

Sandymount Park ETSS  
17th October 2023

# Open Evening

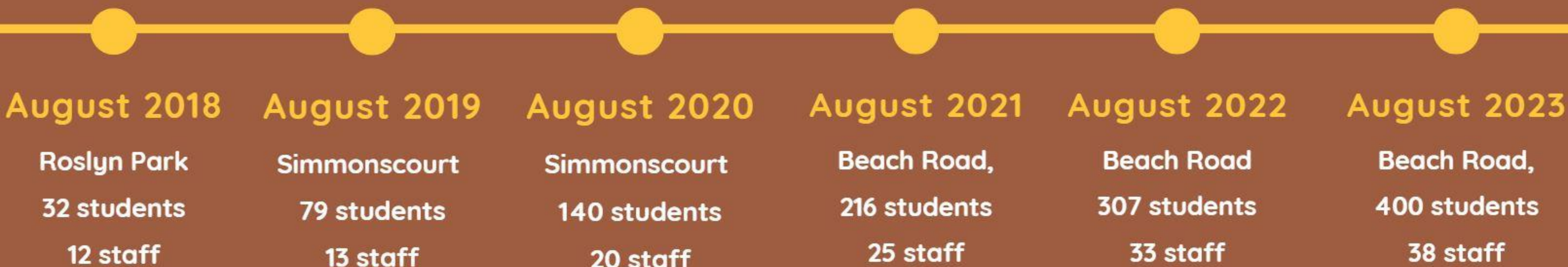


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# Sandymount Park ETSS

## A JOURNEY

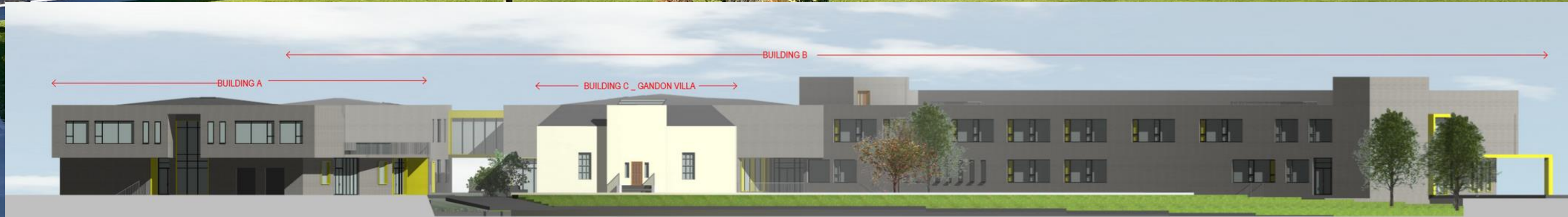


# Gandon Villa

**FORMERLY:  
SANDYMOUNT PARK VILLA**







**Permanent building – Beach Road  
Co-located with Shellybanks ETNS  
Separate schools with separate BoM**



- Capacity for 1000 students
- Basement sports hall, gym room, 6 science labs, 4 art rooms, technology rooms
- Gandon Villa – administration building



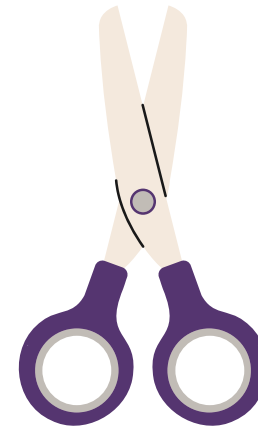


# Building, facilities



## To tender

Tenders submitted  
Phased build  
On site during the build



## Interim accommodation

Enhancing current facilities within  
our resources  
Making do!  
Challenges



## 3 + years

State of the art building  
Capacity for 1000 students



# Vision and Values

**That Sandymount Park ETSS will become a school of teaching and learning excellence where students will flourish; enabled to reach their full potential whilst becoming confident, considerate, active members of society.**

