Connecting / Disconnecting the laptop to a TV (or to a monitor)

Notes on plugging in/unplugging HDMI cables:

You can plug in/unplug a HDMI cable from a TV or a computer or a monitor any time you like

You don't have to switch anything off or reset anything or do anything, they are designed to just plug in and unplug whenever you like When you plug in/unplug a HDMI cable on your laptop, the screen will go black for a couple of seconds. this is ok and nothing is wrong

To connect to a TV or monitor:

Make sure the HDMI cable is plugged into both the laptop and the TV

On the laptop:

Make sure you are not in a fullscreen program otherwise the next steps will not work

Press the "monitor select" key (just above the "4" key at the top of the keyboard, looks like a rectangle with a vertical line on either side of it)

A menu will appear

Choose "Duplicate" (or you can choose "Second screen only" if you like)

On the TV:

On the TV remote control, press the "AV" or "Source" or "Input" button to bring up the menu where you select your AV input Select the HDMI input matching the port you plugged the HDMI cable into (will be "HDMI1" or "HDMI2" etc.)

The output should now appear on the TV

If the output doesn't appear, repeat the process from the start and make sure you have selected the correct HDMI input on the TV

To disconnect from a TV or monitor:

On the laptop:

Make sure you are not in a fullscreen program otherwise the next steps will not work

Press the "monitor select" key (just above the "4" key at the top of the keyboard, looks like a rectangle with a vertical line on either side of it)

A menu will appear

Choose "PC screen only"

You can now unplug the HDMI cable or leave it plugged in, it's up to you