

1:1 at AHS

Almost all of us are using ICT in our everyday lives, in ways that we would never have envisaged just a few years ago. Employers, universities and the economy are all wanting our students to flourish in an increasingly digital world.

After a lot of consultation and research, and with the support of parents, we moved to a 1:1 system at AHS last year, so all our students have been using their own devices since September 2018.

I must pay tribute to the great work that has gone on across the school and the way that everyone has embraced GSuite and other tools to enhance our lessons. 99% of our students now own their own device and are making very good use of them in their day to day learning, with the small proportion of students who did not purchase a device able to borrow one from our library each day. Chromebooks have given our students access to all sorts of exciting educational apps and we have been impressed with how much more collaborative their learning has become. Google Classroom has been particularly beneficial in enabling them to share work and receive feedback – and all of this is available at home as well as at school.

There will obviously be plenty of times when ICT plays no part in lessons and, unless and until exams go on-line, there will continue to be a real need to keep using pen and paper for the moment. However, using the power of technology whenever it is appropriate is allowing us to transform teaching and learning at Aylesbury High School.

Please read on for more details of our 1:1 scheme, including how you can purchase a Chromebook for your daughter. Information is also on our website.

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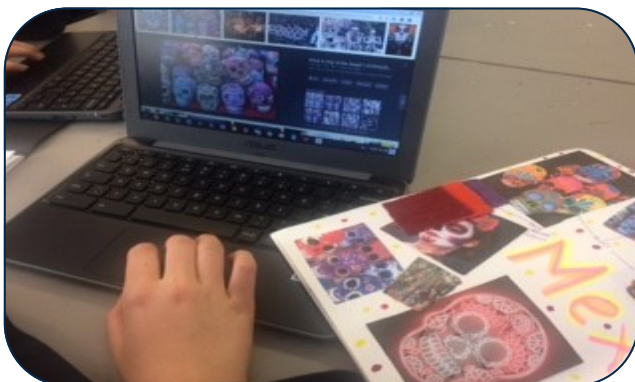
About Chromebooks

What is a Chromebook?

- A Chromebook runs an operating system called ChromeOS (rather than Windows or Apple's OS X).
- Chromebooks are made by a range of manufacturers.
- They are designed with the cloud in mind.
- There are thousands of apps and extensions available, many of them free.

Why Chromebooks?

- Very fast startup time (typically 8-10 seconds).
- Excellent battery life (more than enough for a day's use).
- Instant access to GSuite for Education (Gmail, Calendar, Google Drive, Google Classroom etc) and virtually unlimited cloud storage.
- Excellent for collaboration.
- The operating system and the GSuite apps are regularly updated without you noticing (and for free).
- Very resistant to viruses and Trojans.
- Purchase cost low compared with other devices.



How will students use them?

- Research - individually and collaboratively
- Using Google Classroom
- Apps such as Kahoot, Quizlet, Geogebra and Kaizena
- Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, etc for own use and collaboration
- Google Drive gives access to files at home and school
- Online marking
- Email

Purchasing

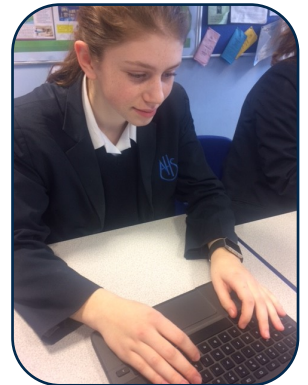


There will be various purchase options such as:

- One-off payment with 3-year warranty and insurance
- Monthly payments, for 12, 24 or 36 months, with 3-year warranty and insurance

How Much?

- We are still working on getting the best deal for you, and will be able to give you exact prices in the Summer Term.
- If you already own a Chromebook, the option of buying an AHS Google licence is £30, but the Chromebook must be a UK Chromebook and meet our specifications.



Financial support

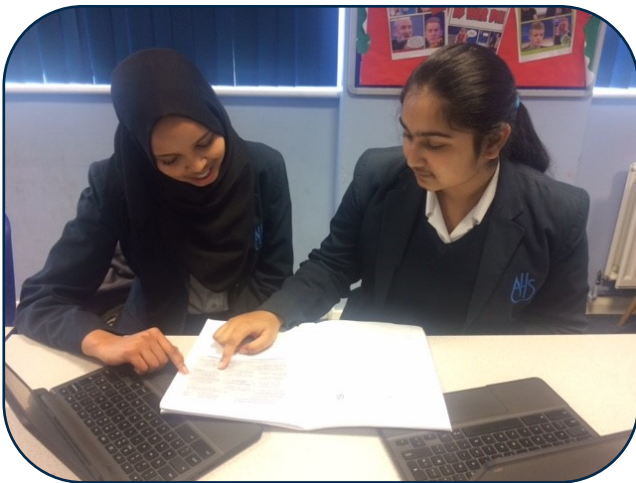
- Students who are entitled to Free School Meals can purchase their Chromebook at a much-reduced cost - we will write to you about this.
- Other parents can apply for financial support through the on-line form "[Request for Financial Assistance](#)" on the school web site.

What if I don't want to buy a Chromebook for my daughter?

- There is no compulsion to purchase a Chromebook but we hope that parents and students will be sufficiently convinced of the benefits of owning a device that can be used both in school and at home that they do choose to buy one.
- Students who don't have a Chromebook will need to collect one from the Library each morning and return it each afternoon; those devices can't be taken home.
- If you already own a UK Chromebook which fits our specification, you may use this in school, as long as we install an AHS Google licence. There is a cost of £30 for this option.

What's Next?

- We will give you further details of how to purchase your Chromebook at the Information Evening on 6 May
- The payment portal will open in June and close in July
- Chromebooks will be delivered to school over the summer holidays, available for your daughter to use on her first day



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