**Kindness, Respect, Empathy, Hard Work  
Participation, Curiosity, Creativity,  
Democracy, Community**

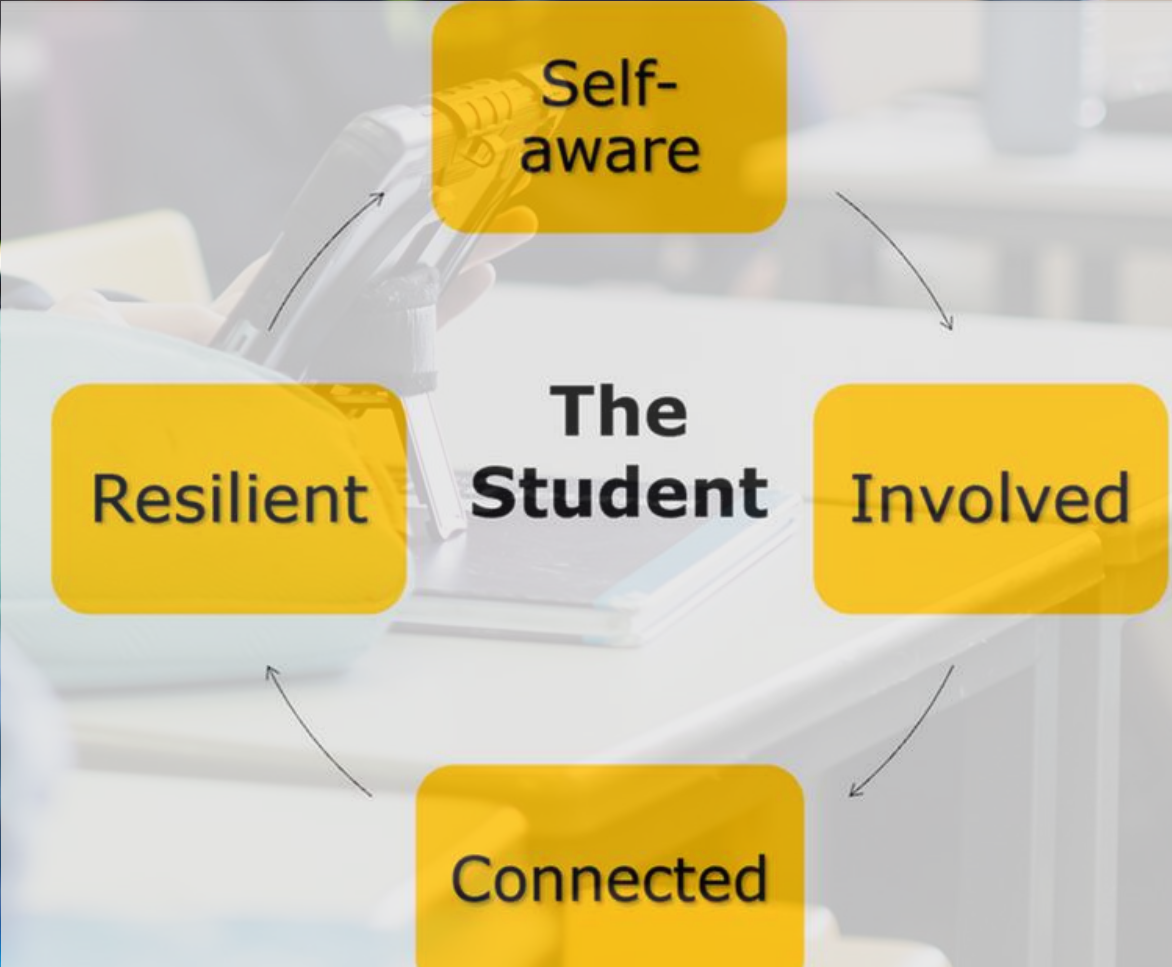
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# Voluntary Secondary School Management Body - JMB Patron - Educate Together

