Sandymount Park ETSS 19th March 2024

# Incoming First Year Information Evening



#### Schedule

- 1 Sandymount Park Paula
- 2 Hear from our students Cole, Fia, Inés, Peter
- 3 Technology Enhanced Learning Aoife
- 4 Subject Choice Aisling
- 5 Progress Leader Rosie
- 6 Communication, VSWare Paula

# Timeline

2019 79 students 12 staff Change of Accommodation

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01 2018

31 students 11 staff **ASD Special Class** Temporary Accommodation

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03 04

139 students 19 staff Covid school closure

2020

2021

211 students 20 + staff

2022 300 + students

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25 + staff TY Senior Cycle Change of Accommodation 2023

390 students 35 staff 1st-6th

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## Building, facilities







#### To tender

Tender paused
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



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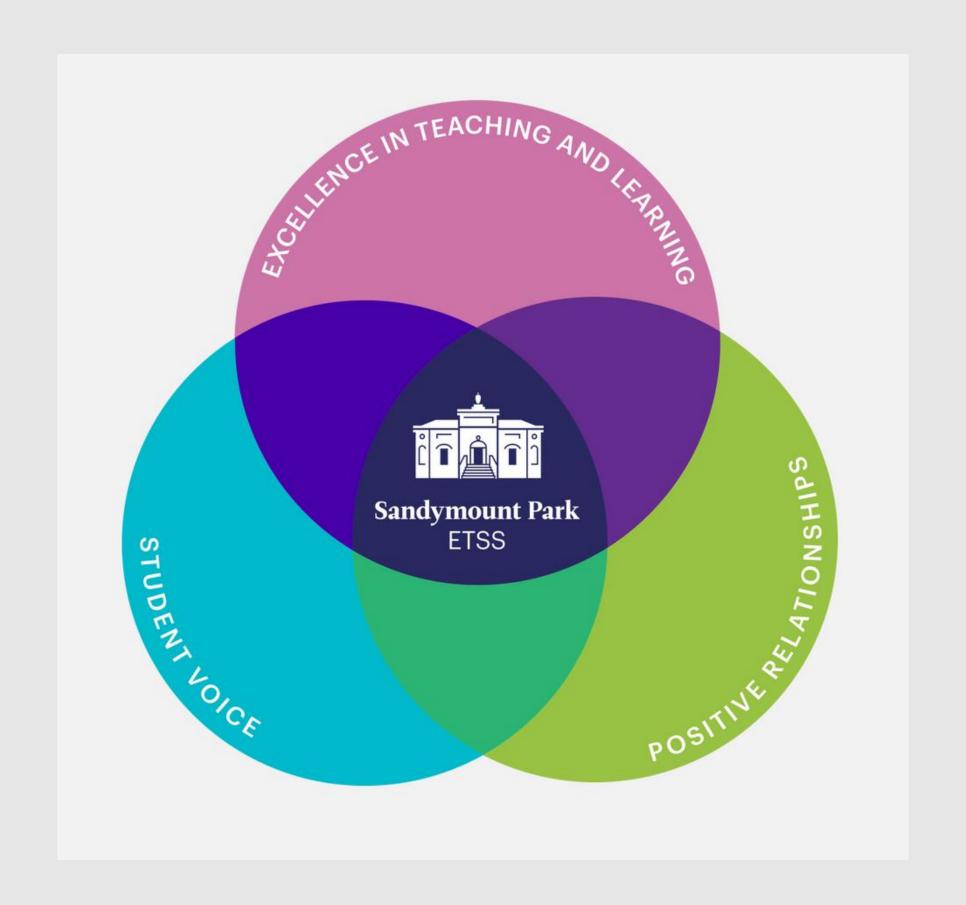
Voluntary Secondary School Management Body - JMB Patron - Educate Together

#### **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 ParkPress
- 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

# 1st Year Information Evening

with Cole, Fia, Inés and Peter

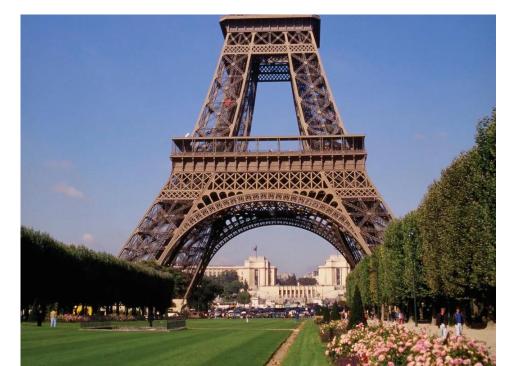












# Preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Year: subject choices

- Choosing your subjects
- You will be able to choose two exam subjects, one language and a short course
- Some examples of short courses are Philosophy, Coding and Artistic performance.
- The languages are French, German and Spanish.
- It is important to think about choosing the subjects that you have an actual interest in, rather than ones that your friends are doing or ones that you think might be easy.







# Preparing for 1st Year: lessons

- First year requires a lot more equipment
- The list includes: An iPad, copybooks, stationery items etc. but the new grant will cover most of these
- You will also receive a school journal, where your homework will be recorded.
- Make sure you have all your stuff for the start of first year, as every lesson counts.

#### **Extra-curricular Provision**

Study Monday -Thursday Room 3

#### EXTRA CURRICULAR

Homework Club Tuesday and Thursday Room 5





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## Joining clubs

- In Sandymount Park it's encouraged to join at least one club
- When you're in 1st Year, it can be hard to make friends and Extra-curricular are a super fun way of making friends and learning new things
- For example, I joined the basketball club and I didn't know any rules and I wasn't familiar with everyone there, but I learned so much and I became closer with everyone there in the process.

