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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following our letter to you on April 2nd we are writing to confirm the process for purchasing a Chromebook for your child.

From September 2025 the school is changing the way its **Chromebook Device Scheme** operates. Parents/carers with older children in the school should note that this is different from the previous scheme available to students. In order to ensure that all students have access to the tools they need to succeed, **the scheme now requires that all students use a school-chosen Chromebook, which must be purchased via our official partner, Freedom Tech**. All students will be required to have the same touchscreen Chromebook with a stylus as part of their school equipment. This ensures compatibility with our systems, security settings and support structure.

The device provided through the scheme is the ASUS Chromebook CZ11 Flip, which is a compact and versatile 11.6" touchscreen device. The cost through the scheme is more expensive than purchasing a device through a store or online, but does include a warranty and repair service as detailed in the accompanying flyer. You can choose to buy the device upfront or spread payments over a number of years.

This device, suitable for use both at school and at home, will be equipped with a licence that enables the school to manage and configure the Chromebook, limiting personal use. This setup ensures robust filtering and safeguarding, while integrating smoothly with Google Workspace for Education and the school's network.

Ordering Portal Details

Place your order via this [Ordering Portal link](#) (Please sign up and create an account to place your order.)

Key dates

Portal opens - 19/05/2025

Portal closes - 17/07/2025

First direct debit - 04/08/2025

Payments will start on 4th August for all payment options. This will enable any payment issues to be ironed out before students receive their Chromebook at the start of term in September.



Financial support

We are committed to ensuring that all students have access to this essential learning tool. **For families currently in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM), or who have received FSM within the last six years, a discount will be applied, subsidised by the school. Eligible families will receive a separate flyer with discounted rates so please look out for a follow-up email.**

If your child is not eligible for FSM but you require financial assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are dedicated to ensuring that all students have equal access to learning technology and will assess individual circumstances to provide support where possible.

Next steps

Please place your order using the link provided above. More details are included in the accompanying flyer. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please feel free to contact us at newintake@hgs.herts.sch.uk. We look forward to supporting your child's learning journey and working together to ensure they have the best possible start at Hitchin Girls' School.

Yours faithfully,



Emma Freeman
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