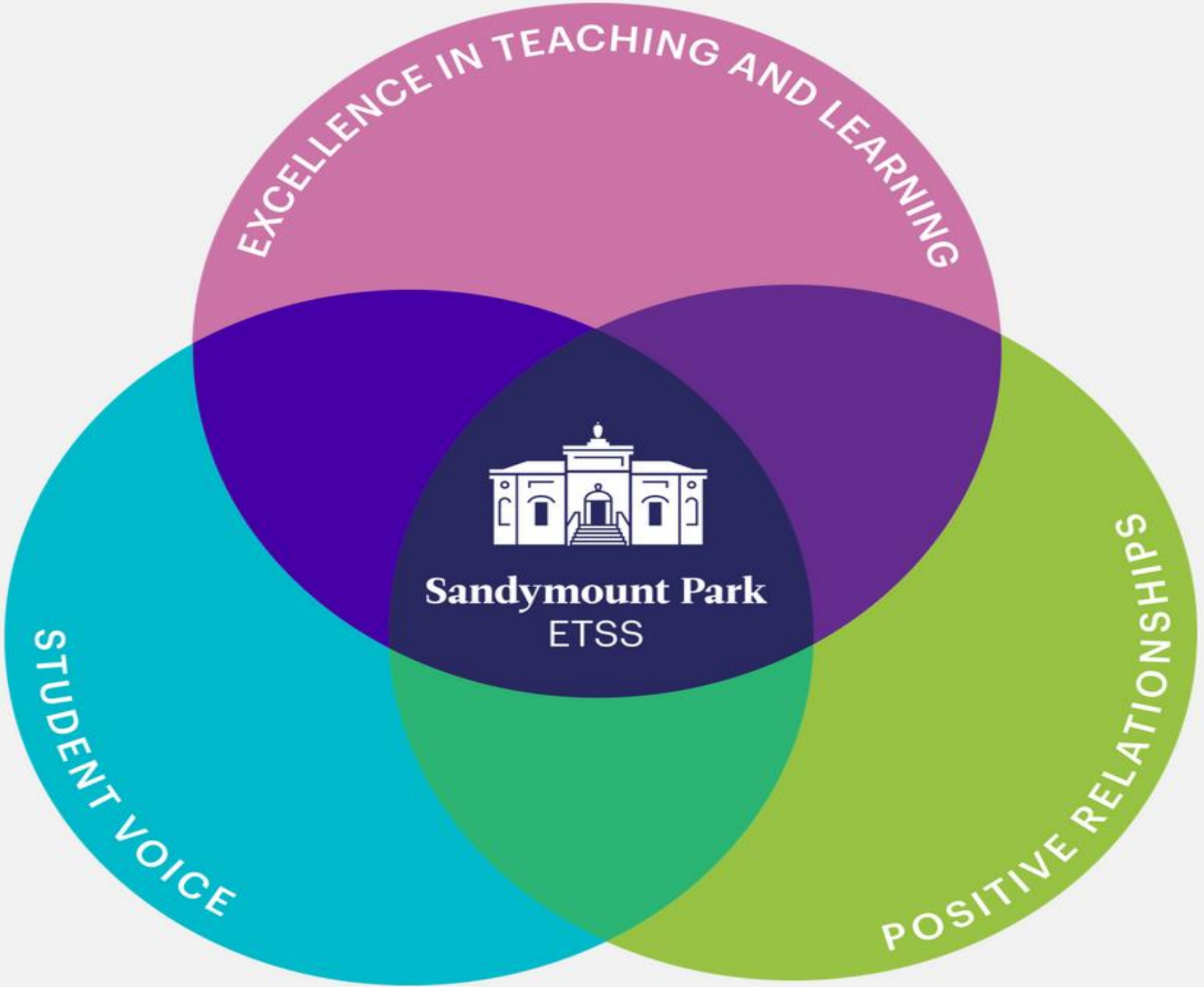
## Ethos

- Co-educational
- Equality-based
- No uniform
- First name terms
- Learner centred









# 1

## Excellence in Learning & Teaching

- Evidence informed practice
- Collaboration
- Staff Professional Development
- Planning
- Assessment/Reporting
- Reflection
- Focus on building metacognitive skills
- Technology enhanced learning

# 2

## Student Voice

- Dialogue/Surveys
- P/T/S meetings
- Reflection day
- Active learning
- Subject dept planning
- Induction Week
- Extra-curricular
- BoM
- Sandymount Park Press
- Student Council
- Themed Weeks

# 3

## Positive Relationships

- First names
- Working with peers/teachers
- Induction Week
- Trips
- Extra-curricular
- Tutors/Progress Leader
- Student support - GC
- Positive Behaviour Code
- Certificates/Awards
- Whole school events
- TY Musical

# LEARNING AND TEACHING



**Highly effective across all areas with no recommendations.**

**The quality of learning and teaching was excellent.**

**Teachers were commended for their:**

- **Creativity**
- **Innovation**
- **Use of active learning methodologies**
- **Use of technology to support learning and planning**
- **Collaboration**
- **Sharing of practice**

**Department of the Inspectorate**



# Subject Inspection in Science October 2019

**The quality of learning was greatly enriched by very high level of student dialogue in lessons. Students were continually challenged to explain their understanding, to think out loud, and to justify their responses, and they successfully achieved those high expectations. This is generating very high-quality learner outcomes in Junior Cycle key skills.**