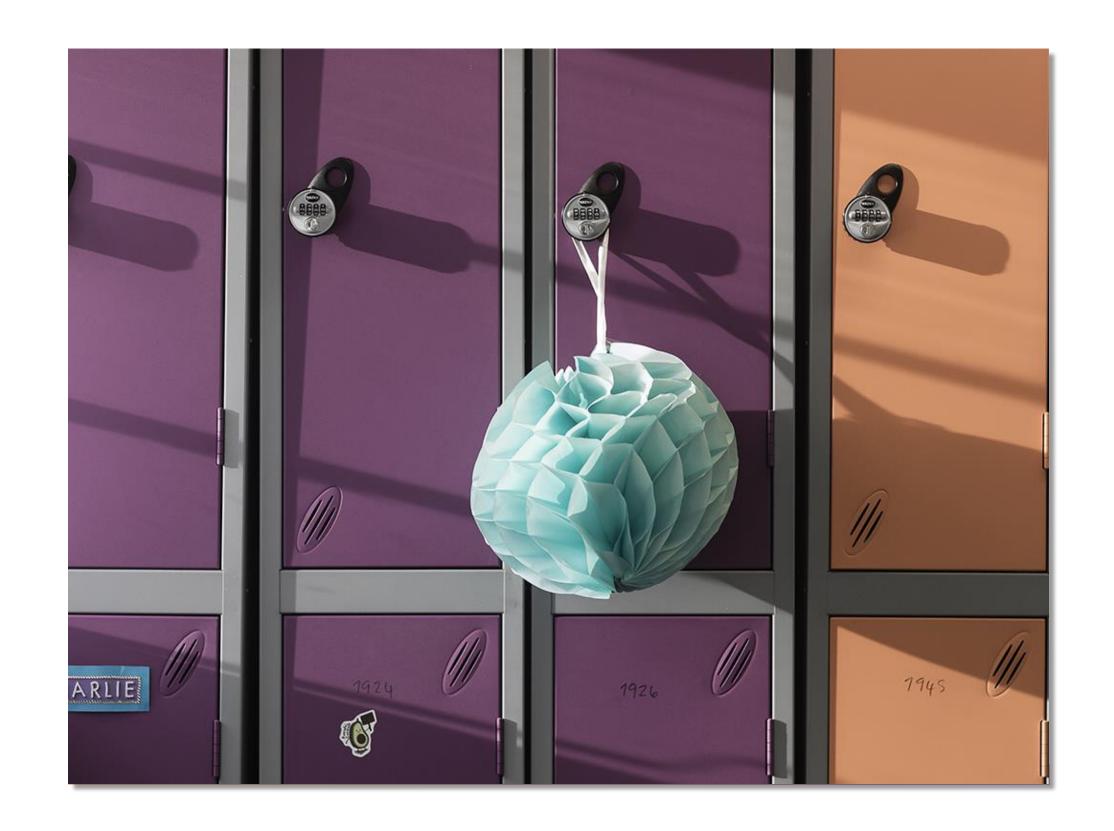






#### Locker Management

- It's important to keep lockers clean.
- There are often locker checks.
- Always keep your phone in your locker.





## My locker!

This is how I organised my locker. I have all my folders for the different subjects and the materials well organised and ready to go and my timetable is hanging so that I can clearly see it. I also decorated it with a light (sometimes it might be difficult to see ) a mirror (you never know ) and a whiteboard where I write my motivational lines for the day .

Aurora – 2<sup>nd</sup> year



- School starts at 8:30 but you should be early, from 8.15am
- You have tutor time for 15 minutes at the start of the day
- Classes are an hour long
- First lunch break is 15 minutes long at 10:45 until 11:00 and the second break is 30 minutes long at 1:00 until 1:30
- On Mondays and Wednesdays there are 6 lessons
- On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, there are 5 lessons

#### Dress code

Clothes

Clothes must be clean

No offensive slogans

No visible underwear

Appropriate fabric

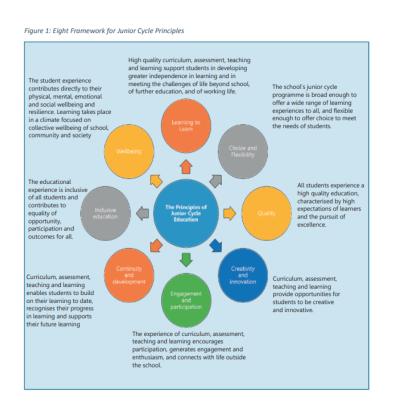
Shorts, skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer

Flip flops and sliders must not be worn

No vest tops

Not tank/cropped tops

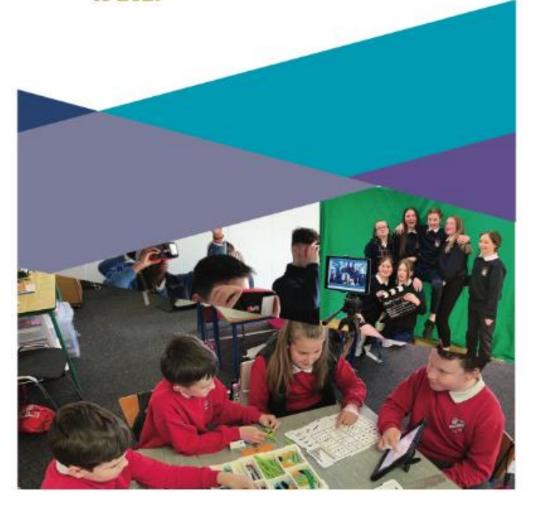




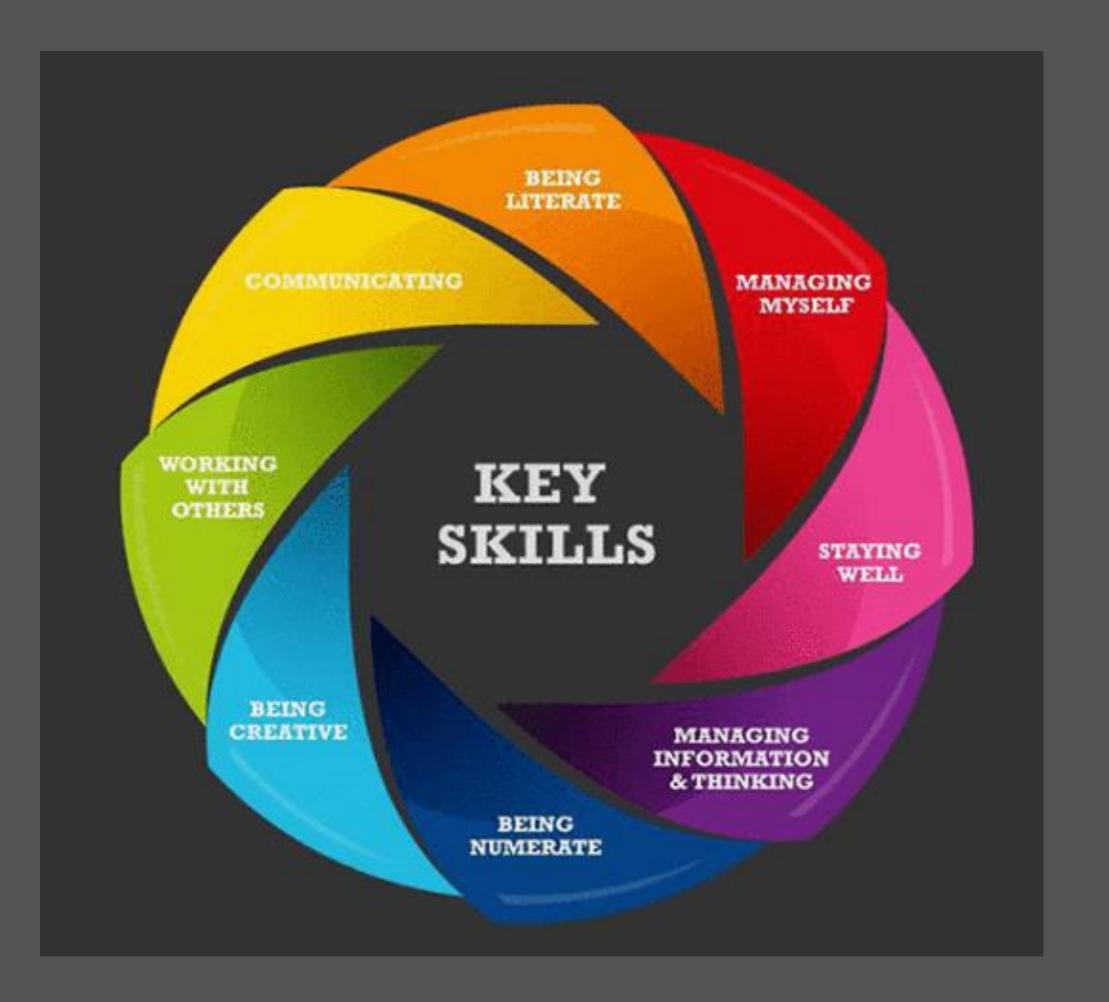


#### Digital Strategy for Schools

to 2027







Through engaging with the key skills students will:

