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Dear Parents and Carers

We continue to review and evolve our plans for September in line with the changing DfE guidance. We have looked extensively at our catering facility and reviewed our procedures carefully. As a result of this **all** payments for food must now be made online using the school gateway system. Full details for the School Gateway Website and the School Gateway App can be found on our website here: [School Gateway Information](#).

The Cunningham machines will not be available in September for uploading money in school so can you please ensure that your child's lunch account has a cash balance sufficient for their lunch purchase. If there are any issues with this please contact us using the [trentham@trenthamacademy.co.uk](mailto:trentham@trenthamacademy.co.uk) email address. We are also unable to offer a snack menu at break time; therefore, I am requesting you provide your child/children with an appropriate snack and drink for their break. Students in Years 7,8 and 9 will have lunch at 12.20 pm and students in years 10 and 11 at 1.20pm. There will be a clean down between lunch breaks. Water coolers are located in the dining room which means they will only be available to students at lunchtime so students should ensure they arrive at school with sufficient water for the morning.

### **iPads and Teaching and Learning**

iPads are an essential item for lesson delivery at Trentham Academy. They have become even more important in supporting our team to deliver the very best education whilst meeting the DfE guidance. The guidance requires teachers to reduce close teacher-student working and requires all students to sit facing the front of the classroom. By making use of iPad functionality, we will uphold our high standards for effective teaching and learning in the classroom, delivering an engaging curriculum, ensuring prompt feedback and enabling virtual groups through iPad use. We want every child to ensure they fulfil their potential and ask you to ensure your child's iPad is in good working order and fully charged every day, ready for a full day of use in the classroom. If your child's iPad is in need of repair and the iPad is still under warranty please contact Mr Barlow as soon as possible at [wbarlow@trenthamacademy.co.uk](mailto:wbarlow@trenthamacademy.co.uk).

### **Year 10 and 11 iPad Schemes**

If your child is entering Year 10 and you would like your child to have a new iPad and further insurance, our Y10 iPad scheme online portal is open. To sign up you will need to go to the following website [www.cpu.co.uk/mobilelearning/signup](http://www.cpu.co.uk/mobilelearning/signup) (the portal code is y10trentham2020). The scheme is optional and will last for 20 months (until the end of Year 11) after which you will then own the device. The cost for the scheme is £21.50 per month for 20 months, with the total cost being £430. This can also be paid for with one single payment but you will not own the device until after the 20 months. This scheme includes:

- iPad 32GB WiFi 10.2"



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- Rugged Case
- Glass Screen Protector
- 2 Years MDM (school iPad management system)
- 2 Years Insurance

We are exploring a one-year option for any Year 11 students who are without a working laptop. If you are interested in this option please contact Mr Barlow on the email address printed above.

It is vital that year 10 and 11 students have operational iPads as they are used daily and their impact on learning will continue to be a significant factor in their GCSEs. In the eventuality of further lockdown measures, this technology would support your child's continued learning. This has been one of the real benefits during this Covid crisis and has allowed us to create a flexible and robust digital learning curriculum to ensure our students have progressed as fast as possible.

### House Competitions

I would like to thank the students for their continued dedication to the house competitions during the last few months. The results were very close but congratulations to Apollo House with 21826 points who took 1st place. 2nd place Voyager with 21809 and 3rd place to Pioneer with 20312 points. There will be numerous opportunities to participate in a broad spectrum of house events next year and I look forward to seeing the students next term take every opportunity presented to them.

### Finally

Can I remind you that we have reduced our visitors to site and we ask parents and stakeholders not to visit the Academy without an appointment. If you require an urgent appointment, please email the Academy and we will endeavour to support your request. We will continue to review all of our procedures in line with the Government guidance to ensure the safety of both our students and staff on our site. I hope you have a lovely summer and I look forward to welcoming your children back to our Academy in September.

Yours sincerely



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