

TOOLS TO BE A BETTER STUDENT

Every worker needs the tools of their trade and as a student you will be a lot more efficient if you have access to things you need to do your job, especially in prep.

The basic package of essentials includes:

- a. **Pens:** At least two good pens, whichever type you write best with and with blue or black refills.
A pack of cheaper ballpoints may also be handy for emergencies. Eraser pens or rollers are useful but **Tippex** is banned.
- b. **Pencils:** There are different hardness of pencil graphite for use in art and technology. The standard ones are classified as HB or B.
You will need a pencil sharpener and an eraser too.
- c. **Ruler:** A 30cm long ruler is still the best to have. Shorter ones in a geometry set are fine but should be extras.
- d. **Colours:** Coloured pencils are useful in far more than art. At least half a dozen colours are needed. Massive packs of two-dozen or more are unnecessary and many never get used.
- e. **A Geometry Set:** This should include at least a protractor, a set square and a pair of compasses for drawing circles.
- f. **An Electronic Calculator:** Your Mathematics teacher can advise you on this, but basic models are available from stores like Argos and W H Smith.

The following are not quite essential but represent those items most asked for in prep leading to time being wasted.

Scissors **Glue** (Pritt Stick or similar)

A Mini Stapler

Sellotape

Additionally, the following items are often given out in class then lost or spoilt before prep. Small amounts in your study would be useful.

A4 File Paper

A4 Plain Paper

A Folder (to protect paper)

Lastly, you need a **decent bag** to protect all of the above and your books, preferably with a stiffener or some padding.