Be more actively engaged with learning
Take greater ownership of their
learning

Be encouraged to problem solve and think creatively

Have a critical engagement with digital technology – iPads to support and enhance learning

### Technology Enhanced Learning

Learning and teaching is enhanced with the use of iPad and O365 with an emphasis on:

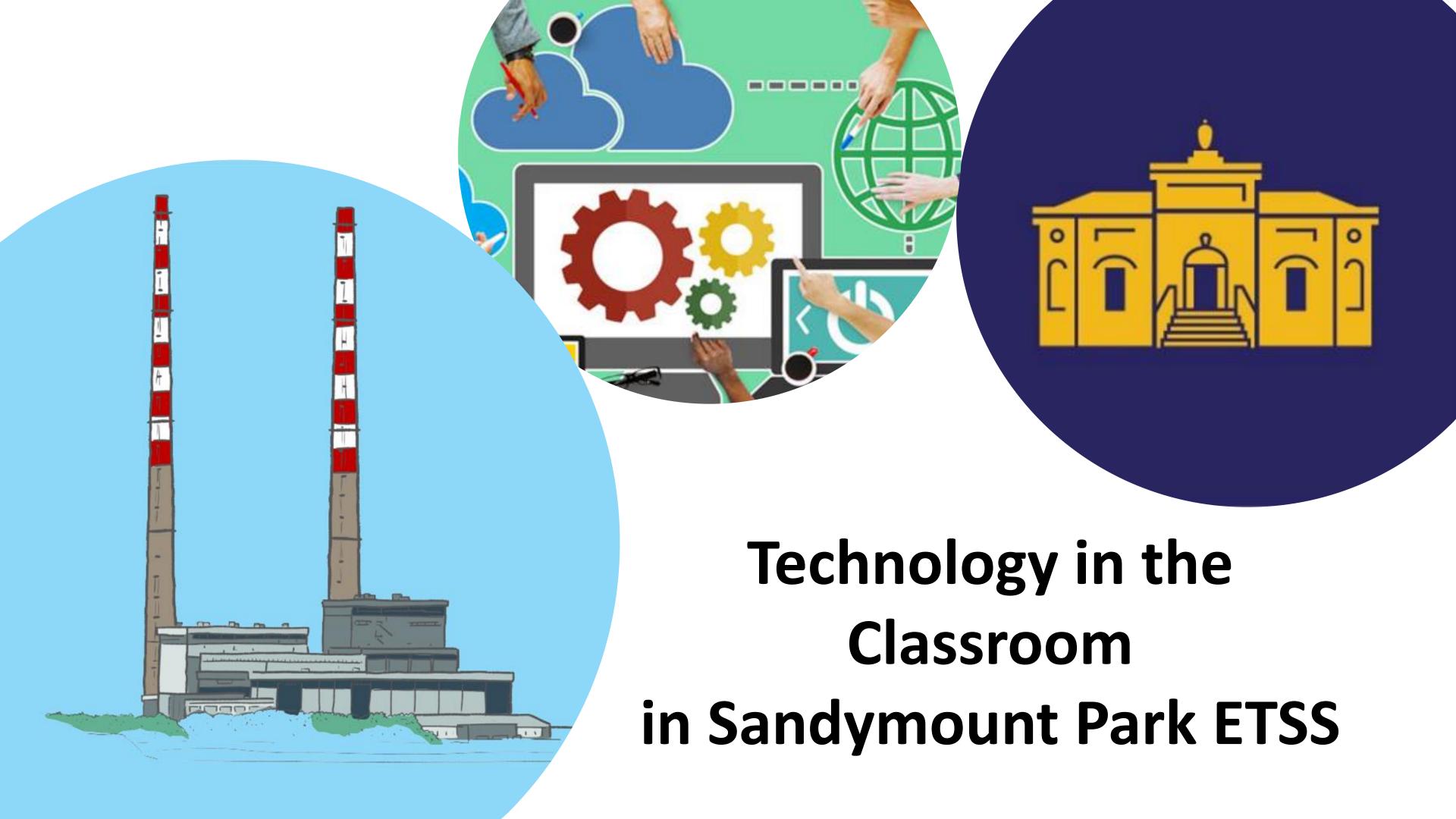
Curiosity, Collaboration, Participation, Resilience, Creativity

Students are encouraged to work collaboratively and independently, developing metacognitive skills to enable them to become self directed learners.



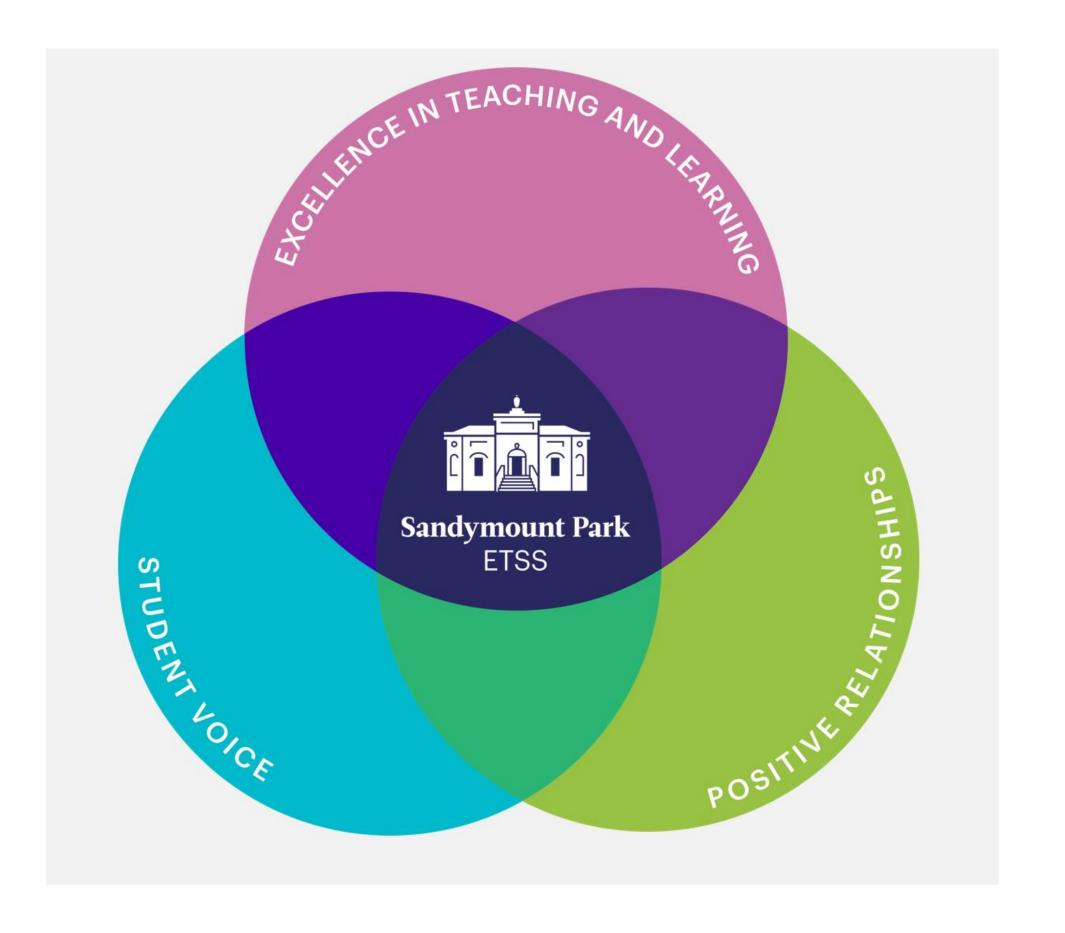
# Technology will never replace great teachers, but technology in the hands of great teachers can be transformational

