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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that we have trialled portable laptop computers called Chromebooks with some Year 7 to 11 students this year. The trials have been a success so we would like all of our new Year 8 students in September 2019 to have one leased from school. Students who sign up will be issued with a named Chromebook. The students will bring their Chromebooks into school each day so that they can be used in lessons. They will take them home every evening, weekend and holiday to help with their independent study. They will need to charge the device at home. At school, the Chromebooks are linked to the wifi network and at home you can set them to your own wifi.

In the trials, we found the Chromebooks to be an invaluable educational tool. The students found that they not only made independent and research tasks easier, they also found that they were much more motivated and enjoyed working more. Teachers found that using Chromebooks made it easier to increase the breadth and variety of learning tasks. Parents were pleased that the Chromebooks were user-friendly, robust and easy to use, they also commented on the students' increased motivation. We have clear rules in school about how and when the Chromebooks are to be used and the students are very clear about how to use them sensibly and effectively.

The Chromebooks will be leased to the students for a cost of around £10 per month for 36 months. At the end of the lease period, the Chromebook becomes yours. This cost gives the student exclusive use of their Chromebook and also includes an insurance policy, which provides cover for all breakdowns, damage, loss and theft.

FreedomTech who will run the leasing scheme for us will be making a presentation to parents to give you more information and you will be informed of this date once we have finalised it.

Please log onto our website www.northallertonschool.org.uk where you will find further details about the scheme under 'curriculum' 'SAIL'. 'Chromebook Scheme'. Here you will find details about the lease agreement and some frequently asked questions. Shortly a portal will open which will allow you to register your interest.

Should you have any further questions, we would be happy to answer these for you. Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01609 773340.

Yours faithfully

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