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Dear Parents

Year 7 iPad Information Evening
1800 – 1845 Monday 24 June 2019, Queen’s Hall

As you may be aware, our current Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students use iPads in lessons and when completing homework. As part of the RGS Digital Strategy, we believe our boys must have the ability to use digital technology to support and enhance their learning / work. We are focusing on developing the key skills they will need in the wider world with particular focus on the Office 365 suite of applications.

From November 2019 we would like your son to have an iPad in School to use in lessons. If your son does not have his own suitable iPad, we are able to offer access to devices through a very affordable scheme, the details of which are attached after this letter.

We understand you will have questions about the use of iPads in School and have organised an Information Evening on **Monday 24 June** in the **Queen’s Hall**. It will run from **1800 - 1845** and we do not expect your son to attend.

Please confirm your attendance using the Parents’ Meeting software which can be accessed by clicking on this link <https://rgshw.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and logging on in the usual way.

Finally, to ensure your son’s iPad is kept secure during Games, PE, break and lunch time we ask you to reserve a locker for him when the information comes home prior to the start of Year 8. Please contact me (hmf@rgshw.com), in confidence, if the cost of purchasing an iPad or hiring a locker will be difficult for you to afford.

We look forward to meeting you on 24 June and thank you, in advance, for your support,

Yours sincerely

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Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe iPad Scheme – 2019

iPads at RGS

iPads are an important feature of the School's curriculum teaching and are introduced to pupils in Year 8. Parents have the choice of providing an iPad themselves for their son's use or they can participate in the School's iPad scheme.

What does the School's programme offer?

The iPad offered by the scheme is an Apple iPad 32 Gb with wifi **together with keyboard and a robust case**. In addition, a 2-year warranty is included as well as insurance. The iPad can be used at home as well as school but please note that the devices are restricted so that social media websites for example cannot be accessed.

How does the programme work?

The iPad scheme runs for a period of 2 years and is administered on behalf of the School by The Learning Foundation which is a registered education charity.

Parents can choose to either make a one-off donation or regular monthly donations over a 24-month period. In return your son has the use of an iPad both at home and school for 2 years. At the end of the 2 years you can choose to either return the device to the school or buy the device from the School at the market value.

The Learning Foundation and gift aid

The Learning Foundation collects donations on behalf of the School to save us administration costs. They will collect your donation as one upfront payment or every month, (as you decide), apply for Gift Aid where applicable and then grant the money back to the school to pay the programme expenses.

It is vital that you "tick the gift aid box" if you are a UK taxpayer otherwise the cost of administering the collection of monthly donations has to be paid by the School.

How much will it cost?

If you choose to make a single upfront donation the cost will be **£295.00**. Alternatively, you can choose to make monthly donations of **£14.50 for the 24 months of the 2-year programme**.

A few questions and answers

- Who owns the iPads? The iPads are the property of the School and are provided to students at the discretion of the School. Your contribution is a charitable donation towards the programme, not a payment towards the iPad.
- What happens at the end of two years? The School has no plans to retain the devices after the end of the scheme. They will be offered to parents for a small fee (currently estimated at £56) linked to the market value at that time in line with Gift Aid rules.
- What happens if the iPad gets damaged or lost? The iPad will be insured for accidental damage (provided it is in the recommended case) and theft. However, if your son is careless or damages the iPad deliberately you will be asked to cover the cost of repair