

22 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Year 8 Student Tablet Device Loan**

We are so proud of our students' resilience with their remote learning and are delighted to be back open to all students and see them settled back into the classroom. As a Trust we recognise the hard work that went into using Microsoft Teams from both teachers and students and would like to continue this innovative way of enhancing learning in the classroom.

We are excited to announce our new technology innovation trial. **We are allocating a loan device to all year 8 students to use in the classroom and at home.** The device we have selected for this trial is a Samsung Galaxy Tab A. The devices will be used in the classroom in a blended way to enhance and support learning, and at home to support students with any one-to-one intervention, Hegarty/GCSEpod.

Students will be permitted to use a personal broadband connection/hotspot at home, and we ask that they are used in line with the acceptable use policy. Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it (fully charged) to school everyday, similar to other items, such as their planner. Students must care for their device, which will be provided in a robust case, and will fit easily into your child's school bag. The Academy will provide technical support for the devices. The device will remain the property of the Academy and must be returned in good condition with reasonable wear and tear at the end of year 8 before we break up for summer.

We look forward to the new and exciting educational opportunities that this technology innovation trial will bring. We ask that you **please read, complete and sign the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) to allow the allocation of the loan device to your child.** Please click the link below in order to access and complete the AUP [*press control+click to follow the link*].

<https://forms.office.com/r/JkMqcGHBSN>

If you require further information, please contact Miss King by email: [kings@valeacademy.org.uk](mailto:kings@valeacademy.org.uk) to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Williams'.

**Mrs N Williams**  
**Associate Executive Principal**