

Get the best mobile deal

Camilla Chafer, who is founder of technoglam.com, advises on how to find the best mobile phone for you



BEST FOR: Phone and camera in one.

WHAT IS IT? LG GD900 Crystal

WHY? + An innovative new transparent case with intuitive touchpad, made from strong, tempered glass.

+ Use finger gestures and set up gesture shortcuts to access email, web or the music



player. Zoom into pics or write directly on the touchscreen.

+ Top-end 8MP camera. With an additional memory card, it can have memory up to 32GB.

HOW MUCH? Free when you get a £45 per month, 18-month contract with 02 at carphonewarehouse.com.

BEST FOR: Music on the move.

WHAT IS IT? iPhone 3GS

WHY? + Combines a music player and phone with up to 30 hours of playback, or ten hours of video footage.

+ This new version has been upgraded with a 3MP camera, Voice Control and



Visual Voicemail so you can view who's left a message.

+ Can be customised with hundreds of applications.

+ Available in black or white and 16GB or 32GB versions.

HOW MUCH? From £440, Pay & Go with 02. iTunes downloads cost extra.

BEST FOR: Business users who want to keep in touch on the go.

WHAT IS IT? Nokia E63

WHY? + A BlackBerry-style phone with a QWERTY keyboard, particularly suited to sending emails and browsing.

+ Access to documents via OVI, even when your PC is turned off.

+ MP3 player and video with a maximum of 18 hours playback, plus an FM radio.

+ Available in red or blue.

HOW MUCH? £199, shop.nokia.co.uk. OVI applications start free of charge.



BEST FOR: Stylish but eco-conscious.

WHAT IS IT? Sony Ericsson

C901 Greenheart

WHY? + Features a recycled, solvent-free case and low-power consumption.

+ Has a 5MP Cyber-shot video camera with Xenon Flash and Smile Shutter.

+ WalkMate step counter.

+ Other eco features include a headset made from recycled plastics.

HOW MUCH? Price dependent on contract, se-store.co.uk.



Set your student up

As the start of the university term draws near, here are some of the best deals around

CHEAPEST PHONE DEAL

WHAT IS IT? LG Cookie KP500

WHAT DOES IT DO?

+ Three-inch touchscreen.

+ On-screen keyboard and handwriting.

+ 3MP camera

and music player.

+ Talk time of 3.3 hours.

HOW MUCH? £15 per month for a 24-month contract with Talk Mobile, including 300 Anytime minutes and 300 texts, carphonewarehouse.com.



AFFORDABLE LAPTOP

WHAT IS IT? ASUS EEE PC

Seashell 1008HA

WHAT DOES IT DO?

+ Designed for work and play.

+ Smaller than a laptop and ultra-portable at 1-inch thick and just 1.1kg.

+ A 10-inch screen, plus headphone and mic sockets are handy for making free Skype calls.

+ 160GB hard drive, and a USB port.

HOW MUCH? Around £379, PC World, play.com.



AND THE BEST STUDENT BANK ACCOUNT?

Niki Chesworth gives her tips:

When it comes to free overdrafts, Halifax is a good option, as it will lend up to £3,000. If they don't need to borrow too much, try NatWest, with an interest-free overdraft in the first year up to £1,250, up to £2,000 in the fifth year. They also get a free 16-25 Railcard, valid for five years, which is the by far the best perk. w&h

BUY YOUR PHONE contract as part of a bigger package. Instead of having lots of bills, opt for an all-in-one deal, where broadband, phone, TV and a mobile are available as a package. Virgin Media has a broadband, phone, TV and mobile bundle for £36 a month with its All 4 Services plan (you need a Virgin landline). BT Total Broadband Anywhere has a deal with BT Vision, broadband, Home Hub, home phone and BT ToGo mobile for £23.48 for the first three months (£30.33 thereafter), plus line rental.