# ICT Facilities

We are reflecting on and constantly developing our Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) strategy to ensure that we cater for our students who have been born into a world of technology. Students today are described as 'digital natives' and embrace developments in ICT. Schools need to ensure that they provide appropriate and relevant technology to engage and stimulate learners in our fast-paced world where it has been said that 60% of the jobs available ten years from now may not even have been invented due to the pace of change.

By the age of seven, a child born in Britain today will have spent an entire year of their lives looking at the television, computer and game console screens. It is no surprise with such access and time allocated to technology that young people understand its potential. At BRGS we need to prepare our learners for future careers and ensure that they appreciate the power of technology and use it wisely.

In practical terms, we need to make the school wireless. Currently, we have a small number of bookable computer rooms and a clear priority from learners and teachers alike is for a more flexible approach potentially using laptops or tablets. We are currently evaluating alternatives to determine our best route forward, but the cost of upgrading our IT facilities is likely to be in the region of £150,000.