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Aldridge School - An Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian

An opportunity to purchase Mobile Technology

At the start of this academic year parents of Year 7 and 8 pupils were invited to purchase an iPad, iPad Mini or MacBook Air. This was to take advantage of our upgraded wireless system and new teaching and learning materials as well as encouraging responsible and safe use of the internet.

Following the success of this initial initiative we are now pleased to be able to extend this offer to pupils in Year 9. Our supplier for the units are BT who are offering parents the opportunity to purchase the most current and up to date equipment on a 12 or 24 month payment plan. Please see the attached information which gives details of how to place your order.

We will be continuing to develop our work on mobile technology along with our new learning platform "Frog". All homework will shortly be accessible via Frog and parents will be able to have access to assignments and your son/daughter's work.

We know these developments will be important in taking our teaching and learning forward and in preparing your child for life in a world where technology is playing such a vital role.

Pupils are able to use their own devices in school, for those that do not have access at present we hope that they will be able to take advantage of the offer from BT.

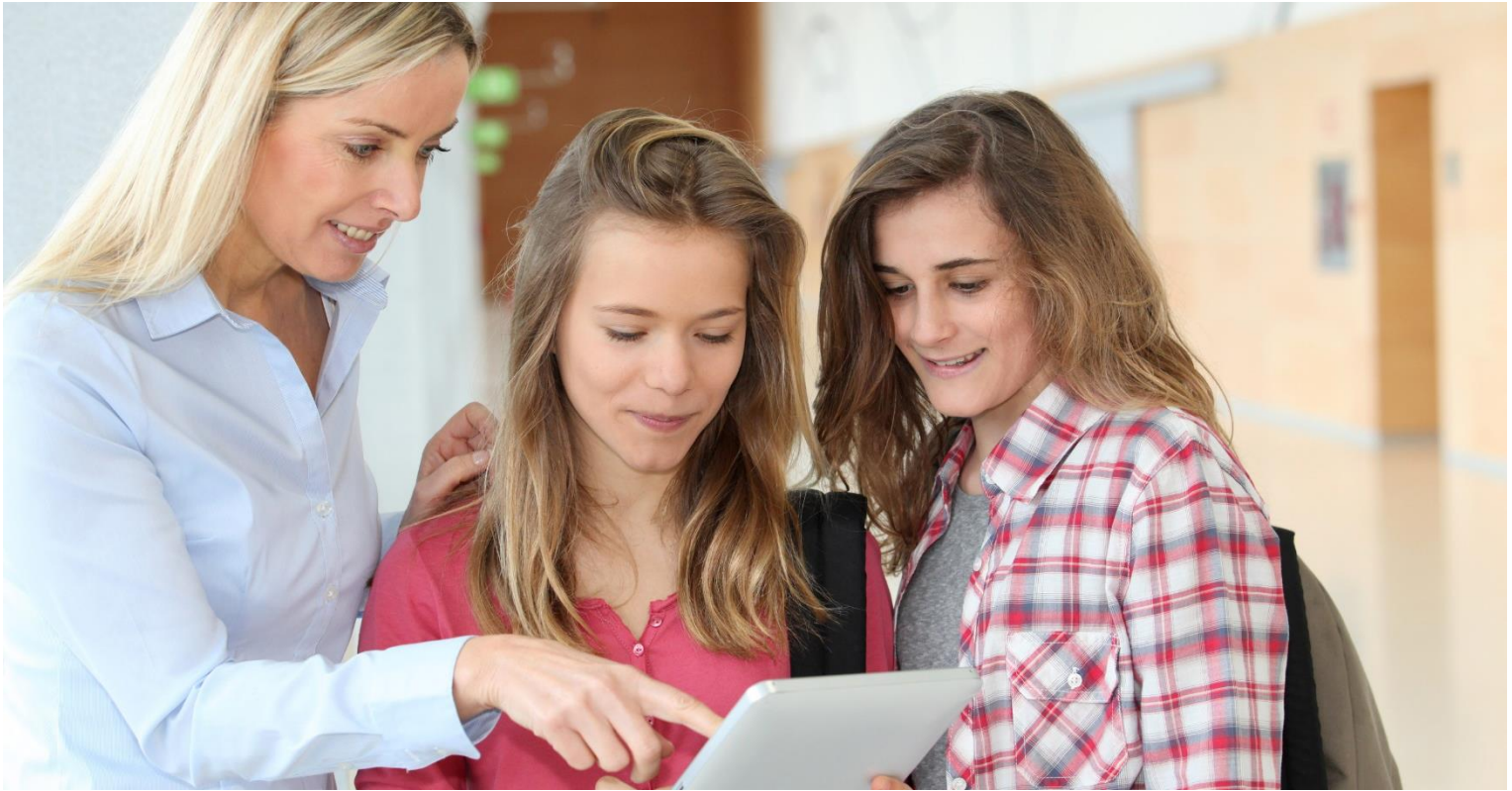
If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

D Mountney
Headteacher

Achieving excellence together





At Aldridge School we want to provide students with state-of-the-art IT equipment that works seamlessly with your own systems

Having access to the latest technology when and where they need it gives students the very best chance of success in and beyond the classroom. But, for parents, making that investment can often be a struggle and the equipment they choose may not always be in line with the schools existing systems and infrastructure.

THE EQUIPMENT ON OFFER

The Programme is geared towards Apple devices due to the utilisation in the school and the enhanced learning both at School and at home that they provide.

All devices come with protective cases, 3 year warranties in case of any possible technical problems, as well as 3 year insurance for accidental damage and theft.

HOW TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT STUDENTS' LEARNING

Independent academic research undertaken in Scotland during 2013 by the University of Hull found that:-

- The ownership of a personal mobile device facilitates many of the pedagogical aspirations set out in Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence framework.
- The adoption of mobile technologies on a personal basis significantly increases access to technology for students, with many attendant benefits for learning which include greater motivation, engagement, parental involvement, and understanding of complex ideas.
- Personal 'ownership' is seen as the single most important factor for successful use of this technology
- Parents also appear to become more engaged with the school and their child's learning when the device travels home with the student.

HOW THE DEVICE IS FUNDED

Parents enter into fixed monthly payments based on the term and type of device that want with the added benefits –

- No personal credit check
- All devices come with full warranty
- All devices come with accidental damage and theft insurance
- All devices come with a military grade protective case
- The device becomes the yours at the end with no extra cost
- Device is used at school and at home to enhance learning
- Saving up to 26% vs the high street



FAQs

How long can I spread the payments over?

12 or 24 months depending on how long your child has left at the school

What happens at the end of the agreement?

On your final payment the device becomes yours

Will there be any credit checks

No everyone is approved and there aren't any credit checks

Do I have to install the apps?

No the school will provide the apps that are required

What is the excess on the insurance policy?

There is no excess on either the insurance or warranty and you will receive the hotline numbers with your device which is all supported by BT

Can they use the device at home?

Yes the student can use the device to further enhance their learning and we recommend that you set your security setting on your Wi-Fi accordingly

How many devices can I have?

One per student at the school

When will I receive the device?

The ordering window will go live on the 11th February 2015 and orders need to be placed by 8th March 2015 and your first direct debit will be collected on 25th March 2015 and the device will be delivered to the school during by 15th April.

To place your order, go to –

student.freedomtech.co.uk

Username: Aldridge02

Password: Welcome01

THE PORTAL OPENS ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY 2015