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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Technology in Year 9

I hope that you are all well and are ready for the return to school this week now that remote learning has come to an end and we can continue our in-class teaching. We have been busy at STFS getting things prepared for your return and I would like to update you all on where we are at with our technology push.

As you will be aware the roll out of Chromebooks began at the start of February with the hope that all members of year 9 will have a device that they can use in their lessons and at home - whether from the Chromebook initiative in school or from bringing student's own in from home. We will be reviewing whether this system works for all members of the school community throughout the year and we hope that it will be beneficial to the learning of all year 9 students. All devices need to be able to last for a school day of usage (this is highly unlikely to be continuous as teachers will no doubt wish to use other teaching approaches too) and also have a keyboard.

All students who wish to use a device in school will need to bring in a signed copy of the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) agreement and they can then be added onto the school internet. A copy of this agreement is attached with this email and should be read carefully by parents/carers and students to ensure that our expectations and rules about the use of devices is fully understood. Before we are able to grant access to the school internet, we must have the 'School Copy' of the agreement signed by students and parents/carers and returned to us. The other copy can be kept at home for your reference. While you are welcome to print a copy of the agreement to sign and return to school, we will also be providing students with a copy of the final signature page when they come in for testing on Wednesday 10th March 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind students that we are setting homework via Microsoft Teams as a continuation of the period of home study.

For those students who do not wish to bring in their own device, we may be able to offer them the use of some of our Chromebooks to ensure that all year 9s have the ability to access technology to support their GCSE preparation - however, we will require you to sign up to the Chromebook Agreement attached.

Yours Faithfully,

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