notebooks as well as to the functioning of the WLAN and the printing system of the Gymnasium am Münsterplatz. Therefore, learners are expected to bring to school a fully charged, updated and set-up notebook from the first day; this includes all required software (see below) with the exception of Microsoft Office, which the school will make available to students free of charge at the beginning of the school year. Not permitted are computer games, private chats and surfing the Internet for private purposes during class, as well as visiting websites that have nothing to do with the lesson contents or are even indecent. Also, consuming any kind of such media (inappropriate pictures, videos, music) At any time in the school premises. The teachers and the ICT support team of the Gymnasium am Münsterplatz are allowed to carry out spot checks, and they ensure that the rules are followed.

Students need a device that meets the following minimum requirements:

- a minimum screen size of 13 inches (recognition of stylus and fingers)
- active stylus for the touchscreen
- at least 16 GB RAM
- at least Intel Core i5 processor (9th generation onwards)
- at least 256 GB (SSD)
- a fully adequate Windows-based operating system (Windows 11) or an up-to-date OS-based operating system (Apple M2 or better).
- battery life: 6 hours
- an integrated keyboard
- a video port (internal HDMI or with adapter)
- a USB-C port
- Bluetooth
- a charger lead
- a headphone port
- an integrated camera
- WLAN support

Advice for Mac users and for owners of Windows notebooks without stylus recognition::

It is of course possible to work with a MacBook (Apple). Ipads are not permitted as the sole school device. There may be some restrictions with the MS Office programs (and also with other software). A graphics tablet must be connected in order to use a pen (recommendation: WACOM Intuos Basic S BT at a cost of about CHF 60.-).

If your IT device lacks stylus recognition, the computer has to be supplemented with a graphics tablet (recommended: WACOM Intuos Basic S BT at a cost of about CHF 60.-).

The Gymnasium am Münsterplatz does not work with any IT retailer and would therefore not like to recommend a shop. However, some retailers offer a student discount on request. On the

shop website www.edu.ch, GM students can purchase several manufacturers' devices at a reduced price.

The programs required for classroom work (Office 365, Adobe Creative Cloud, subject-specific programs) are made available by the Canton of Basel-Stadt until completion of school curriculum. However, additional costs may be charged to the students for other single specific programs.

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Kind regards,



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