**Learning was greatly enhanced by excellent relationships, the very high level of respect in which students hold fellow students and their very high regard for their teacher.**

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[https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Inspection-Reports-Publications/Subject-Inspection-Reports-List/68305F\\_Subject%20Inspection\\_13183\\_20191002.p](https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Inspection-Reports-Publications/Subject-Inspection-Reports-List/68305F_Subject%20Inspection_13183_20191002.p)

# Incidental Inspection 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Wellbeing and support of students was at the core of all interactions**

**Students had valuable voice, were regular contributors and were seen to be active participants in their own learning throughout lessons.**

**The use of digital technologies was very strong and was used to activate learning by allowing students to explore, create, engage and assess.**

**Teachers were very well planned with very good resources and approaches which progressed learning for all.**





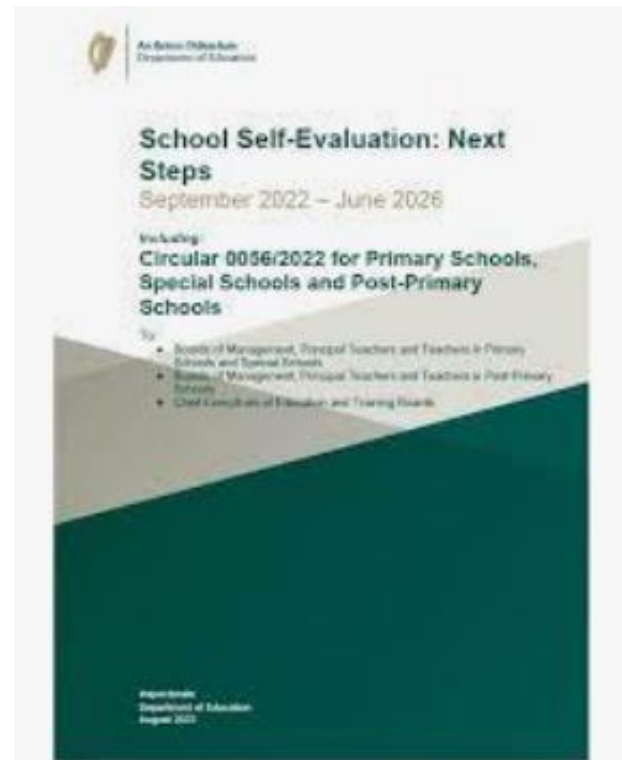
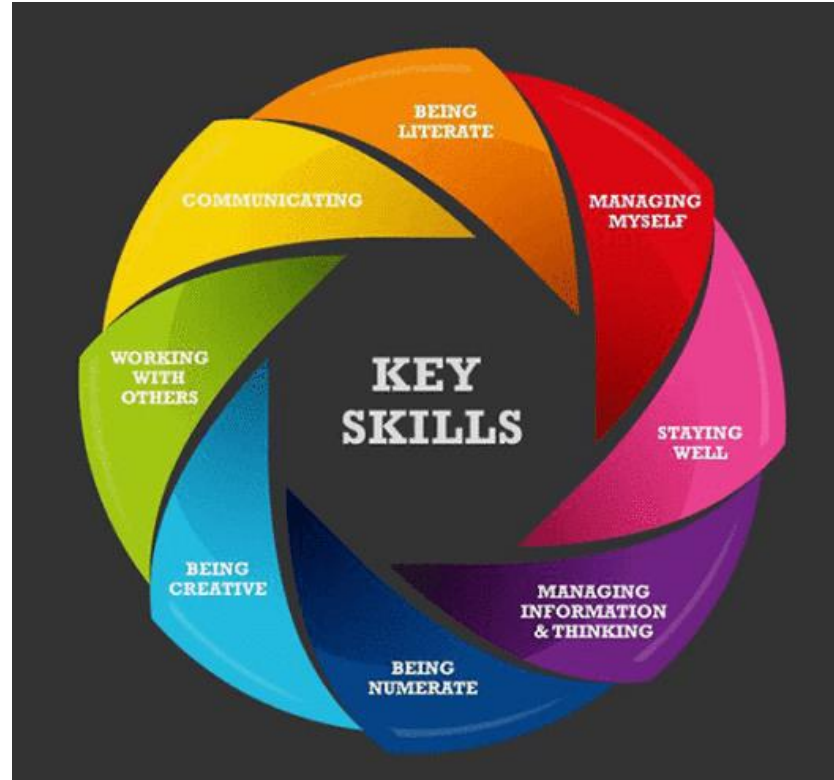






