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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for opting to take part in the device leasing scheme we offer to new students joining our Year 7. Unfortunately, as you will be aware, we were unable to issue these in September as had been originally planned. There are two reasons for this. We originally included a number of iPad options, however, Apple withdrew some of the models advertised which meant greater demand for some of the other devices. This has resulted in a delay in fulfilling this part of the order. Having spoken to the suppliers - XMA, they have assured me that there is now stock on its way into the country and they will be in a position to start deliveries to schools in the next two weeks.

For those people who ordered one of the chromebook options, there has also been a delay due to the demand. Viglen, one of the manufacturers, has underestimated the demand across the country for this device which means that additional devices have had to be manufactured. These should be available for distribution in the next couple of weeks.

The Asus chromebook has also been very popular, placing pressure on stocks. Asus has also increased the price of the unit to over £200 but have agreed to supply at the price originally agreed.

As yet, I am unable to give an exact date as to when the various devices will be delivered to the College and so I am currently unable to confirm a date for a handover session. The likely date for this, however, will be after the half term holiday. I can only apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience. Having been asked by a number of students on a daily basis about when they might be able to have their device, I am sure you will also have some experience of this!

I will be in touch as soon as possible to confirm a date for the handover of your new device and to explain the arrangements for this. Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "A. Whelan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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