

# st. mary's menston

## Laptops for sixth form 2010

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**S**t. Mary's has a wireless network throughout the school campus which provides the opportunity for students to use laptops to access their documents, the internet and learning resources through our school network.

We are offering the chance for parents of students who are applying to join our 6th form next academic year to **purchase laptop computers through school.**

It should be stressed that there is **no compulsory requirement for parents to obtain a laptop computer for their children.** However, for security reasons no devices purchased outside of this scheme will be enabled to access the school network.

In order to get best value for these laptops and pass it on to you, the school will purchase the laptops initially and loan them to your child while they are at St. Mary's. Parents then pay for the laptops by a monthly standing order (over 21 months). On completion of the payments, when your child leaves St. Mary's, we will hand over the ownership rights to the laptop so that they can be taken on to university.

### The benefits of this scheme:

- ▶ *Savings made on bulk purchasing of laptops is passed on to the parents.*
- ▶ *The laptops will be fully configured to access all of the resources on the school network*
- ▶ *Software that is licensed to school can be installed on the laptops providing full access to the programs that students will need*
- ▶ *The laptops will come with a three year manufacturer's warranty and insurance cover including accidental damage protection.*
- ▶ *Enterprise level antivirus package installed and updated through the school network.*
- ▶ *User has full control to join home networks, add printers and manage the desktop environment.*

Further information on the manufacturer and specification of the laptops on offer, along with the terms and conditions, will be provided together with prices and payment details during the summer term.

If you wish to discuss any aspects of this scheme, please do not hesitate to contact **Andy Birch** (Systems Manager at St. Mary's school).

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