## Technology Enhanced Learning

Learning and teaching is enhanced with the use of iPad and O365







€550 iPad and protective case purchased Wriggle  
€250 payable to the school via Easy payments for Apps, eBooks, O365 license  
Approx Cost - €800 (€267 per year of Junior Cycle)

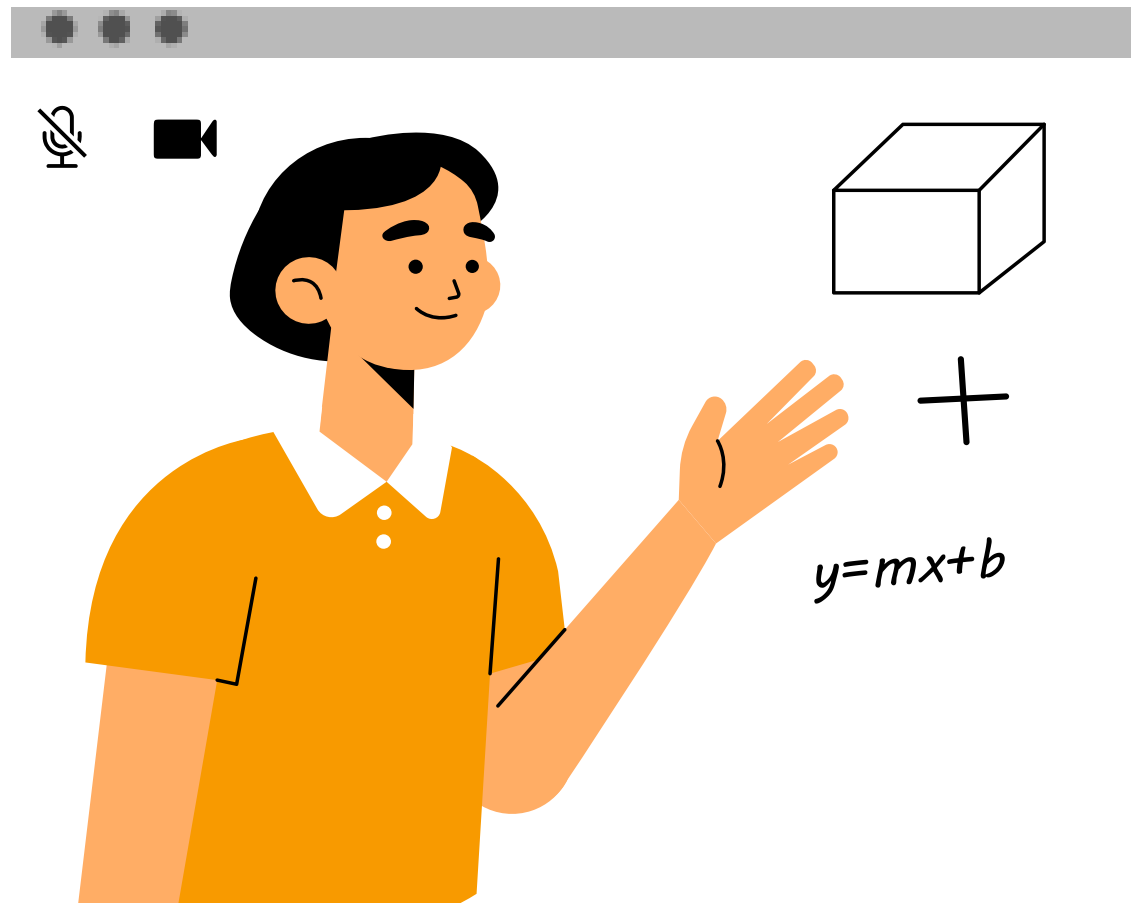
Total cost covers the three years of Junior Cycle

# How will the day look for students?



- The building opens to students 8:15am
- Day starts 8:30am
- Finishes 3:30pm on Monday & Wednesday & 2:30pm on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
- Tutor time 8:30-8:45am every morning
- Morning break 10:45 for 15 minutes.
- Lunch 1pm for 30 minutes
- Students remain onsite for break & lunch - **Canteen**
- Classes are 1 hour in duration - mixed ability
- Extra-curricular at lunchtime & after school
- 3 classes of 30 in 1<sup>st</sup> year 2024/2025

# Curriculum First Year



## Core Subjects

Irish (unless exempt), English, Maths, History, Science  
Spanish or French or German, Ethical Education

