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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Chromebook, Year 8 - Thursday 2 May 2024

Venue: School Hall @ 6pm

We are writing to inform you of the exciting learning and teaching developments at Wildern School. Following the launch of a Chromebook scheme 9 years ago, we are delighted to open the scheme for your child for participation from September 2024 in Year 9.

A Chromebook is Google's version of a portable computer and is cloud based so has an impressive boot-up time of less than 8 seconds. This year we have managed to secure cheaper pricing by only offering 1 device. The Chromebook on offer has touchscreen capabilities along with the ability to fold into a tablet and it comes with a stylus. Chromebooks fully sync with all our IT services used in lessons.

We have seen how technology can allow for greater opportunities for personalised interventions and to enable our students to be more independent, innovative and provide access to materials they need whenever and wherever they are working.

This scheme is **non-profit** making for Wildern and enables families to lease a Chromebook over the course of your child's GCSE studies, having full ownership of the device at the end of the scheme. Or alternatively, should you wish to, you can purchase a Chromebook independently. We ask you to insure the device to enable your child to bring it to school.

To find out more about the scheme we request your attendance at our information event on Thursday 2 May 2024 at 6.00pm in the Main School Hall. This event will involve a presentation, hands-on time with the device, speak to subject teachers about specific use in lessons and for self-study, and speak with technicians about any IT questions you may have.

If you would like to attend this session then please register your interest by using the link to visit the Eventbrite page <u>HERE</u>

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at what we hope will be a helpful and informative evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Walmsley
Edtech/New Tech Co-ordinator

















