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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 10 Bring Your Own Device

Now we have successfully launched a bring your own device scheme with the year 11s, we are able to gauge interest with the year 10s. If lockdown has taught me one thing about teaching and learning, it is that technology can play a really important role in supporting students to access the learning. With the increased usage of Microsoft Teams for independent study, we are keen to enhance the year 10s' learning by offering them the opportunity to bring their own electronic device to school. If there is support and interest from parents, we would ask students to bring in a laptop or a tablet with a keyboard attachment. It would need to have the capability to access the Google Chrome web browser and have sufficient battery life to last a school day. They would be responsible for the device and be bringing it to school at their own risk.

We understand that not all families are in a position to be able to provide their children with devices. If this scheme has general support, we would be in a position to provide a very limited number of Chromebooks to students. Priority for these would be given to those students in receipt of free school meals, then pupil premium. Whilst this is a school laptop, your child would still be responsible for taking care of it and should it be damaged, you would be responsible for covering the cost of repairs or replacement.

If there is support, we would look to roll out this scheme shortly. It would greatly support us during this time where we have had to reduce worksheets and contact between students, as teachers could then share documents to teams for students to access.

Please could you use the attached survey to let me know if you are interested and whether you would be able to provide your child with a device - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZBJQWFM>

Feel free to email me should you have any further questions regarding this. My email is elleanor.mclean@sirthomasfremantle.org

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Ellie McLean
Learning Leader of Year 10