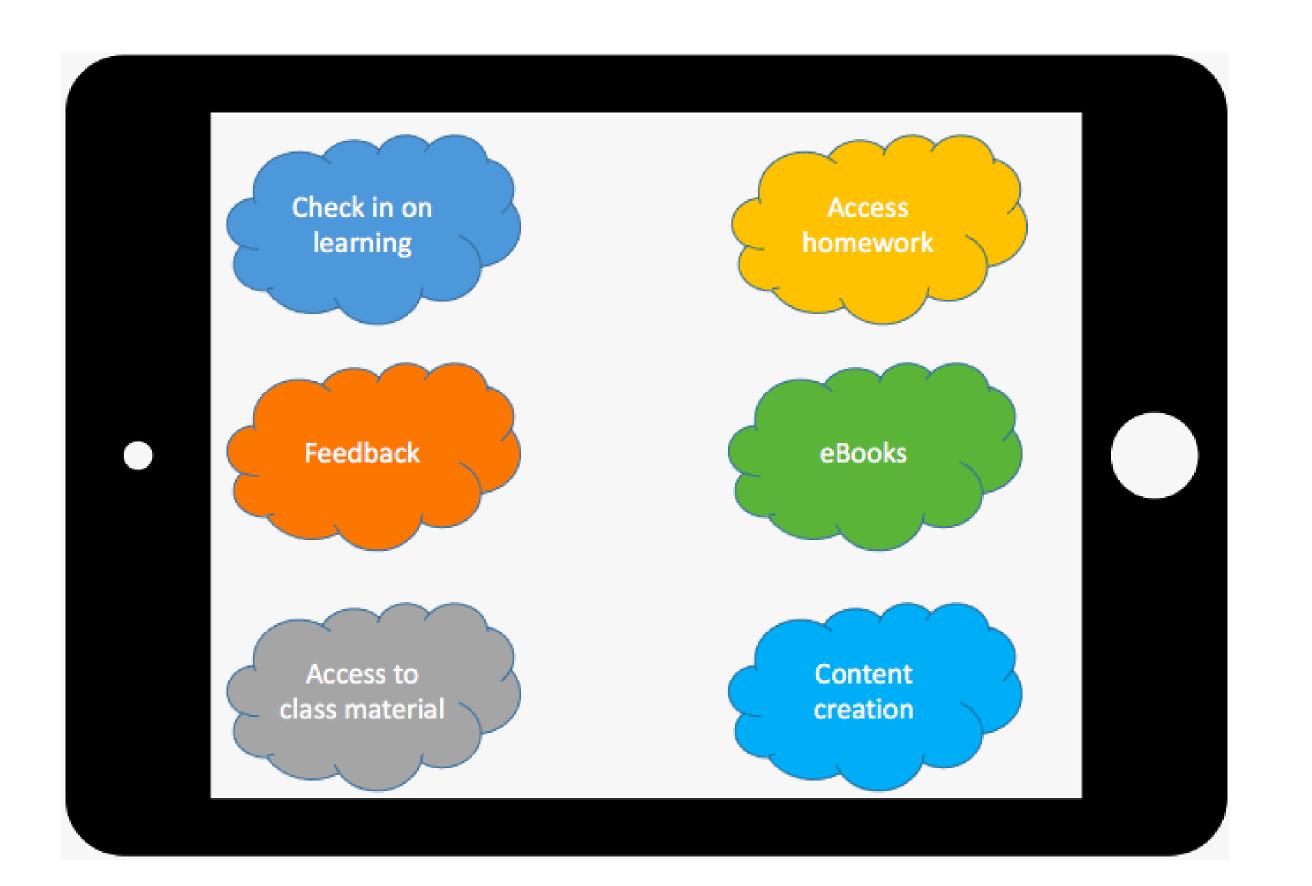
George Couros



#### Vision

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- There is growing evidence that digital technologies can help achieve this
- The presence of ICT in a school does not equate to its effective use
- We're working with this in to help us achieve our vision





# How we use iPads in the classroom

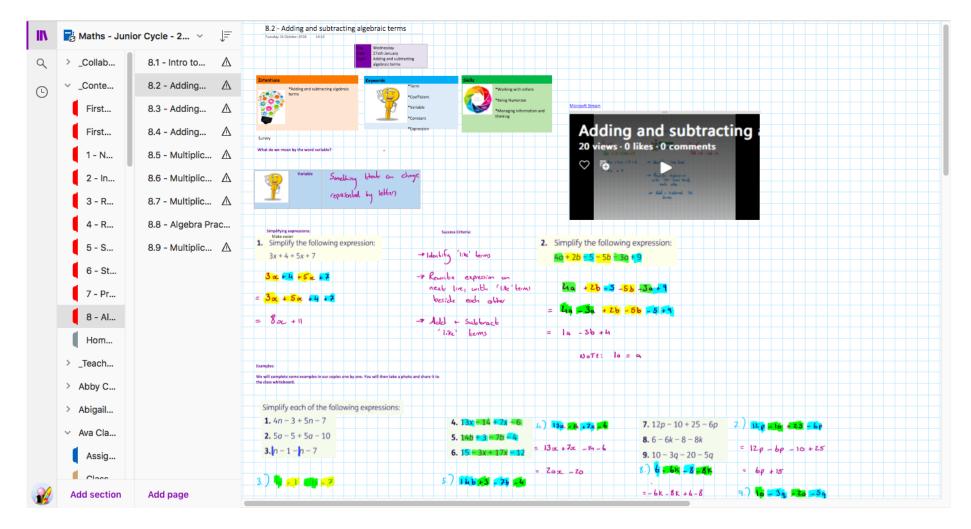
#### Virtual Learning Environment

- Office 365 is our VLE
- All students will have access to all O365 apps on their iPads
- O365 accounts will be created for all students and details will be shared during induction in August.



#### **Access to Class Material**

- Students have access to class material at all times on OneNote and Teams.
- If they are absent for the class, they will be able to find and locate the work they had missed.
- Helps with revision and homework having everything in one place.