## Wellbeing

PE, SPHE, CSPE, Student Enrichment

## Short Course - choose one

Coding with Minecraft, Philosophy, Artistic Performance

## Option subjects - choose two

Art, Music, Geography, Spanish, Classics, Business

***Students take 8 subjects and 4 short courses***

# Code of Behaviour



- We have the highest expectations of student behaviour.
- Kindness, respect, good manners and hard work are fostered and expected.
- Students are expected to make a positive impact on their school and local community.
- We place a strong emphasis on acknowledging and commending positive behaviour, academic effort and participation in school activities.
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their actions and to respond to experiences in a positive fashion.
- Making amends, forgiveness, restorative approach.

# Homework



There is a large amount of academic research to show that homework has a positive and significant effect on student achievement.

We want all of students to achieve their academic potential. Therefore, positive engagement with homework is highly valued and effective homework practices are fostered and developed.

*'As long as I've been teaching, I've held the view that homework makes a massive difference to the learning process'*

*Tom Sherrington [www.teacherhead.com](http://www.teacherhead.com)*

# Homework

**At second-level, evidence indicates that engagement with homework is linked to enhanced academic outcomes**

- Provides the opportunity to practice and reinforce concepts learned in class
- Reading and writing practice
- Opportunity for revision
- All students are expected to complete homework to the best of their ability
- Supervised Study, Homework Club

# Student Supports

## SEN Provision

- [https://sandymountparketss.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Sandymount-Park-SEN-Provision-Map-22\\_23.pdf](https://sandymountparketss.ie/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Sandymount-Park-SEN-Provision-Map-22_23.pdf)
- Support for all, some, few

## Wellbeing Curriculum

- PE - 135 hours, SPHE including guidance related learning and RSE, CSPE
- Student Enrichment - IT skills, anti-bullying, emotional wellbeing, learning to learn

## Pastoral Care Team

- Teacher, Tutor, Progress Leader

## Student Support Team

- Pastoral Care Team, Guidance Counsellor, Deputy Principal, Principal

## Ethos, Culture and Values

- Ethical Education
- Code of Behaviour



# Progress Leader

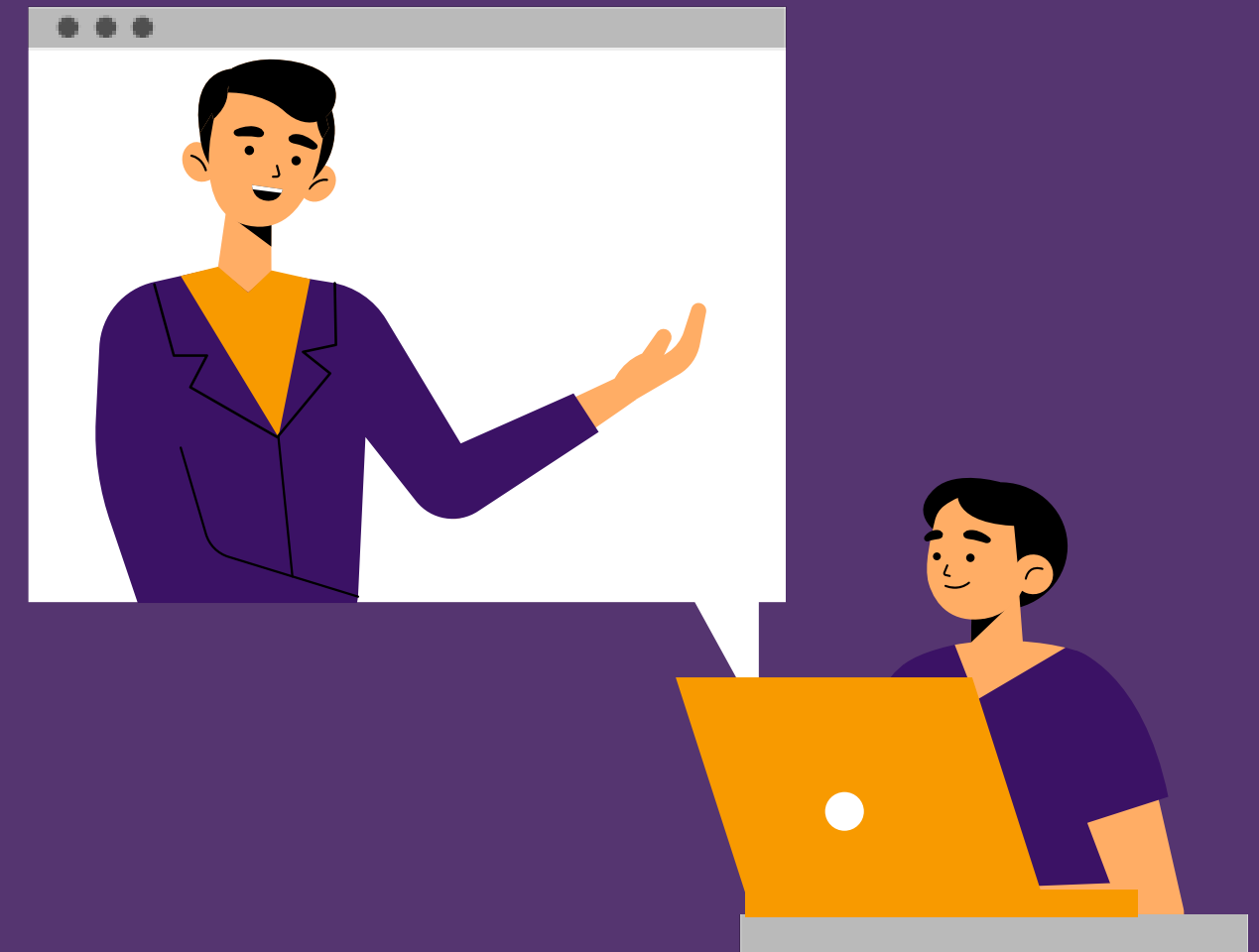
- Academic engagement and progress
- Social and emotional development and behaviour



