

TECHNOLOGY

Huawei's new folding phone - for just £2,000

By Rhiannon Williams
IN BARCELONA

Chinese smartphone maker Huawei has revealed its own 5G-enabled folding smartphone, days after rival Samsung announced its Galaxy Fold model.

The Huawei Mate X has a flexible display which can be used when it is folded in half like a conventionally sized smartphone or unfolded into an almost-square 8in (20cm) tablet.

The firm claimed that it had created the world's "fastest, foldable 5G smartphone" which has been tested on internal 5G networks ahead of the wider roll-out of 5G technology across the world this year.

The device itself has a thickness of 5.4mm in tablet mode and 11mm

when folded, and has an integrated hinge down the rear.

The handset, unveiled at the launch event for MWC (Mobile World Congress) Barcelona yesterday, also features super-fast charging abilities, enabling the battery to become 85 per cent full in half an hour, and a fingerprint sensor built into its power button.



The Mate X will go on sale "in the middle of 2019" and will cost £2,299 (£2,000) which Richard Yu, (inset) head of Huawei's consumer products division, admitted was "very expensive".

He added that Huawei was exploring ways to reduce the cost. UK pricing has yet to be announced.

Samsung showcased its folding smartphone, the Galaxy Fold, last

China risk Cyber security in the spotlight

The head of GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) has warned about the potential threat to Britain's national security of allowing Chinese tech firms to become involved in the UK's telecoms network.

In a rare public speech, Jeremy Fleming will say the drive by Chinese companies to become involved in the Western telecoms sector represents "a hugely complex technological challenge".

He will emphasise the importance

of the UK possessing the offensive capability to "project" cyber power to "deny, disrupt or degrade" in the event of hostile action.

Last year the MI6 chief Alex Younger expressed concern about any involvement by Chinese firm Huawei in the UK's 5G network.

In Mr Fleming's address to government, military and industry figures from across South East Asia, he will say that no decisions have yet been taken on 5G, with a Government review due to report in the spring.

week. It was the first high-profile technology firm to announce it was collaborating with Google to make a seamless transition from standard

smartphones to foldable phones. The Galaxy Fold will go on sale in Europe on 3 May, priced from £1,989. Huawei has repeatedly denied

Nokia has created a smartphone with five rear-facing cameras

in what the company claims is a world first. The Nokia 9 PureView's cameras capture images simultaneously before fusing them together.

that it has any links to the Chinese government after the US put pressure on its allies to opt out of using the company's products and 5G networks.

Huawei overtook Apple as the world's second largest smartphone maker behind Samsung in August last year.

Mr Yu said in November last year that his company's ambition was to topple the South Korean electronics giant from the top spot by next year.

SOCIETY

NHS fined disabled girl for dental check-up

By Oliver Barnes

A severely disabled teenage girl, with a mental age of two, was fined £100 by the NHS for "wrongly" claiming a free dental check-up while being eligible.

Aimee Morrow (inset), 19, who requires 24-hour care, was also warned that she would face an extra charge of £50 if the fine was not paid.

Ms Morrow's case is one of hundreds expected to be included in a National Audit Office investigation into unwarranted fines targeting vulnerable people, later this year. Every year, the NHS issues more than 1.4 million fines to patients they suspect of accessing free dental care or prescriptions to which they are not entitled.