#### Feedback

- Feedback can be given on student assignments and can be accessed at any time.
- Can be both written and verbal.

# HOW DOES SOCIAL MEDIA AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY?

#### WHY I CHOSE TO RESEARCH THIS QUESTION

I chose to research the question: How does social media affect young people today? I chose this research question for a few reasons, one of them being that social media plays an extremely large role in society today, it affects our lives everyday. The age that a child has downloaded some form of social media has begun to decrease through the years since it was created, and I think that this has a large impact on youth minds. Another reason would be that, as a user of social media, I have noticed that although there are many good things about it, and I can't ignore the fact that I do very much enjoy using it, there are many mental and physical health issues that have increased due to social media, and I wanted to address this.



Hi Conor, thank you for the feedback, just wanted to day that I actually haven't finished it this is just where I am now, I haven't finished the negative sides or started the conclusion /opinion, and I have all my sources I just haven't made the reference list yet.

#### Monday 25th January - Evaluating Expressions

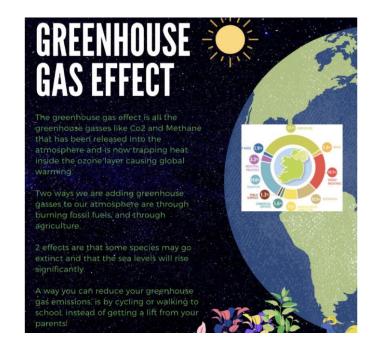
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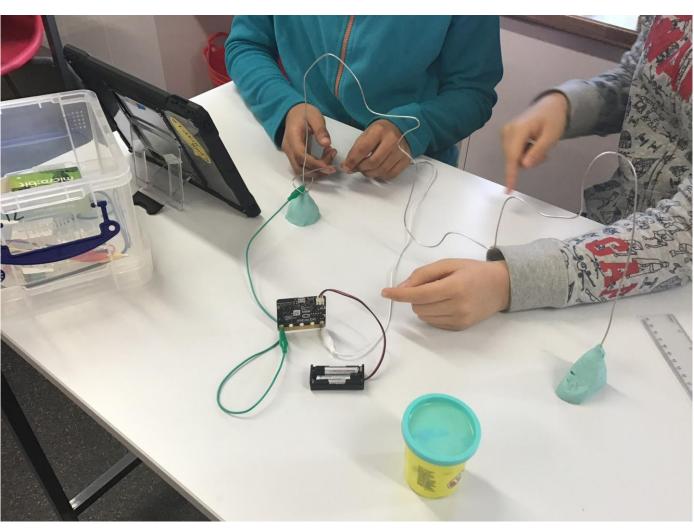
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#### **Content Creation**

- Research projects
- Infographics and Posters
- Making videos



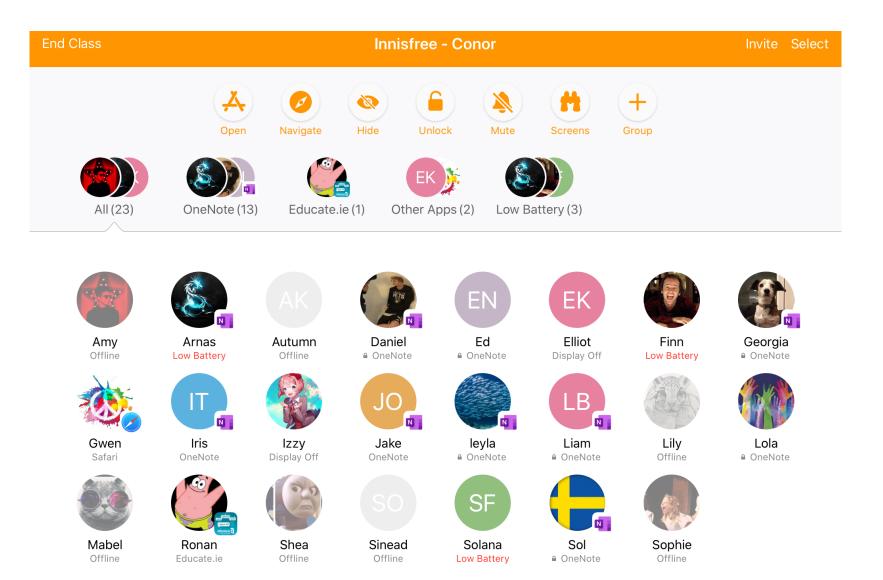




### Managing the devices in class

Apple Classroom is a classroom management tool

 Can lock iPads, view screens and force open apps



## Developing digital skills

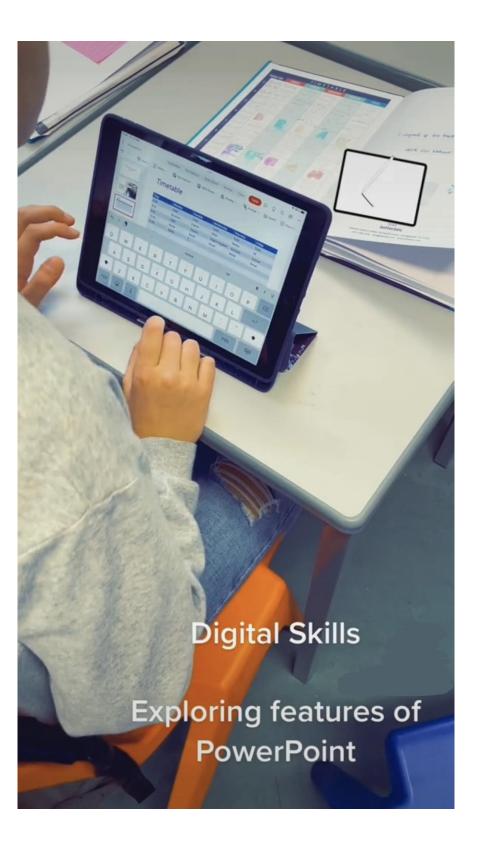
- The use of the iPad may be new to both parents and students.
- Both can develop their digital skills to become more confident in the use of the iPad.

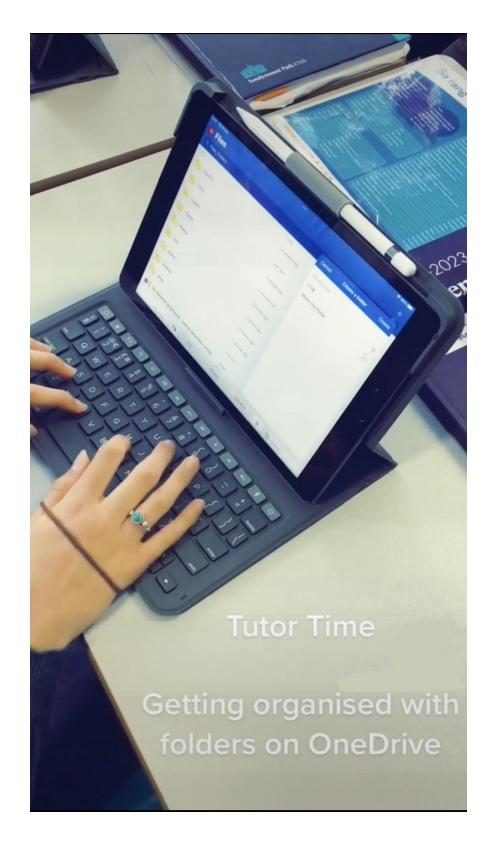


#### **Digital Skills**

- All first years are taught a module of digital skills within student enrichment.
- Using some of the courses, they develop skills on how to use the iPad, using O365 apps & other relevant apps and iPad features.







