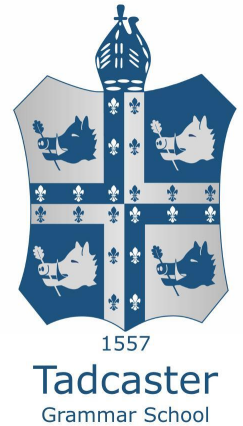


16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



Tadcaster Grammar School – Chromebooks for Learning Scheme

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

The portal for ordering your device closes on Friday 23rd July [CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

Over the course of the last year, the use of Google Classroom and the other apps has grown beyond all of our expectations, due in part to the requirement to periodically adopt 'Remote Learning' as a consequence of COVID-19. We have found it invaluable that so many of our students were able to access this learning using their chromebooks, and they have enabled delivery of resources, assessment opportunities and regular communication between teachers and students.

As we approach a new year here at Tadcaster Grammar School, we are all hoping to return to something approaching a 'normal' way of working, with students in the classroom.

The use of ICT will still however be an integral part of the learning journey, and it is vital that students can access online learning resources both in school and at home.

Do students have to take part in the Chromebooks for Learning scheme?

Although we hope families will take up this opportunity ***there is no obligation on parents to contribute to the scheme, as it is entirely voluntary.*** Students who do not have their own device will be able to borrow a chromebook when required, but will need to collect and return it to our ICT support team before and after use. We must stress, however, that without your support we will be unable to fully and effectively deliver this initiative.



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What are the next steps?

We are offering families the opportunity to purchase a device outright, or for a reasonable and competitive monthly direct debit payment, which will be significantly cheaper than the equivalent available on the high street. At the end of the payment period, the chromebook will be yours to keep.

Ordering your chromebook

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

You will receive:

- 11" Lenovo touchscreen chromebook
- a Google education licence which allows the device to be safely managed whilst in school
- education specific three year **accidental damage insurance**
- a full **three 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.
- A protective case for the chromebook

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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