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Dear Parent,

## **1-TO-1 NEW MOBILE TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE**

Worksop College is excited to be continuing its 1-to-1 mobile technology initiative this September. Students in Year 7 upwards will be encouraged to bring a laptop to use for educational purposes. Having ongoing access to technology will help your child develop greater independence, increase engagement and develop skills required to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Last year we have carried out our own research looking at the type of technology our students currently use, this has been in response to parent and teacher feedback. We have looked at how it fits into our school systems, and how mobile technology is currently used to promote learning in the classroom. We have worked closely with our subject leaders at Worksop College and Ranby House, gathering their experience, concerns and opinions.

Following on from this research several different devices were trialled, what we found worked seamlessly with our schools own Microsoft system was the HP ProBook X360. Especially with our online teaching and learning platform Microsoft Teams. The device was also deemed to be robust and flexible in the way it could be used – one feature is that it can convert from a laptop to a tablet. Our Prep School liked it so much we even invested in a mobile class set that could be implemented in a prep school environment.

We are therefore, currently working with a carefully selected supplier to set up an exclusive package to offer you. This package includes: HP ProBook X360, 3 year comprehensive insurance and 3 year HP warranty. A dedicated portal has been set with options to purchase the HP ProBook X360.

The portal can be accessed via this link: <u>https://worksop-student.edutechstore.zone/</u>

The portal will stay open till **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**, allowing time for the device to be delivered to the College for that start of the academic year. The HP ProBook X360 will be handed out after the start of term, along with additional training.

Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the ICT Support Team or take a look at the frequently asked questions on the school website <u>FAQs</u>.

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Yours sincerely

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