



***One-to-one
devices
information
session***

Tuesday 9th December 2025



Why one-to-one devices?

- **Major changes** happening at Senior Cycle
- Senior Cycle redevelopment began in September 2025, for our current Fifth Years, and new reimagined subjects will be introduced on a year-by-year basis over the coming years
- All subjects will now have an **Additional Assessment Component (AAC)**, which will be worth up to 40% of a student's overall grade in that subject
- There is now a bigger focus on **active learning, independent learning, student research** and **key skills** that young people need for third-level education, further education and employment
- Students who have their own devices have **consistent access** to digital resources needed for coursework, research, portfolio development and assignment preparation

Why one-to-one devices? - Context

- **Existing resources are stretched to the maximum** – even with three computer rooms and laptop/Chromebook trolleys, **there is not enough capacity in the school, given our large student population, to deal with the additional demands now being placed on schools by Senior Cycle redevelopment**
- As a DEIS school, **we have a duty to ensure there is equity and opportunity for all our students**. By introducing one-to-one devices, we are ensuring that all incoming Fifth Years will have the same access to technology, so that no one is left behind in developing the digital literacy skills that are essential in every career path, third-level course and further education pathway
- **Recent parental survey** indicated **large support** for introducing one-to-one devices

Fifth Years 2026-27

In September 2026, incoming Fifth Years will be dealing with the following redesigned Senior Cycle subjects at Leaving Certificate:

- ***Biology***
- ***Business***
- ***Chemistry***
- ***Construction Studies***
- ***Drama, Film & Theatre Studies***
- ***Engineering***
- ***Geography***
- ***Life, Community and Work (formerly LCVP)***
- ***Physical Education***
- ***Physics***

****English and Accounting have been delayed until September 2027***

In addition to the above, there are also many existing Leaving Certificate subjects that already have additional coursework or project work e.g. History, Computer Science, Politics and Society, Home Economics, DCG

Senior Cycle redevelopment – timeline

Tranche 1
starts 2025

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Arabic, Latin, Ancient Greek, Business, Climate Action and Sustainable Development, Drama, Film and Theatre Studies

Tranche 2
starts 2026

Accounting, Construction Studies, Engineering, English, Geography, LCVP Modules, Physical Education

Tranche 3
starts 2027

Agricultural Science, Computer Science, Design and Communications Graphics, History, Home Economics, Mathematics, Music, Physics and Chemistry

Tranche 4
starts 2028

Art, Economics, French, Gaeilge, German, Italian, Politics and Society, Spanish, Technology

Tranche 5
starts 2029

Applied Mathematics, Classical Studies, Japanese, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Religious Education, Russian