



The latest news and announcements

#LaptopsForLearning

'Deliveries of IT Equipment sent out to schools'

This month it has given us great pleasure to witness the first deliveries of refurbished laptops and ipads into schools as part of the [#LaptopsForLearning](#) scheme. So far, we have raised over £10,000 and received nearly 60 donations of IT equipment. Orders have been placed for the delivery of new laptops into schools in the coming weeks and we hope that your continued support will enable us to reach the target of £50,000 and 500 donated devices to help us get more IT equipment to all Cheltenham's young people.

A number of partners have played an integral role in supporting this scheme, for which special thanks should be given to IT Schools Africa for dedicating time and resources towards refurbishing IT equipment, volunteers from GCHQ for their support given to the refurbishment of IT equipment, INFRASTAR for sourcing new laptops and excellent network links, Sopra Steria for their advice and links within the community, the CBC/No Child Left Behind team for promoting and bringing the project team together, and a very special thanks to all those who have supplied carefully managed donation points – All Saints' Academy, Balcarras School, Cheltenham College, Cheltenham Ladies College, Cleeve School, Dean Close School, Pittville School, Cornerstone Centre and Springbank Community Group. CEP is proud to be a part of this community driven project.

The first deliveries of refurbished ipads and laptops have gone out to the Battledown Centre, All Saints' Academy and Pittville School.

"It was a privilege to take our first batch of refurbished devices to Battledown today. They were received with great appreciation." GCHQ volunteer.



Richard Gilpin (Pittville School, Head Teacher) and Emily Buirski (Cheltenham Education Partnership, Coordinator)

"It is a pleasure to accept these laptops provided by those who are supporting the #LaptopsForLearning scheme. The recent lockdown has highlighted the digital divide that exists for so many students. Laptops such as the ones provided through #LaptopsForLearning will make a real difference to the way we can support students in school and at home." Said Mr Gilpin, Head Teacher at Pittville School.

"It has been fantastic to see the strength of Cheltenham's community working in partnership through this scheme. We are grateful to all individuals and organisations who have donated so far." Said Emily Buirski, CEP Coordinator.



From Left: Dermot McNiffe (All Saints' Academy, Principal), Sofia (ASA, Head Girl), James (ASA, Head Boy), Emily Buirski (Cheltenham Education Partnership, Coordinator), Sofia (ASA, Head Girl)

Details of donation points managed by Cheltenham Education Partnership schools and information on how to contribute towards the #LaptopsForLearning fund can be found here: nclbcheltenham.org.uk/laptops-for-learning

Once delivered to one of our carefully managed donation points, IT equipment is securely transported to [IT Schools Africa](#), where they begin the process of securely wiping old data and reinstalling new software, supported by volunteers from GCHQ. From there, the refurbished IT equipment will be redistributed out to Cheltenham's Secondary and Primary schools.

When making donations of IT equipment, we kindly ask that laptops are in good working condition, no more than 7 years old, and donated with their power supplies. With tablets please make sure the user accounts have been deleted and the device is unlocked. ipads should be removed from their associated apple iCloud account.

For full information about the #LaptopsForLearning scheme visit: nclbcheltenham.org.uk/laptops-for-learning



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CEP FULL PARTNERS: The Cheltenham Education Partnership is an association of state and independent secondary schools in Cheltenham. Schools currently in the CEP include (in alphabetical order): All Saints Academy, Balcarras School, Cheltenham Bournside School, Cheltenham College, Cheltenham Ladies College, Cleeve School, Dean Close School, Gloucestershire College, Pittville School, St. Edwards' School, Winchcombe School, University of Gloucestershire.



CEP SUPPORTING PARTNERS: Local organisations supporting CEP activities include: Cheltenham Borough Council, Christian Arts Festivals, Cheltenham Festivals, The Cheltenham Trust, Diocese of Gloucester, Gloucestershire County Council, National Cyber Security Centre.

