Upper School students purchase their own textbooks for their courses. Some courses use on-line versions; some courses require published texts without underlining or marginal notes already in them; some courses allow students to make a choice.

You will be receiving more detailed information on purchasing books, but below are a few things so you are not completely “in the dark” as we begin the summer:

1. Hawken works through a book distributor called MBS, which certainly makes it very simple to purchase almost everything you need at one time. The distributor’s web site will be sent to you during the summer, accompanied by a code that you will use when you log on.

2. When you go to the site and log in using your code, the books for all courses will come up. You will have the option of purchasing some or all of them, and in a few cases, you may be able to choose between “new” or “used” or “hardcover” or “electronic.”

3. Families are in no way required to use MBS, although doing so simplifies the task of purchasing what you need, and the company does have a buy-back program if a book has not been badly damaged.

4. If you want, of course, you can go anywhere to purchase books, and indeed, you will sometimes find books at lower cost from other places, i.e. Amazon. If you decide to purchase your a book from a place such Amazon, make sure that you have the correct ISBN number of the book so that you are getting exactly what you need. ISBN numbers of all required books will be published on Hawk Net (Summer Portal) and are also available when you call up your books on MBS.

As indicated above, you will receive additional details about purchasing books later in the summer.