#### HOW TO EMAIL A TEACHER

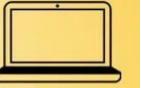
1 SUBJECT LINE

2-5 word summary of the email

- Missing Grade
- **Homework Question**
- Late Work

CLOSING

- Thank youHave a nice day!



- 5 SIGN YOUR NAME!
- BEGIN WITH A GREETING
  - Good Morning
  - Hello
  - Good Afternoon

This is in the body of the email

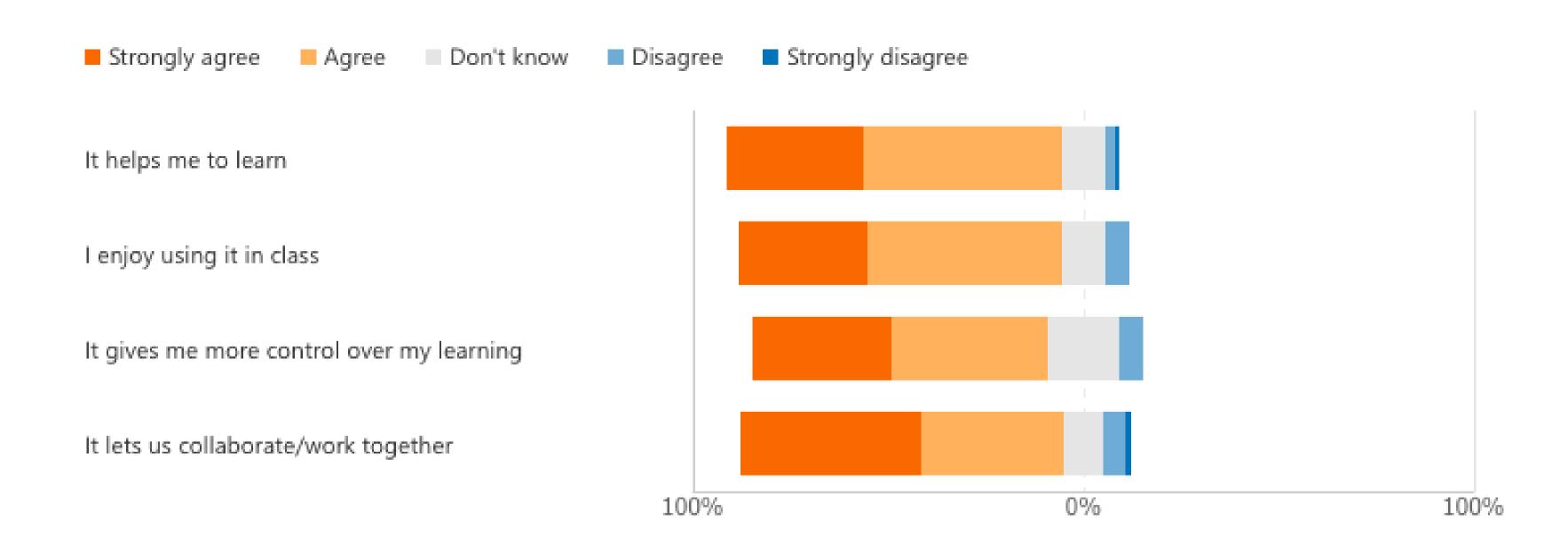
- BODY OF THE EMAIL
  - I am writing because.....
  - I need help help......
  - I am confused by......

#### **General Tips:**

- Be sure to use proper capitalization & punctuation.
- Always use proper grammar.
- Piz spell out ur words.
  - Please spell out your words.



## What do our students say?



#### What's next?

- Wriggle Store
- Instructions in the package on setup
- If there is any doubt, please leave setup until they get in here in August
- Record all passcodes. Forgotten passcodes can lead to time without iPad in school



# Wriggle Connect Family – Parents & Students

- You will automatically receive access to Wriggle Connect Family.
- Please check the email account that you used for your device purchase, as this will contain an activation email from Wriggle Connect Family.
- Then simply click on this link to activate your account.



# Technology and costs

#### **10th Gen iPad for €429 64GB** (€639 256GB)

- Larger 10.9" Liquid Retina display
- 12MP Wide camera
- Faster A14 Bionic chip
- No Home Button
- USB-C connector (EU law has mandated that by 2025 devices sold need to be USB C rather than lighting connector that the 9th gen has)
- Touch ID in top button
- Wi-Fi 6
- Longer support from Apple

- €120 payable for Wriggle services and support, device management license fee
- Heavy duty case €50
- Total €599
- Store opens 2nd April closes 18th June
- Total cost covers the three years of Junior Cycle (€200 per year of Junior Cycle)

<sup>\*</sup>Strongly recommend a digital pencil

<sup>\*\*</sup>Keyboard case for those who have been using assistive technology

# Book Grant and Materials Fee

### Reduction in costs:

- From €410 to €250 covers insurance, locker, CAT4s, printing, games, Educate Together membership
- eBooks, Apps, journal, calculator, folders, copies, log tables, dictionaries will be supplied



Surveys/Focus Groups



# QUALITY ASSURANCE

State Exam Data SSE

Inspections



# LEARNING AND TEACHING

### **Incidental Inspection 2019**

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

### 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.



# LEARNING AND TEACHING

### **Incidental Inspection 2023**

- The quality of teaching and learning was very good
- Assessment for learning was very good in all lessons
- Team teaching provided very comprehensive in class support
- Students were seen to be active participants in their learning
- Students used technology effectively, were seen to be kind, respectful, displaying behaviour for learning
- The wellbeing of students was at the core of all interactions

### Whole School Evaluation March 2024

- Exceptionally respectful relationships
- •Routines to support learning were well-embedded
- •Careful copybooks initiative highly evident in almost all lessons
- Students ready to engage with learning
- Digitally-enhanced learning used judiciously
- •Purposeful use of ICT: quizzing, task-based video work, corrections / modelling of work, exemplars of work
- High expectations
- Corridors are vibrant learning spaces
- •Excellent preparation, enthusiasm, subject knowledge



