



# Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Principal: Mr E Hodges



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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you in order to update you with regard to the provision of 1:1 devices for pupils next year. At the end of Term 5 we conducted a survey of parents to get a sense of the level of support for this scheme. We have a very high level of response, well over 50% of the cohort and the results were very clear. Of those who responded 85% agreed or strongly agreed that we should pursue a scheme where students in years 7-11 got a 1:1 device, in this case a Chromebook. Only 2% of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Further to this a similar proportion of respondents were prepared to contribute financially to this scheme, with a small percentage saying they were willing but currently unable, and only a very small group unwilling to contribute.

On the basis of these responses, along with discussions with staff about how they may be used and in conjunction with the Trust, which will support the process and provide the infrastructure, I am very pleased to share that we will be pressing forward with this scheme and anticipate all students in years 7-11 having a Chromebook for use in school and at home by the end of Term 1 in October.

We have some further aspects to work through and I will be writing with more details in September. I am writing now to follow up on our previous request for your views and to share our position as it develops. One aspect that I can clarify now, is that whilst we hope for a financial contribution from all parents who are able, we will be looking to provide Chromebooks regardless of whether a contribution is made. I would hope that this will not dissuade those parents who can contribute from doing so. If we do not get enough contributions, then it is highly likely that the scheme will not be viable.

In the meantime, I would take this opportunity to thank you for your support in what has been a very challenging year. We will be in contact regularly through the summer with further information about precise arrangements for September.

Yours sincerely

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