

# One-To-One Initiative

Transition Year and 5LCA 26/27



Parent Information Session



# Purpose of this session

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To introduce the 1:1 device program for **TY and 5LCA students (Autumn 2026)**

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Explain why this change is happening & how it benefits students

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Answer any questions you may have

# What does 1:1 Mean

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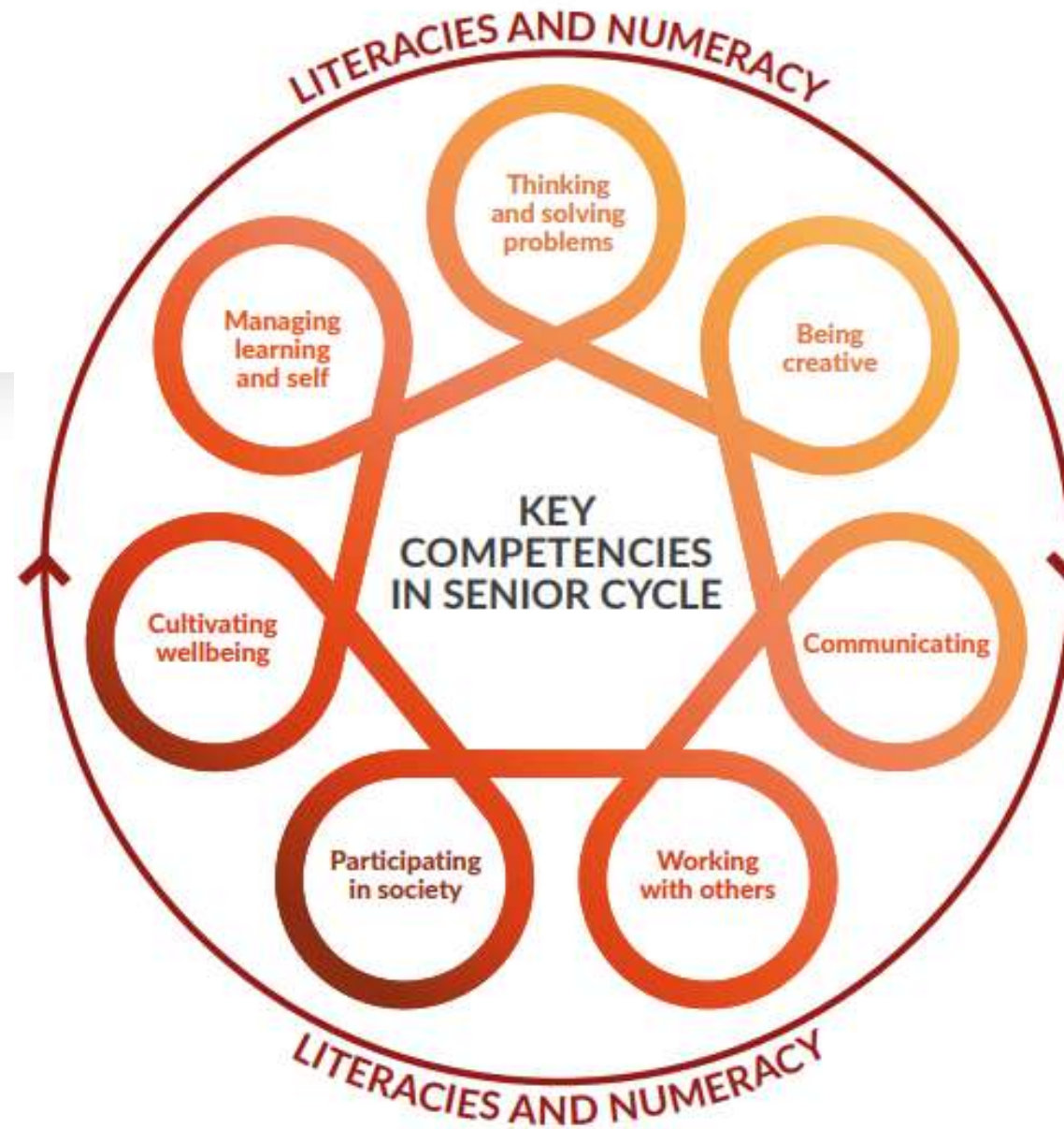
- Each student in TY will have the same device, managed by DDLETB and Wriggle
- All 1:1 devices in Firhouse Community College will be Windows devices and will have full access to the MS365 suite



