



TECH SNIPPETS

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My data projector has glaucoma

Those annoying little black squares that spread across your projection screen are caused by dead pixels in the miniature screen that the light shines through. The surest way to kill your little pixels is to disconnect the power to your projector before it has had the chance to cool enough. Always wait for the indicator lights to show that cooling has completed before you power down for the day.

A sticky space

Ever noticed how sometimes when you type at the end of a line, the things you want to stick together just won't oblige? This happens mostly with dates and times, and with measurements in technical writing. It looks unsightly, is harder to read, and may also result in confusion.

Example: The last day of the school year is 12 December.

That 12 on its own looks a little odd, what? So how do you make it stay with "December" on the next line? Simple: After typing "12", press **Ctrl + Shift + Spacebar**, followed by "December".

Result: The last day of the school year is 12 December.

Yes, **Ctrl + Shift + Spacebar** produces what is aptly named a "sticky space".

"It doesn't make sense to hire smart people and then tell them what to do; we hire smart people so they can tell us what to do."



Steve Jobs

co-founder of Apple computer, co-creator of iTunes and the iPhone.

Change is in the air

The middle floor of D-Block is destined to undergo some changes during the June-July school vacation. The outcome should be that the old Typing Room / CAT Room (D13) will revert to a whole-class computer venue. For now it is likely to be called the "Blended Learning Room" and it is intended that our Technology Integrator will use it as her home base. This is in line with the ICT Department's strategic planning goals.

We hope to include some exciting changes further down the line, including a makerspace and possibly a recording studio.

