

TOP USEFUL GADGETS FOR A HIGH-SCHOOLER

Life as a student can be hectic. With endless textbooks to read, numerous essays to write and lots of social events to attend, striking a balance can be tricky. So, anything that can make your academic life a little easier could be worth looking into. Times NIE suggests some gadgets that can certainly make your regimen easier.

Wake-up light

1 If you're not a morning person, your alarm clock sounding off at 7 am is probably not your favourite part of the day. But there's a solution. This wake-up light makes your early wake-ups much smoother by creating a sunrise effect, with a red-tinted light gradually growing into white light. You can also combine this with white noise or radio, while it even doubles up as a bedside lamp! **Recommended:** Beurer Wake Up Light WL50



Noise-cancelling headphones

2 College dormitories also contain a lot of noise — great when you're feeling sociable but not when an essay deadline is just days away. Block out such distractions with a pair of noise-cancelling headphones and immerse yourself in your work. **Recommended:** Anker Soundcore Life Q20



Instant camera

3 There are a lot of picture-perfect moments in university life, and the best way to capture them is with an instant film camera! You don't even have to worry about the settings; just point and click! Fujifilm's Instax Mini 9 camera is the most popular choice, and for good reason: it produces high-quality polaroid photos in just a few minutes, which you can safekeep for many years to come. **Recommended:** Fujifilm Instax Mini 9



Earbud organiser

4 That feeling of dread when you reach into your pocket to find that your earphones are a tangled mess is universal. But there's an easy solution to this modern predicament. **Recommended:** The TOPHOME earbud cord organiser.



Smart notebook

5 The debate between typing and hand-writing notes has raged across lecture halls for some time now, but with a smart notebook, you get the best of both worlds. As you write, the ink bonds to the specialised, reusable pages, which can then be easily uploaded to any major cloud-based program such as Google Drive, Dropbox or Evernote. As well as being environmentally-friendly, it's a far more efficient way to organise your notes. **Recommended:** Rocketbook



Smartwatch

6 From telling the time to monitoring sleep and checking heart rate to tracking activity levels, smartwatches are the techy descendants of traditional wristwatches. With Fitbit's smartwatch, you can receive messages and see calls, and even set reminders for things like impending deadlines, and upcoming exams and lectures. All this while also keeping track of your sleep, heart rate and daily steps! **Recommended:** Fitbit's smartwatch



Slim laptop bag

7 With tech becoming a more integral part of everything we use, even rucksacks are not immune. MATEIN's slim travel laptop backpack is an example of this, with a built-in USB charger allowing you to keep your phone or device juiced up on the move. There's also an anti-theft pocket and a spacious packing compartment for textbooks. **Recommended:** MATEIN's backpack



HP ENVY 5055 portable printer

8 Sure, there are printers in the library, but when the entire student body is hitting deadlines at the same time, access might be tricky. Avoid the chaos and print from the comfort of your own dorm, or alternatively, pop out for a coffee and print from your phone. HP's ENVY 5055 has wireless and cloud-based compatibility, so you can get hard copies of your projects wherever you are. You can even connect it to an Alexa device, while its slender frame means it won't take up much room, either — perfect for when moving day comes! **Recommended:** HP's ENVY 5055



10000 portable charger

9 Even with a backpack that can charge your tablet, it's always handy to have a high-performance back-up if you have more than one device or if the bag gets damaged. The Anker PowerCore 10000 can charge all kinds of devices at rapid speed and includes almost three-and-a-half iPhone 6 and two-and-a-half Galaxy S6 charges within its small and slender frame. **Recommended:** Anker PowerCore 10000



iClever BK08 folding keyboard

10 With iClever's foldable keyboard (compatible with all major devices), you can type away on your phone or tablet before conveniently packing everything away again into your trouser pocket. **Recommended:** iClever's foldable keyboard



Kindle Paperwhite

11 Having the ability to load all your required course reading onto one small, sleek and very attractive device won't just save you the physical pain of lugging 700-page textbooks around. It will also spare you the mental anguish of missing out on the last copy of The History of Nouns as you smugly download the digital version. Investing in a Kindle will often save you money on the price of books, too, with downloadable editions usually much cheaper. **Recommended:** Kindle