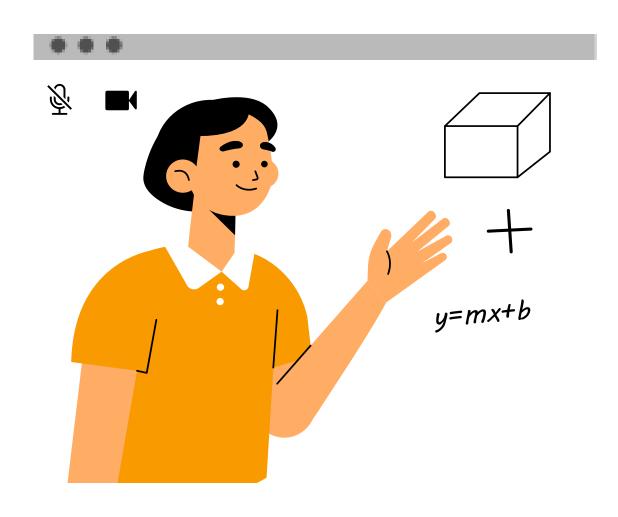
# School Day



- The building opens to students at 8:15am
- Day starts @ 8:30am
- Finishes @ 3:30pm on Monday & Wednesday & 2:30pm on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
- Tutor time/Wellbeing 8:30-8:45am every morning
- Morning break @10:45 for 15 minutes.
- Lunch @1pm for 30 minutes
- Students remain onsite for break & lunch packed lunch
- Classes are 1 hour in duration mixed ability
- Locker for each student cannot be accessed after 8:30am
- Extra-curricular at lunchtime & after school

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	English Room 16	History Room 2	English Room 16	Classics (JC) Room 21	German Room 20
9:00	Emily Fitzsimons; Lara Hunt 2Eng-l 08:45 - 09:45	Conor Delaney 2His-I 08:45 - 09:45	Lara Hunt 2Eng-I 08:45 - 09:45	Caolan Hansard 2Cla (JC)-5.3 08:45 - 09:45	Anna Carew 2Ger-6.3 08:45 - 09:45
	Mathematics Room 15	Irish Room 18	Business Studies Room 6	English Room 16	Mathematics Room 15
10:00	Paul McDonald; Sara Quill 2Mat-l 09:45 - 10:45	Rosie Scanlon 2Iri-2.2 09:45 - 10:45	Justin Carroll 2Bus-3.2 09:45 - 10:45	Emily Fitzsimons; Lara Hunt 2Eng-l 09:45 - 10:45	Elaine McCann; Paul McDonald 2Mat-I 09:45 - 10:45
11:00	Business Studies Room 6 Justin Carroll	Ethical Education Room 20 Paul McDonald	Science (JC) Room 5 (Science) Clodagh Wheeler	Spanish Room 3 Romina Fernández Torinotti; Paola	Irish Room 18 Rosie Scanlon
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	2DML (JC Short Course)-1.2		2Cla (JC)-5.3		

# Curriculum First Year 23/24



## **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, Philosophy, Artistic Performance

### **Option subjects - choose two**

Art, Music, Geography, Spanish, Classics, Business

Students take 8 subjects and 4 short courses

# **Choosing Subjects**

# Students take 8 subjects for certification

## **Core Subjects**

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

## **Option Subjects**

Choose two, one from each block

### **Short Courses**

Philosophy, Coding, Artistic Performance – choose one

Block 1	Block 2	
Art	Art	
Business	Classics	
Geography	Business	
Spanish	Music	

### www.curriculumonline.ie

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Early Childhood Primary Junior Cycle Senior Cycle

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# Welcome to curriculumonline

Here you will find all curriculum documentation and supporting material for the Irish curriculum for children from the ages 1 – 6 (Aistear), pupils from the ages 5 – 12 (primary), students from the ages 12 -15 (junior cycle) and the ages 16 – 18 (senior cycle).



Click Here for more information

### You can look at each individual subject

### **Business Studies**

Welcome to Junior Cycle Business Studies.

This new specification for Junior Cycle Business Studies covers teaching, learning and assessment in business studies for the first, second and third years in post-primary school.

The specification focuses on improving students' understanding of the <u>business</u> environment and on developing skills for life, work and further study through the three inter-connected strands: Personal Finance, Enterprise and Our Economy.

#### Report on Early Enactment of JC Science and Business Studies



Specification

Click on the graphic below:

Curriculum Specification Assessment Guidelines

Examples of Student Work

Sample Questions

**CBA Revised Arrangements** 



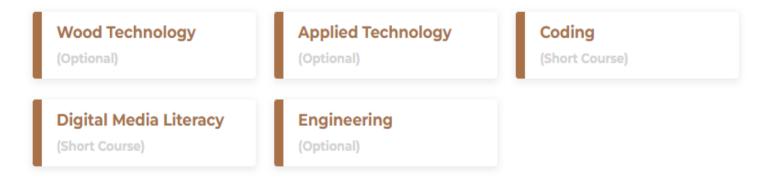
### **Junior Cycle Subjects**

In the Junior Cycle, students will study a combination of **Full Subjects** and **Short Courses**. Of the Full Subjects, *English*, *Irish*, *Maths* and *History* are compulsory while all the others are optional i.e. students will choose the remaining subjects during their school's subject choice process. For students who may struggle at this level, an additional range of subjects known as **Learning Programmes** has been designed, three at Level 2 and three at Level 1.

Short Courses are typically half the size of full subjects and do not have a terminal exam. Short Courses offered can vary between schools. **Wellbeing** is central to the Junior Cycle, meaning that subjects such as *SPHE*, *CSPE* and *PE* are also compulsory.

#### **Practical**

These subjects are 'hands-on' and involve working with tools and machinery on physical things like wood, metals and plastic. They may involve designing, planning and building things.



#### Science

At School

EXPLORE LANGUAGES ▼

AT SCHOOL ▼ AT THIRD LEVEL AT WORK

IN THE COMMUNITY ▼

ABOUT ▼









At Work

#ThinkLanguages



School Library Funding Scheme 2023

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At Third Level





# WARUM DEUTSCH?

GERMAN IS THE MOST COMMON, LANGUAGE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, WITH OVER 100 MILLION SPEAKERS



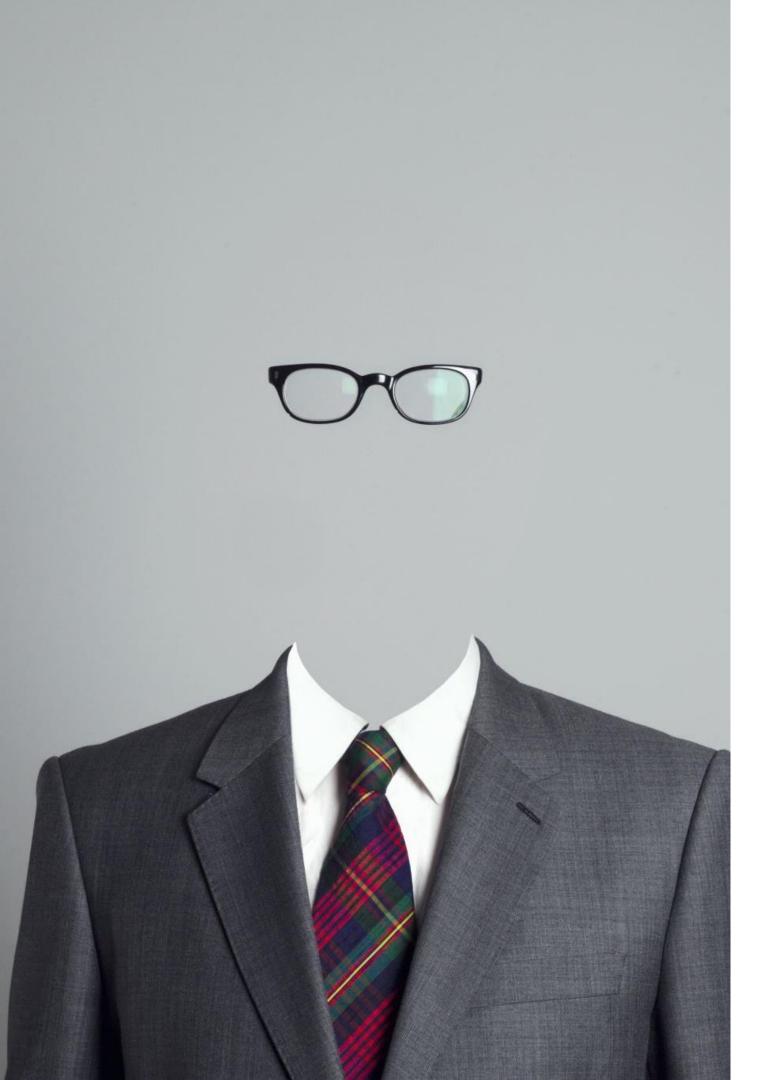
EVERY GERMAN STUDENT HAS BEEN OFFERED A TRIP TO A GERMAN SPEAKING COUNTRY!

