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Senior Cycle Redevelopment

We have been providing regular updates to parents during the school year on the changes being implemented by the Department of Education in relation to Senior Cycle Reform.



Additional Assessment Components (AACs)

Please click on the link to view information regarding the introduction of additional assessment components across various subjects at Senior Cycle. This information (originally shared as part of the Parents Update on Friday 24 April 2026) outlines what will be involved for learners and what will be expected of them going forward as well as how parents can support students.

[Additional Assessment Components - Information for Parents & Students](#)

Additional Assessment Components

- Each of the new and revised subject specifications will incorporate additional assessment components (called AACs).
- These components will **not** be a traditional written examination.
- AACs will be assessed by the State Examinations Commission (S.E.C).

Minimum **40%** marks for additional assessment components

GCC 1 to 1 Devices

Following discussions with our Board of Management and Parents Council, *GCC* intends to roll out 1:1 digital devices for all 5th Year students from September to support teaching, learning and assessment at Senior Cycle. All 5th Year students are expected to have access to a suitable device and **existing family owned devices may be used where appropriate.**

This initiative is designed to improve students' access to IT, particularly in light of new and evolving Additional Assessment Components (AACs) across a range of subjects.

While existing family owned devices can be used where appropriate, the school has been asked to make suggestions regarding other possible suitable devices. The suggested devices are Chromebooks which are reliable, easy to use, quick to start and provide good access to cloud based learning tools. They are also cost effective and have good battery life. Parents should be aware that Chromebooks rely mainly on internet-based applications and have limited local storage; however, this does not impact Senior Cycle learning or AAC requirements in *GCC*.

If parents/guardians do not have access to an existing family owned devices, we are proposing a choice between two suggested Chromebook devices, details of which are outlined in the specification document [link below]. Devices are available at a very economical cost starting from €199, with no unnecessary add ons. To keep costs low and allow flexibility, devices will be not be managed by the school and no e-books will be pre-installed. Students are already very familiar with using Chromebooks, which have been embedded in teaching and learning in *GCC* for the past six years.

Classroom use will be teacher directed and supervised at all times, and students are expected to arrive at school with their device fully charged. Locker storage will be available and the use of a protective case is strongly recommended. Please note these devices are also suitable for 6th Year students if required.

All students must use their device in line with the school's Acceptable Use Policy. Insurance, maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of families.

[GCC - Suggested Student 1 to 1 Devices](#)



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