

Secondary 1:1 Laptop Programme

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- Reflects previous years parent survey feedback and the need to improve the use of technology in the teaching and learning across the school
- Reflects the increased availability of digital resources
- Building upon the primary 1:1 device strategy introduced in previous years (ipad)
- Roll out now commencing across key stages 3 and 4
- Will be completed by the end of the academic year
- To be in place to support the introduction of the schools own Virtual Learning Environment

## Principles

- The laptop simply becomes an every day tool for our students enhance their learning
- Some lessons it may be used extensively some it may not
- Allows staff to plan teaching and learning in the knowledge that every student has access to the resources and tools
- Allows access to resources which increasingly reflect the digital age
- Allows access to software packages that are commonly used within subject departments for lessons and homework
- Allows improved communication of content and work

- Students utilize digital resources alongside traditional resources
- Students learn to select the most appropriate sources and mediums and tools to enhance their learning
- Students learn to evaluate the credibility of differing sources of information and become a critical consumer
- Students learn to select the right tool for the job
- Learn about the risks as well as the benefits of access to mass information...to become responsible consumers

- Increased access to mass information will always carry risks
- The laptop remains the property of the school and as such will be randomly checked to monitor usage and information accessed to support responsible usage
- Families also need to be vigilant about access outside of school in support of responsible usage
- All devices will be checked at some point for content and usage
- The aim to develop critical, responsible users who are aware of the benefits but also the risks to themselves and others

- Read and sign the agreement which tries to capture a lot of what I have spoken about this afternoon
- For those that have done so the devices will be distributed on Tuesday
- Students to bring their devices each day and have them available for use each day so charging overnight ready for the next day is important
- Take care of them