# Tutors

## Monday to Friday 8:30am-8:45am

- Tutorial every morning at 8.30am for 15 minutes - **very important start to the day!**
- Check in with the students first thing to see are they ready for the day



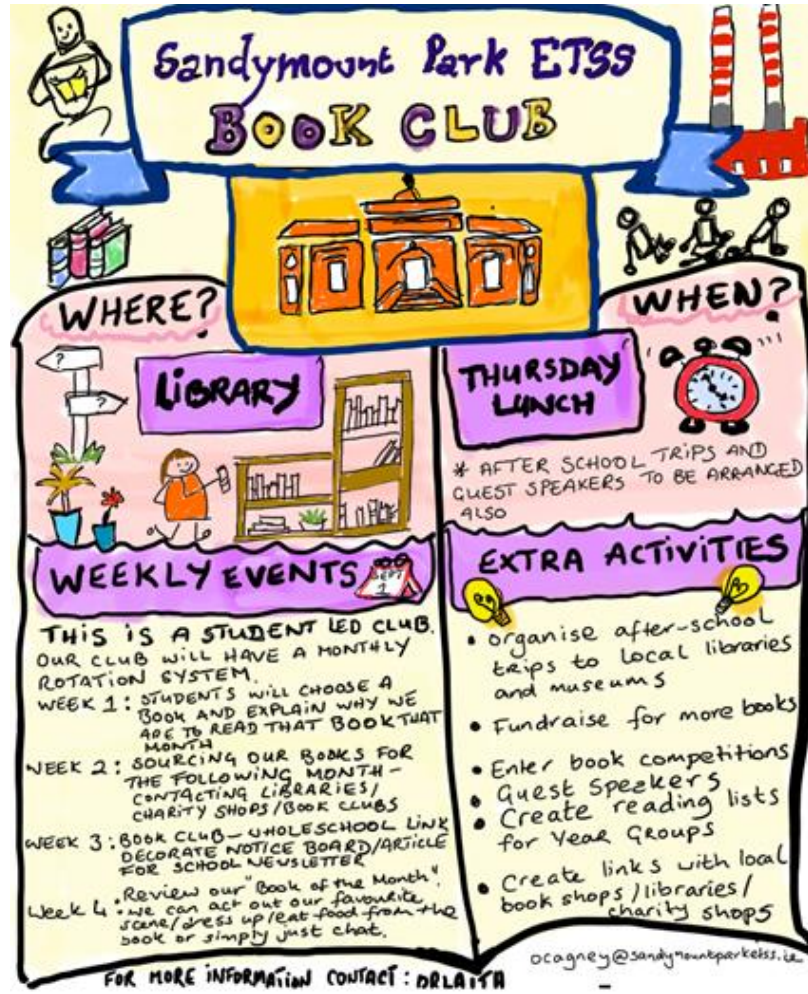
# Extra-curricular Provision

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OrangeCrushCake @orangecrushcake · Oct 6

