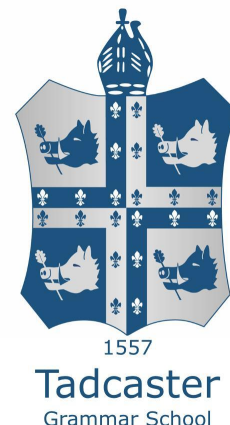


17th June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

Tadcaster Grammar School – Chromebooks for Learning Scheme

I am writing with an update relating to our *Chromebooks for Learning* scheme:

As you will be aware, we have now introduced our Chromebooks for Learning scheme to all Key Stage 3 students, and from September the current Year 9 students will embark on their examined courses of study in Key Stage 4 with chromebooks as part of their toolkit for learning.

The devices purchased through the scheme are now approaching the end of their third year, and I need to draw your attention to the fact that both **the accidental insurance and three year warranty will be ending this autumn**, on the anniversary of their receipt, and ownership of the Chromebooks, once payment is made in full, will transfer to the parent. Hopefully you and your children will have acknowledged the benefits of having their own device, both in school and at home. There is an expectation that students will continue to bring their devices into school each day from September, and the devices will continue to be the key access to e-learning and the internet over the coming years in school.

For those students who have not opted into the scheme, or whose Chromebooks are no longer serviceable, we will continue to ensure as best we can that they have access to a device during the school day, and we have increased our stock of loan devices to facilitate this. We will, however, not be able to guarantee that there are chromebooks available for students to take home, and it may be the case that you make your own provision for this. You may also choose to take advantage of the extension to our Chromebook scheme detailed below:

Key Stage 4 Chromebook scheme

We have been working with our ICT educational hardware provider Freedomtech, to explore an opportunity for parents to purchase a new chromebook, which students will be able to use over the course of Key Stage 4. This will have both insurance and warranty to cover the two year period of study. The device will NOT be a 'touchscreen' device, as we feel that this feature is less valuable to students in year 10 and 11. We have, however, opted for a robust and reliable device which is in everyday use already in school, and in which we have confidence, the Lenovo 100e Chromebook.

What is included? ([FULL DETAILS HERE](#))

- 11" Lenovo 100e chromebook (NOT the touchscreen device)
- a Google education licence which allows the device to be safely managed whilst in school
- education specific **two year accidental damage insurance**
- a full **two year warranty**, offering immediate replacement whilst repairs are undertaken, or a permanent replacement is being processed
- software and full on-site support whilst your child remains a student at Tadcaster Grammar School.

Ordering your chromebook

The portal for ordering your device opens on Thursday 1st July and closes Tuesday 10th August [CLICK HERE](#)

User Name: Y10Tad2021

Password: S3cure02!

Can I provide my own chromebook?

You can, if you wish, purchase a chromebook elsewhere for your child to use in school. It must meet the same specification as the devices offered by the scheme, and you will also need to order a 'Google education licence' through the school to allow it to benefit from the applications and device management we offer. This is a one-off cost of £25.00.

Please visit the *Chromebooks for Learning* page on the school website under the 'Parents' tab ([Click here](#)) which contains further information regarding the scheme. It also includes answers to frequently asked questions.

We would normally hold an information evening about the scheme in the summer term, designed to provide you with a better understanding of the initiative and how and when the "rollout" to the students will take place. Unfortunately we are unable to schedule this at present, but if you have any concerns or questions not addressed by the attached information sheet or web page, please contact chromebooks@tgs.starmat.uk.

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