



## ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to share some exciting news as part of our ongoing digital strategy at St Augustine's. Every student in Years 7 – 11 will be issued with a brand-new Chromebook, complete with a charger and a protective case, to support their learning both in school and at home.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to engage with technology in a meaningful and empowering way. The Chromebook will become a key part of their daily equipment, and we ask that students bring it to school fully charged each day, ready to use in lessons. Students will be expected to take full responsibility for the care of their device in line with our high expectations we have around equipment.

To ensure safety and appropriate use, all devices will be monitored through our school's safeguarding systems, both on-site and off-site. This allows us to maintain a safe digital environment while supporting independent learning.

The rollout of devices will be staggered, beginning with Year 11 next week, where the Chromebook will be an essential tool for revision and independent study. As the devices arrive on school site, each year group will receive further information, including full guidance on the 'Acceptable Use policy outlining expectations and responsibilities. We are confident that all students will be issued with their Chromebooks during the first term.

There is no charge for the device. However, please note that damages may be subject to a charge, and full details will be provided ahead of the rollout. Before the devices are handed out, an agreement will be issued to all parents and carers to sign to enable your child to receive their Chromebook. This will be done electronically via a survey link.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of the St Cuthbert's Trust whose investment in our students' futures has made this initiative possible. We understand that you may have questions about the devices, many of which will be answered in the specific year group letter that you will receive ahead of the rollout. We appreciate your patience as we begin this process, and more information will come to you in due course. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make the most of this exciting opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

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