

Tuesday 15th November 2011

Dear Parent,

As you know, Channing School is fully committed to the role of ICT in education and its huge value in supporting teaching and learning. As part of our continual appraisal of new methods and technology, I would like to invite your daughter to take part in our trial of iPods in the classroom. Last year we successfully tested the use of these devices with one form and we would now like to extend the trial to the whole of Year 8.

Mobile, hand-held devices such as the iPod touch can offer pupils instant access to a range of applications that can support research, investigation, creativity and communication in the classroom.

With your approval, your daughter would be lent an iPod touch by the school for use in lessons. Your daughter would keep the iPod for the rest of the academic year. She would be free to personalise it and use it as her own with the condition that she brings it fully charged to each lesson. We will issue girls with iTunes vouchers so that they can obtain the relevant educational applications.

Year 8 will continue to cover the same curriculum, but some of their lessons and homework may be adjusted to incorporate the use of the iPod in a way to support their learning. Whilst being of value to the school, we also expect the trial to be a fun and useful experience for your daughter.

The girls will be given technical instructions when we hand out the iPods, which will be preconfigured such that they cannot download inappropriate material. They will also need to register their iPod with iTunes at home and set up a dedicated Gmail account. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any immediate questions.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Atkinson
Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning)

I give my permission for my daughter to be issued an iPod touch for use in Channing School's mobile technology trial. I understand that she will be held responsible for the device until such time that it needs to be returned to the school. I have read and agree with the iPod appropriate use protocol and I undertake to take reasonable steps to ensure that my daughter complies with these guidelines.

Daughter's name:

Daughter's signature:

Parent's signature:

Please return to your daughter's form tutor as soon as possible.