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Dear Parents and Carers

**Provision of BYOD to Further Year Groups**

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) was introduced in September 2018 to students in Year 7 and 8. I am pleased to say that BYOD is now used by the majority of subjects, with students reporting lessons with BYOD are enjoyable and that BYOD helps them make more progress.

We are however aware that further improvements can be made to maximize the potential of BYOD. As such we are providing staff with regular training and guidance on the use of BYOD.

We have also decided to delay the roll out of BYOD to further year groups until September 2019. Further details for the next phase of BYOD, including the allocated year groups will be confirmed in the summer term. I appreciate that this is later than previously published and I apologise for any confusion caused.

In the meantime, may I please suggest that parents of students in Years 9 and 10 do not purchase a laptop specifically for BYOD until you receive further confirmation.

Sixth Form students may continue to bring in their own devices if they wish. The device needs to be Windows based, as this is the School’s operating system. Therefore, the following devices are not compatible: Kindles, Phones, iPads, Macbooks and Chrome Books.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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