# The Changing Landscape of Education in Ireland

From 2025, many subjects will have an additional assessment component worth at least 40% of the overall grade

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) is promoting digital skills as part of Senior Cycle



# Current Additional Assessment Components

- ★ LC Physical Education
- ★ Politics & Society
- ★ Geography
- ★ Home Economics
- Construction Studies
- Engineering
- Woodwork
- ★ DCG
- Languages
- ★ Music
- Art

# Senior Cycle Redevelopment

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## Tranche 1

## Tranche 2

## Tranche 3

**(Sept. 2025)**

**(Sept. 2026)**

**(Sept. 2027)**

Biology  
Chemistry  
Physics  
Business

Construction  
Studies  
Engineering  
Geography  
LCVP Link  
Modules  
Physical  
Education (PE)

Accounting\*  
English\*  
DCG  
History  
Home Ec.  
Mathematics  
Music

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# Benefits for Students

## ✓ Academic & Study Benefits

- Better organisation
- Access to resources
- Research & critical thinking

## ✓ Future-Ready Skills

- Typing & document creation
- Digital communication & collaboration

## ✓ Equity & Standardisation

- Every student has access to the same tools





## Why TY?

- A **bridge year** between Junior and Senior Cycle
- The device will last for college years
- Allows students to **develop digital literacy skills** before high-stakes assessment begins
- TY Modules will support IT Skills, Research skills, Digital portfolios etc.
- Encourages **independent learning, creativity, and collaboration**



# What Type of Device Will Be Used?



## Lenovo 300W Yoga

- It is **lightweight, durable, and compatible** with school platforms
- It has the features of a tablet and a laptop all in one



## Cost & Purchasing Options

- The cost of the device is approximately €520 this year
- Details on **insurance & tech support** will be provided
- **Wriggle** offer Interest free option over 12 months are available



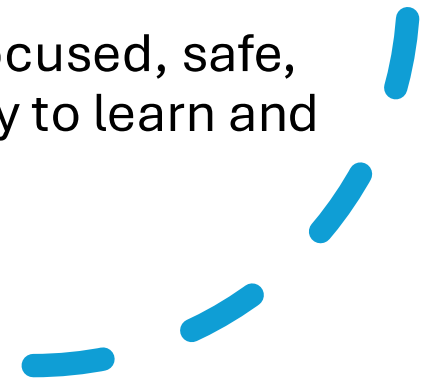
# Educational Use Only – Device & App Restrictions

At Firhouse Community College, all devices are strictly educational tools, not for general-purpose

✓ **What This Means for You and Your Child:**

- **Fully Managed Devices**
- **Educational Apps Only**
- **Online Safety Filters**
- **Remote Controls**
- **Usage Supervision**
- **Strong AUP**

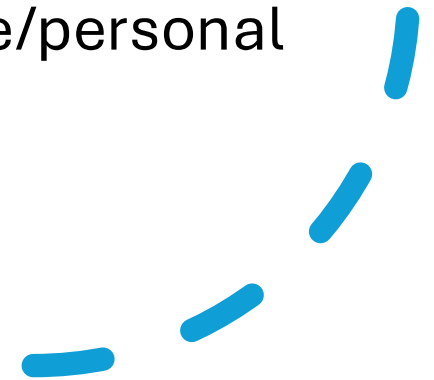
🔒 These restrictions keep students focused, safe, and supported as they use technology to learn and grow





## At Home

- The device remains an educational device
- The same security restrictions apply at home while the student is enrolled in the school
- Devices will support **homework, revision, and research** without the common distractions on a mobile phone/personal device



# Implementation Timeline

## **2024/2025**

- Planning & preparation
- Developing policies and procedures

## **2025/2026**

- Parent Information Session
- Parents purchase devices from Wriggle

## **2026/2027**

- Students begin using devices in school



**? Questions & Open Discussion**

We welcome your feedback!

