



11th January 2020

Dear Year 11 Parents/Carers,

RE: Horizons update for Year 11

As you will be aware from my letter earlier this year, Oasis are launching a large project this year where students in all of their academies are being issued with iPads to enhance their learning experience. We are very fortunate that we have been fast-tracked in this project so that we are able to issue our devices sooner than anticipated, however, there are some changes that I need to make you, as Year 11 parents/carers, aware of.

During planning, it was decided that academies who were originally meant to be receiving their devices at the end of the Spring Term and later, which Coulsdon were included in, Year 11 and 13 students would not receive iPads. Although we do not have a Sixth Form, this is still applicable to our Year 11 cohort, and therefore unfortunately this means your son/daughter will not be issued an iPad during the roll-out of this scheme.

The reasons behind this decision were that the arrival of the iPads would be at a crucial point in exam preparation and that in fact the introduction of the technology could actually prove detrimental to students. The original planned arrival date for Coulsdon would have been in the build up to their final assessments, acting as a distraction and disruption to the last contact with teachers prior to the start of exams. Therefore, final year exam students were not accounted for in the planning of the Horizons project.

We appreciate that this will be extremely disappointing for our students, however, we hope that you can understand the reason behind the decision for this, and that it is only due to this second school closure and the extremely hard work of the Oasis IT Department that it is possible to get devices out to others ahead of schedule.

As per our previous communication throughout the year, we have provision for exam year students who do not have the use of a device to allow them access to their online learning. If your child is in need of equipment or internet access to allow them to fully participate in online lessons, please email Hannah.Suleyman@oasiscoulsdon.org as soon as possible, or telephone the Academy on 01737 551161.

Yours sincerely,

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