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Dear Accepted Student and Family,

Congratulations on your acceptance to St. George's School! I write to introduce you to one of the many facets of St. George's that sets us apart from other institutions – our technology program, which includes a <u>required</u> school-issued laptop purchase for every student.

St. George's is committed to the use of technology as a valuable instrument both inside and outside of the classroom. Through our Technology Program, we ensure that every student in our community has access to standardized hardware, extensive electronic resources, multimedia "smart" classrooms, and a learning management system employed by higher education institutions. These tools encourage students to integrate technology throughout their academic tenure at St. George's School, preparing them for college and professional environments.

The St. George's School website (http://www.stgeorges.edu) offers additional information regarding our technology practices and policies with respect to computers, mobile devices, and the internet. Our students are provided with the appropriate training upon their arrival to campus. This training includes best practices, data security, machine maintenance, troubleshooting, and when to reach out to our experienced staff for additional assistance.

For over two decades, St. George's School has selected business class laptops for our incoming students. These robust units offer the quality and durability necessary to carry our students through commencement. Our *Laptop Choice Program* allows students to select an impressive, predetermined Lenovo *or* Apple laptop. This flexibility empowers students in the classroom, employing their preferred operating system. The comprehensive technology package we assemble will not only contain a superior laptop and hardware peripherals, but also virus protection, malware protection, access to network printers, cloud data storage, industry standard applications (ex. Adobe Creative Cloud), participation in our Laptop Loaner Program, and a four-year manufacturer warranty. All materials are presented in a hardy L.L. Bean backpack. School laptops are maintained directly on campus in our Laptop Shop. Our team coordinates all repairs, replacements, and insurance claims on behalf of our students. We do not support personal computers.

We are currently in pricing negotiations with our providers to ensure our families receive the most cost effective package possible. The expected one-time fee should not exceed \$2,600. Both Lenovo and Apple packages include all hardware, software, peripherals, and resources listed above. Required fire, theft, and accidental damage insurance will be purchased for each student by St. George's School, at a discounted rate, and billed annually. After accepting your admission, you will receive a program registration link for your review. At that time, you will select your preferred package for the 2024-2025 academic year. *Once selected, this cannot be changed. Returns or exchanges of laptop packages are not permitted. Please choose carefully.* Given the current supply chain climate, we respectfully request that you honor the registration deadline. If you do not make your selection by the registration deadline, you will automatically be charged for Lenovo and will not be permitted to modify your package.

If you have any questions after reviewing this information, please feel free to contact me or my colleagues in our Admission Department. Best wishes and again, congratulations on your acceptance to St. George's School!

Regards,

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