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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, we have recently launched our Chromebooks for Learning Scheme and we are very excited about the opportunities presented by using Chromebooks.

We felt that it was a good time to remind parents/carers about the expectations for required equipment in the Sixth Form. During her presentations, Mrs Kay has discussed that all incoming Year 12 students will need a personal computer for their studies at Tring School. We are aware that many students already own a laptop or Chromebook and as Sixth Form students we are happy for them to bring these in. If they do wish to bring their own device, for legal safeguarding purposes, we will need to run a programme for monitoring the device whilst students are on the school site and connected to the school WiFi.

Students may wish to take advantage of the new Chromebook scheme available via the school which will have the safeguarding programme already applied to it.

A Chromebook is Google's version of a portable computer that is cloud based and is smaller and slimmer than a traditional laptop. They are able to boot up in less than 8 seconds and have a battery life of 8-10 hours, making them an ideal device for educational purposes. Chromebooks are usually a lot cheaper than traditional laptops. As a school we have chosen to introduce Chromebooks because our students have shown that they really enjoy working with them and they have brought a new dimension to our students' learning experience.

We have two devices that we are offering as part of the rollout for students lower down the school. The Asus C201 for £149.00 and the Asus C202 for £185.00. Both of these prices include warranty and the Google Management fee. For more information on the devices please visit the school website and click on the Google link on the homepage. The link is as follows: <http://tring.herts.sch.uk/chromebook-11/>

If you would like to purchase a Chromebook in light of our recent announcement, we are pleased to offer the Chromebook scheme to our Sixth Form students. This will allow you to take advantage of the discounted Chromebooks we have been able to secure for the students at Tring School.

Many of our leading universities and businesses are now using Google and Google Apps for Education. Therefore the purchase of a Chromebook may be a good long term investment for your child, as they will be able to use it as they progress with their studies or into the world of work.

Those students entitled to support from the bursary fund will be given financial support to subsidise the cost of a Chromebook. If you would like further information regarding the bursary, please visit the following page on our website: <http://tring.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/bursary-info-2015-16.pdf>

If you wish to find out further information about the scheme, please press the Google button on the front of the school website. If you have further questions regarding Google Chromebooks, please email chromebooks@tringschool.org

We are also planning a short information evening on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at 5.00 pm. This will be an opportunity for us to share information regarding the Chromebooks and for you to ask any questions you may have about this scheme.

Yours faithfully

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