1 IN 10 BOOKS ARE PUBLISHED IN GERMAN



GERMAN IS SPOKEN IN ALL CONTINENTS IN OVER 40 COUNTRIES!





# Advice

Choose subjects that you like/ have an interest in/ enjoy

Choose subjects that come easy to you

Choose subjects which tie in with any career aspirations you might have at present, bearing in mind that such aspirations my change over time

Read the Subject Choice Guide and explore the links!

# 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

### Journal, more detailed information in OneNote homework section

- Some students will need more support than others, help with deadlines
- Encourage to do their best, take pride in their work
- Get in touch with the subject teacher or tutor if there is an issue

# Student Supports

### **SEN Provision**

- <a href="https://sandymountparketss.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Sandymount-Park-SEN-Provision-Map-23\_24.pdf">https://sandymountparketss.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Sandymount-Park-SEN-Provision-Map-23\_24.pdf</a>
- 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



# Support for student academic and personal wellbeing

- INDUCTION WEEK
- CLASS TUTOR
- PROGRESS LEADER
- GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR
- CAT4 ASSESSMENTS & ACADEMIC MONITORING AND TRACKING
- REGULAR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME
- IN CLASS SUPPORT
- SMALL GROUP SUPPORT FOR SOME
- LINKS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES



# Progress Leader

# Academic engagement and progress Social and emotional development and behaviour

- Visit classes during tutor time
- No iPad? Call or text home
- No journal? Provide a replacement page
- Monitor dress code/spot check iPads/lockers
- Meet with tutors and Student Support
   Team regularly regarding progress
- Plan and monitor supports for identified students
- Assemblies

# **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
- Check for iPads and materials
- Monitor dress code
- Monitor attendance
- Relay any messages the students may need to know about
- Themed events
- Once a week sign the journal





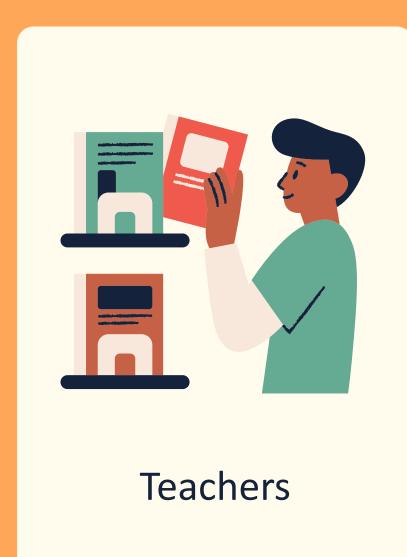


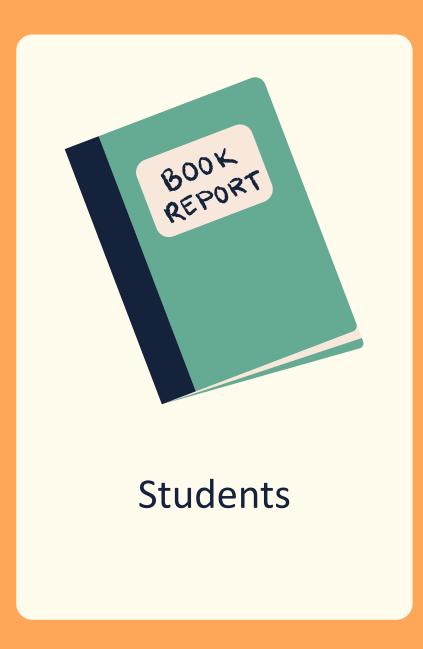
# August/September

Induction
Settling in
Getting to know fellow students & staff
Getting to know iPad/OneNote
Bonding trip to Zipit



# COLLABORATION/PARTNERSHIP









# Supporting your child in school



- Check in with your child 'What did you learn today?'
- Check the journal assignments & notes, sign every week
- Check Teams
- Support with tracking deadlines
- iPad charged in the evening & back in the bag ready for the next day
- Locker combination/key
- Copies Copybook Checklist
- Together read the Code of Positive Behaviour,
   Homework Code, Acceptable Use Policy discuss,
   sign
- We will be in touch if we have a concern

# 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 all 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.

# Some important rules

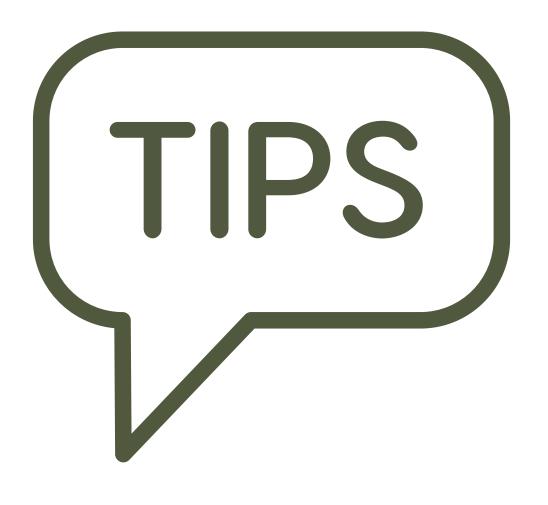
Phones must be placed in the locker at the start of the day

iPads are not allowed at break or lunchtime

No hats or coats to be worn in class

Clothing must be appropriate to the school environment

No fizzy/energy drinks Respect for self and others at all times



Keep routine Keep up hobbies independence – student raising issues with teacher/tutor Encourage directly Sleep no phones at night-time large social media groups e.g WhatsApp – trusted friend Avoid groups/smaller groups

# Communication Procedures

Child, journal, Teams, classmates

Website www.sandymountparketss.ie Twitter @SandymOuntPark

Subject concern – email/call teacher

General concern – email/call tutor

More serious concern – email/call Progress Leader – will refer on as appropriate



# **VSWare App**

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Attendance
Appointments
Leaving Early - student to set timer and comes to reception

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Illness? Tell teacher and report to school office. Student must not contact parents directly by phone or email

