

## Learning English through Popular Culture

Some of your friends attend schools which allow them to use laptop computers in their English classes. You would like your school to allow senior secondary students to do this also. Write a letter to Mr. Green, Head of English. Highlight the benefits of your proposal.

Dear Mr Green

As you are aware, some schools allow their students to use laptop computers in the English classes. Not only has this been popular with students, but it also has important positive effects. I would therefore like to propose that senior students in our school to be allowed to use laptop computers in their English classes.

### (1) Encourages students to be independent learners

If students used laptop computers in their English classes, they could get instant access to online reference resources. As our school has extensive Wi-Fi coverage, students would be able to look up meanings of words they do not know. Also, students could use laptop computers to check answers. It let them know whether their answers are correct or not immediately. This would encourage students to learn more knowledge and learn to look for the answers themselves. It encourages students to be independent learners.

### (2) Promotes individualised learning

A further advantage to students using laptop computers in English classes is that it could help students with their homework. They

could use laptop computers to help, they need not copy their classmates' answers. They could do them themselves. In addition, English teachers could post the homework online and ask students to surf the Internet and do it themselves. Also, English teachers could use laptop computers for teaching. If students could use laptop computers, students would not be afraid to sit at the back and not be able to see the words on the blackboard.

### (3) Promotes efficient learning

If laptop computers were used in English classes, students could type out notes in class. They could open the laptop computers to read notes again at home. In English lessons, if students forgot how to spell some words, they could use laptop computers to check spelling and they could check their grammar too.

Modern technology has given teachers and students many opportunities for teaching and learning, and it would be a shame if we did not make full use of the benefits laptop computers would bring to students' English studies.

I hope this proposal gains your approval, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my suggestion with you in more detail.

Yours sincerely

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