



# Tadcaster Grammar School

*'A Culture of Excellence'*

Dear Year 6 Parents

## Chromebooks for Learning

I am pleased to be able to inform you that we have made the decision to launch our 'Chromebooks for Learning' initiative in September, for students joining us in Year 7. We have had a very positive response over the last few weeks, and a commitment from parents which has well exceeded the threshold we put in place to make the scheme viable. Many thanks for your support, without which this would not have been possible.

**I need to remind those who have not yet indicated that they would like to participate through our 'Freedomtech' portal, that the closing date for orders is tomorrow, 11 July at midnight. Only orders received before this deadline will ensure delivery in September.**

A decision has also been made to allow parents to opt for a chromebook of their own choosing if they prefer, provided that it meets the key points of the specification for the Viglen chromebook we are recommending.

*Please note that you would also be required to purchase a Google Chrome licence, which would allow the chromebook to be incorporated into our Google education domain. Unless the device is registered in this way, it would not be able to access the educational applications or be managed by our school administrator. We would purchase this licence on your behalf, for a one off payment of £20. Please also be aware that insurance and warranty would be wholly your responsibility if you opt to take this route.*

Unfortunately it will not be possible for students to use any other type of device other than a Chromebook. Windows based laptops, Apple MacBooks, or other similar mobile devices do not function in the same way, and students would certainly be disadvantaged if they were to use these alongside their peers. If you require further clarification, please ask us for advice.

If you intend to buy your own device which meets our requirements, it is essential that you notify us that you require a Google Chrome license **no later than 11 July**. This must be done via the school website, using the online form we have provided.

Finally, many thanks to all families who have shown their support for this exciting initiative

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