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Dear Parents and Carers

Individual Chromebook Scheme

In September 2021, we introduced our Chromebook scheme for students in Years 7 to 10. This scheme has seen all students in Years 7 to 11 having access to a Chromebook as part of their standard school equipment, which they use for their learning both at school and at home. We are pleased to confirm that we will be continuing this scheme with our new Year 7 students in September 2023.

We are delighted with the way students and staff have already embraced the use of Chromebooks in the classroom. Having a device in every lesson means students access technology as it is needed in a sequence of learning; there is no more waiting until the ICT rooms are available. Resources can be shared quickly, the range of learning materials within the classroom broadens, and students can easily work independently or collaboratively on a research task - and it is a great motivator for students, who often enjoy being able to use technology in the classroom. Aside from the immediate benefits, we are also developing the skills that students will need for their future studies and careers.

Whilst fully recognising the many benefits, the move to individual student devices at Parmiter's is not a replacement for outstanding classroom-based teaching. We adopt a blended learning approach that involves a mixture of technology-based and more traditional learning activities, as well as continuing to focus on the importance of handwritten tasks. Individual access to technology merely allows us to enhance our current teaching and provide the very best education for our students.

Next steps for all

Linked below is a letter explaining how to register for the Chromebook purchase scheme from our partner company, Freedom Technology. This letter will include details of the specification of the Chromebook device chosen, the financial breakdown of the package and the available payment options.

If you would like to purchase a Chromebook through the school's partner company, which we strongly recommend due *to the comprehensive repairs and replacements scheme*, then click on the letter from Freedom Technology on how to purchase a device (letter). Please note that families of students who are in receipt of any form of Pupil Premium or families who have three or more children in school should send an email to <u>finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</u> and we will endeavour to support you further.

If you would like your child to use a personal Chromebook they already own (no other device types are permitted and this device must be fully insured by yourself) in school, then the device will need to be added to the school domain for ± 30 . To register your intention, please complete <u>this form</u> (one for each child) by 31 May 2023.



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And finally...

If you have any questions not covered by this **FAQ document** or the letters due to be sent out shortly, please get in touch:

- For enquiries about financial support, please e-mail <u>finance@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</u>
- For technical enquiries, please email <u>chromebooks@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</u>
- And for all other enquiries, please email <u>admin@parmiters.herts.sch.uk</u>

We very much look forward to enabling students at Parmiter's to take advantage of all of the educational benefits provided by this opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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