



Learning Technologies Information Sheet

1. Toshiba NB-100 Netbook

What is it?

Unlike the ASUS and other mini notebooks this unit is packed with enough memory and processor speed to accommodate most everyday work functions. To improve the accessibility of the unit three USB 2.0 ports and a VGA port have been fitted to provide a simple way to add additional storage and promote easy connection for peripherals devices. The unit demonstrated by the Regional support centre West Midlands is WIFI enabled and comes with an 8.9" screen, a 120GB hard drive, built-in webcam & microphone and has a reported battery of 3.5hrs. The dimensions of the unit are (W x D x H): 225 x 190.5 x 29.5-33 mm.

Potential uses for Teaching and Learning:

Typically the NB100 should be used as a secondary computing device due the compact design of the keyboard and screen. It is ideal for mobile computing, offering great flexibility allowing the user to access, create ad submit content 24/7 365 days a year. It is ideal for impromptu collaborative exercises and research whilst on the move. With the in-built webcam the user can communicate online or even be assessed! Media objects and offices documents can be easily accessed, created or viewed using either (Open Office, ASUS Media Suite – Linux) or (Microsoft Works/Microsoft Office 2007 and Microsoft Media player and Movie Maker - Microsoft).

Pros and Cons

Pros

- Cost effective mobile computing device.
- Smaller than an A5 pad and weighing less than 1kg.
- Robust design.
- Packed with feature rich functionality including wifi, multimedia applications and web conferencing.
- Clear, bright display.

Cons

- Small screen size.
- Small Keyboard.
- Limited battery life (3.5hrs).