




Equipment List

Below is the equipment and costing of what is used at Stonefield House for film, music & animation

The Apple Mac

Apple do not release bad computers, their bottom of the range “mac mini” is extremely good and capable of running all the software needed to create film, music & animation. At Stonefield House we currently use a mac mini for all of these areas. With any Apple Mac you get these programs as standard

-  iMovie - Film editing software
-  Garageband - Music creation software
-  iDVD - Software for creating DVD's

A mac mini costs £400, the monitor, keyboard and mouse need to be bought separately. The monitor can be any VGA or DVI monitor and the keyboard & mouse can be any that have a USB interface. To make using the Mac as accessible as possible, a mighty mouse (£35) would be recommended, as this can be programmed with ease to have from just one single mouse button to having five.

Extra equipment for Film

You will need a digital video camera, it is possible to get one from £150. To make the camera as versatile as possible it would be recommended to get a dv (not a DVD) video camera with a “firewire” output. This kind of camera can be used for the animation software as well. At Stonefield House we use a Canon MV890. If you were wanting to burn DVD's of the finished films, you would either need the Mac to have a DVD burner or buy an external DVD burner that cost around £35.

Extra equipment for music

To record vocals/instruments into garageband you would need an audio interface, we use an M-Audio Fasttrack which costs £60. It would be recommended to buy some external speakers, a good set cost from £30 upwards. A microphone would also need to be bought, a Shure PG58 costs around £32.

Extra equipment for animation

As suggested under extra equipment for film, a dv video camera would be needed for creating animations. Extra to that, a piece of software called “istopmotion 2” would be needed, and that would cost £25 for their “home edition” version.

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