We should really rename our Language and Culture Club members the Multilingual Masters of World Flags. This group never stop amazing me with their knowledge and curiosity of all things global. Next week we return to Sweden 🇸🇪 with Eric @SandymountPark @Leargas @languages\_ie

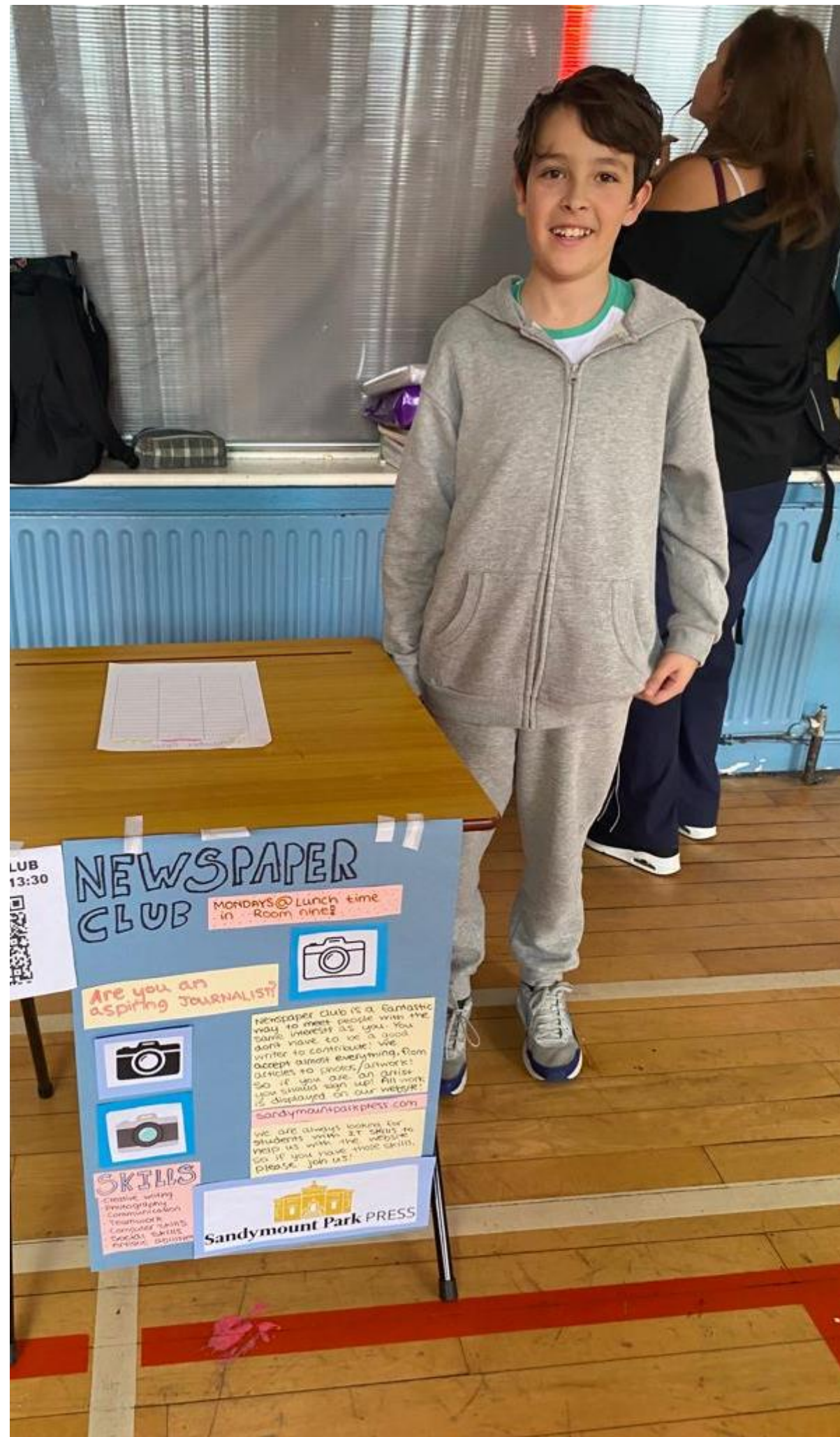


#MFL  
Spanish  
German  
French

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