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Dear Parents and Carers

As part of the de Ferrers Trust, we are delighted to launch our 1:1 iPad programme to enhance teaching and learning at The Pingle Academy. The de Ferrers Academy has been a leading worldwide Academy for digital technology for 6 successful years.

The aim of the iPad programme is to equip every Year 9 student with the tools and resources needed to support learning in the 21st century. The use and integration of new technologies is central to this programme. Evidence has shown that it can significantly improve the attainment levels and study skills of our students.

During the first few weeks of the new Academic year, in September, The Pingle Academy will provide all Year 9 students with access to an Apple iPad (32GB 2018 model) as a personal digital device. Students will be able to retain the iPad assigned to them until the completion of their courses in Year 11 (June 2021), after which time they will have the option to either return the device or purchase it outright for its residual value. They will also be able to continue to use them if they stay on as part of the Sixth Form.

The Academy will provide also students with a stylus, a managed Apple ID with 200GB of free cloud storage and access to digital study resources and tools which can be used both in and out of the Academy, as well as providing a managed wireless infrastructure for internet access. Profiling will be used to initially set up the iPad and restrict access of apps to age-appropriate use and to filter internet, in and out of the Academy. See the Pingle Academy website for more details.

The cost of the programme is £60 per student per year, equivalent to just £1.50 per school week, which we understand is cheaper than almost any other Academy offering this option. The Trust is subsidising the project through ICT Development funding. If parents wish to purchase the iPad at the end of June 2021, they will be able to do so for a final payment of approximately £80 – a considerable saving on High Street prices.

For students who are, or ever have been, entitled to Free School Meals, the Academy will use its Pupil Premium funding to ensure access for all. Please let Mr Done know in writing if this applies.

Can you please complete the enclosed agreement and return it to your Form Tutor by Wednesday 18 July. Please note - students must pay the £60 (2018-19 contribution) and return the signed form before they can receive their iPad. All payments should be made only through Wisepay; a link is available on the Academy website. If you do not have a Wisepay account, please contact Reception. Cheques and cash are not acceptable as payment for an iPad. We intend to distribute iPads to students in September 2018.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Done
Assistant Principal