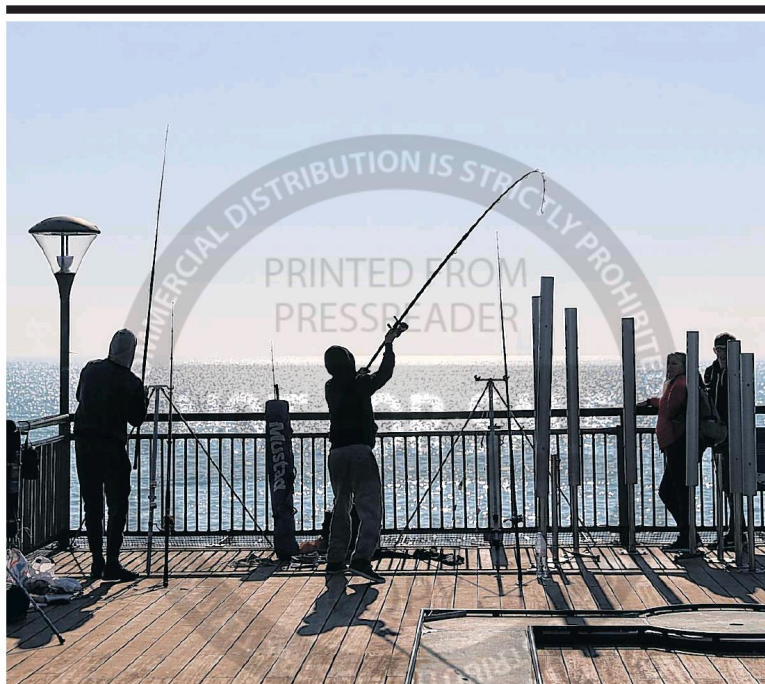


John Morrow, Aimee's father, told *The Sunday Times*: "The whole thing was an absolute farce. I told them I was not going to pay it and they could take us to court. I am just appalled by the levels of incompetence."

Mr Morrow, 62, was sent a letter threatening that a debt collection firm would be put in charge of the case. It wasn't until his daughter's special-needs school intervened that NHS managers withdrew the fine.

Figures announced in Parliament last week show that the NHS Business Services Authority collected £37.7m in fines in 2018. Fines relating to dental care totalled £13.8m while revenues from prescription-related fines came to £23.8m.

Frank Field, the independent MP and former Labour welfare reform minister, who pushed for the figures to be made public, said: "It's appalling that people are getting into trouble by ticking the wrong box."



People fish at Boscombe Pier in Dorset as southerly air from the Canary Islands brought mild temperatures PA

WEATHER

Warm spell could bring record temperatures

By David Woode

Britain is expected to bask in "exceptionally mild" temperatures with forecasters predicting that the record for the warmest day in February could be broken.

The sun will shine across the UK today and tomorrow with the temperature expected to reach 19°C in some places.

The all-time high for February is 19.7°C, recorded in Greenwich, south-east London, in 1998.

In Scotland, the temperature will peak in the high teens but rain is expected to fall across Caithness and the northern isles.

Becky Mitchell, a Met Office meteorologist, told *i*: "We've got a big area of high pressure across the continent and because of that it's very dry."

"We've also got a warm feed of southerly air coming up from the Canary Islands, bringing these mild temperatures."

By Wednesday it will be cloudy and the temperature will drop to around 10°C, the average for this time of year.

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CONSUMER

Supermarkets' 'healthy' products high in salt and fat

By Georgina Littlejohn

Supermarkets are misleading their customers by marketing foods high in salt and saturated fats as healthy, an investigation has found.

Researchers for the BBC's *5 Live Investigates* found that products sold by Tesco, Sainsbury's and Morrisons were marked as "healthier choices" and "healthy and diet meals" while containing high levels of saturated

fats and salt. The British Dietetic Association said this was "unhelpful" and "confusing" for customers.

Sainsbury's edamame, coconut and lemongrass falafel, in their "healthier choices" section, had more than 6g of saturated fat per half pack - about a third of the recommended maximum daily amount.

Tesco's lamb hotpot, which is in its section for healthy and diet food, contained 8.5g of saturated fat. And

Morrisons' vegetarian steak slice, which is marketed as a "healthier choice" and "provides customers with a red meat-free alternative", has almost 10g of saturated fat.

The Royal Society for Public Health has called for an independent regulator for supermarkets. It said vegetarian, vegan and products that are free from certain ingredients are being marketed as healthy.

Tesco said: "We are sorry that

some of our products were mistakenly included under the 'Healthier and Diet Meals' sign and are rectifying this immediately."

Sainsbury's said: "In some cases, our signs were not updated to reflect this and we are putting this right."

Morrisons said: "A 'Healthier Choices' cheese will be substantially lower in fat than ones we sell elsewhere but might still carry a red traffic light label."