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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a school committed to improving our students’ digital literacy whilst finding innovative ways to enhance teaching and learning in the classroom, we are excited to be launching our ‘Microsoft Notebook for Learning’ scheme in September 2019. This will enable our students to use their own Notebook in their lessons and at home. To achieve this, we are offering parents/carers the opportunity to purchase the Notebook at a very competitive and affordable price.

A Microsoft Notebook is a portable ‘laptop’ computer that is smaller, slimmer and faster than a traditional laptop. All storage is unlimited, whilst the speed and software encourage high quality independent and collaborative work. Other key advantages over usual laptops are that they are safer, more secure, more robust and more affordable than many laptops on the market, with longer battery life, stricter parental controls and linked to your other devices, such as a smartphone. Thousands of secondary school students across the UK are using Notebooks to help students develop their digital proficiency and we don’t want our students to miss out.

A Notebook allows students to access a suite of educational tools that can help increase opportunities for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity, all while supporting the learning objectives that our teachers have for our students. Students can work together in class or at home to complete assignments and group projects.

As a Trust we have chosen to introduce Notebooks because our students have shown that they really enjoy working with them and they have brought a new dimension to our students’ learning experience. With every student using their own Notebook, lessons will become even more personalised, allowing access to a wide variety of different resources and facilitating collaborative working in and outside of the classroom. Our pilot of this scheme last summer at The Forest Academy proved highly impactful and students are already keen to get started.

In preparation for the September 2019 launch, we will be holding a number of information evenings about the scheme. The evenings will last approx. 40 minutes. There is a leaflet attached to this letter which contains crucial information



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regarding the scheme and I would ask you to spend some time reading through this. As a school, we have tried to provide you with as much information as possible. If you have any further questions or queries about the scheme, please do contact us at Notebooks@beaconacademytrust.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



Ms Thompson
Principal, Beacon Business Innovation Hub

HP ProBook Specification:

Our HP ProBook x360 11 G1 Notebook is an easy to carry device designed to protect against bumps, has met military standard drop test requirements and has a spill resistant keyboard. The notebook uses the latest Microsoft Windows 10 Operating System and comes pre-loaded with licenses for Microsoft Office Student edition. There is also free access to the Microsoft Office Certification Diploma (MOS) course, a globally recognised industry specific curriculum programme designed to demonstrate to an employer that the holder has the skills needed to get the most out of specific Office software packages. This MOS certification alone is worth £108. This 11.6" notebook has a flip design that converts easily from a notebook to a tablet to a stand to a tent and moves seamlessly between the classroom and home.



The price also includes 36 months insurance against accidental damage and theft, a swap out warranty, a Dicota Perfect Skin Sleeve and options to pay monthly from one to three years or the total cost up front.