Suturun adjustable laptop stand

12 As a student, you'll find yourself spending countless hours in front of your screen doing your class readings, writing essays and conducting research for projects. For that reason, the Suturun adjustable laptop stand will be your friend. Suitable for almost every laptop and tablet, its ergonomic and adjustable design allows you to find a comfortable angle that will relieve you from neck pain and help you improve your posture when looking at your screen. **Recommended:** Suturun adjustable laptop stand



Musk on being 'medium happy' and more

Tesla CEO Elon Musk is the richest man in the world. Musk has changed the electronic vehicles market with Tesla and is making inroads in space exploration with SpaceX. However, there are things that worry him and he is actually afraid of. In an interview with Mathias Döpfner, Musk said that there are three things that he fears: religious extremism, a declining birthrate and artificial intelligence going wrong. According to a report by Business Insider, Musk said that the declining birthrate might just be the "biggest threat to the future of human civilisation. Elaborating on the 'threat', Musk said, "I'm really worried about this birthrate thing. That's been troubling me for many years, because I just don't see it turning around. Every year it's worse. And I drive my friends crazy with this." While he did speak about

declining birthrate, he didn't elaborate on artificial intelligence going wrong, or for that matter, religious extremism. Musk has been extremely vocal on Twitter about the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. He has called out Russian premier Vladimir Putin as well as said that it is important to do something serious, "We cannot let Putin take over Ukraine. This is crazy," he added. Some might be afraid of death but Musk said that he is not really afraid about death. "I certainly would like to maintain health for a longer period of time. But I am not afraid of dying. I think it would come as a relief," he said in the interview. The Tesla CEO also shared his thoughts on happiness. "For one to be fully happy, I think you have to be happy at work and happy in love. So, I suppose I'm medium happy," he added.

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ONLINE NAVIGATION

TIPS AND TRICKS TO FIND TWEETS



USING KEYWORDS, DATE AND MORE

Twitter is one of the most used social media platforms across the globe. The micro-blogging site has millions of users including governments, celebrities, athletes, and others. This week, Twitter has added a new search bar in the inbox that allows you to search for specific messages in the DM inbox using keywords. But do you know that Twitter offers advanced search capabilities that can help you to find a specific tweet. Here's how:

- 1 Login to Twitter account on your PC using any browser
- 2 Search the keyword using the search bar at the top of the page.
- 3 Click on 'Advanced Search' option in the search filters tab.
- 4 Fill in the appropriate fields to refine your results. Enter the word, accounts, filters, and other fields to get better results.

HOW TO FIND A TWEET

- Tweets sent before a specific date, after a specific date or within a date range.
- Use the calendar dropdown to select a "from" date, "to" date or both.
- Search for Tweets from any date since the first public Tweet.
- By combining fields in advanced search, you can tailor your search results in a powerful way. For example, you are looking for an old Tweet you sent about what you did on New Year's day, you can search for Tweets containing "New Years"; • "#WorldCup" sent from Brazil in July 2014 will show you Tweets about the world cup that year.

HOW YOU CAN USE WORDS TO FIND A TWEET

- Tweets containing exact phrases ("Twitter search").
- Tweets containing any of the words ("Twitter" or "search").
- Tweets excluding specific words ("Twitter" but not "search").
- Tweets with a specific hashtag (#twitter).
- Tweets in a specific language (written in English).

HOW YOU CAN ENTER ACCOUNTS TO FIND A TWEET

- Tweets from a specific account (Tweeted by "@TwitterComms").
- Tweets sent as replies to a specific account (in reply to "@TwitterComms").
- Tweets that mention a specific account (Tweet includes "@TwitterComms").

HOW YOU CAN ENTER A LOCATION TO FIND A TWEET

- Tweets sent from a geographic location, e.g. a specific city, state, country.
- Use the place dropdown to select the geographic location.

Instagram tests new feature to help users support social causes

Instagram recently announced that it is testing a new feature that will help users to discover and support social causes directly through hashtags. The Facebook-owned photo-sharing platform made this announcement through a blog post which was also shared from its official Twitter account. This new feature will allow users to support social movements when they search for specific hashtags that are associated with certain causes. Users will be able to select the "Support" option once they get to a hashtag page to learn more about the movement. The company mentioned the new feature will also make it easier to raise awareness for these causes through a "Create a Fundraiser" button. This tool can be used to start raising money on behalf of a cause. You can also use the "Spread the Word" button to share the hashtag page with your friends through a DM.

