



An Ashmole Trust School

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'Excellence, Aspiration and Care'

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 7 e-Learning – Tablets

We are issuing your child with their smart tablet device on Friday 3rd November, 2023. We hope it is a useful educational tool for them, aiding them in the completion of home learning, supporting learning in lessons and further developing their organisation and independence.

The device will be managed at all times through Mobile Guardian. Mobile Guardian ensures the school will always maintain full control of the device, including access to apps and web filtering both in school and at home. The camera will initially be unavailable but may be activated at a later date if required in school. This device is for educational purposes only and therefore students will not have access to anything not related to education such as social media platforms. As with any electronic device, it should always be used in a shared communal space to ensure the appropriate online safety requirements are adhered to. Please note that what your child accesses on the internet is still monitored and filtered within the school, therefore when using the device at home the responsibility and use of the internet will be with the parents/carers. Any infringements of inappropriate use of the internet may lead to a sanction. We therefore strongly advise you to ensure you have the correct filtering systems in place at home with your broadband provider and that you discuss online safety with them. The school will also be providing online safety training with your child when they receive their devices. If you would like support in setting up filtering with your broadband provider, please contact our IT team at the school.

Your child will primarily use their device to complete preparation and consolidation tasks via Google Classroom and Sparks and as such this is an excellent opportunity to engage with them about their learning. Students also have access to Renaissance Learning, a website used to develop literacy and a love of reading with a wealth of recommended books to read and quizzes.

Devices will be used throughout the school day and it is vital that all students bring their devices fully charged to school every day. Lessons will be planned and delivered on the assumption that students have their devices and those who do not will miss out on key elements of their learning. We will support students in establishing good routines but it is also important that parents help us to do this.

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with me at school.

Yours faithfully

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