

CASTLETROY COLLEGE



5th years 2026-2027

Parent/Guardian Information Night.

March 23rd, 2026

7pm.

Back to School 2026



- Return Dates: Week Beginning August 31st
- School Books
- School Uniform
 - [Fennessys](#)
 - [So Schools](#)
 - [Mike O Connells](#)
- School Jacket
- PE Uniform: Discounted Store **Up To April 30th**
 - [Order Here](#)
- Weekly Newsletter: CTC Weekly
 - [Past Issues Here](#)



Purpose of this information night.

Share Information about the redevelopment of the Senior Cycle.

Discuss the incorporation of additional assessment components (AACs).

Outline the steps to purchase a managed devices for your son/daughter.

Address any questions or concerns regarding these changes and/or the further integration of technology into the learning environment.

To build on and strengthen our collaborative partnership.

Rationale – Why is the Leaving Certificate changing?

*Senior Cycle Redevelopment is a planned process over time.
"The last structural changes to Senior Cycle curricula
and programmes took place more than 20 years ago and since then,
much has shifted in learning, schools, education systems, the wider
society and in the national and global environment."*

Senior Cycle Review Advisory Report (2022), p.5

- 1) **Reducing the pressure** of the final high stakes exams.
- 2) **Rewarding a wider range of talents:** Projects, investigations, practicals - showcase skills as well as knowledge.
- 3) **Modernise the Learning Experience-** with a focus on key competencies- applying knowledge in real-world contexts.

Senior Cycle from this September 2026



Revised Subject Specifications

*Biology,
Physics,
Chemistry,
Business,
Construction,
Engineering,
Geography ,
Physical Education and
LCVP to LCW*

The Big Change

Every new and revised subject will now follow a **60/40** split:

60%: Final Written Examination.
40%: Additional Assessment Component (AAC).

What is an AAC?

It is *not* a traditional written exam.
Depending on the subject, it could be a project, a practical investigation, an oral exam, or a portfolio externally marked by the SEC.

What is this
going to look like
for 5th year
students of
2026/2027?

Tranche 1 Subjects (Already live).

Ancient Greek

Arabic

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Latin

Physics

Tranche 2 Subjects (New this September).

Construction Studies

Engineering

Geography

LCVP Link Module

Physical Education

For more information on Tranche subjects click [here](#)

Curricular components- phased rollout.



2026- Current TYs

Tranche 2 subjects
Accounting*
Construction Studies
Engineering
English*
Geography
LCVP Link Modules
Physical Education

2027- Current 3rd Years.

Tranche 3 subjects
Agricultural Science
Computer Science
Design and Communications Graphics
History
Home Economics
Mathematics
Music
Physics and Chemistry

2028- Current 2nd Years.

Tranche 4 subjects
Art
Economics
French
Gaeilge
German
Italian
Politics and Society
Spanish
Technology

2029- Current 1st years.

Tranche 5 subjects
Applied Mathematics
Classical Studies
Japanese
Lithuanian
Mandarin Chinese
Polish
Portuguese
Religious Education**
Russian

Assuming they participate Transition Year.

Curricular areas with assessment components.

- **Applied Maths** - Mathematics Modelling Project -20%
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- **DCG** - Project - 40%
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- **History** - Research study report - 20%
- **Geography** - Applied Geography Project - 40%
- **LCVP** - Portfolio = 60%



Curricular areas with assessment components.

- **LCVP** - Portfolio = 60%
- **Music** - Practical Performance and Listening - 50%
- **Physics** - Physics in Practice Investigation - 40%
- **Physical Education** - Physical Activity Project - 20%
Performance Assessment - 30%
- **Politics and Society** - Citizenship project - 20%



Year 1: 5th Year (2026/27)

- **September 2026:** Students begin New Specifications.
- **January 2027:** SEC releases "Briefs" or project instructions.
- **Spring 2027:** Students begin working on their **40% Additional Assessment** components for Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 subjects.

Goal: Aim to have a significant portion of this work done before starting 6th Year.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME SCHEDULE OF EXAMINATION AND COMPLETION DATES 2026/2027

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2026		JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2027	
Monday, 2 November	Home Economics Food Studies Coursework	Friday, 15 January	Design & Communication Graphics Practical Coursework Classical Studies Research Study Report
Tuesday, 3 November – Friday, 5 November	Coursework Submission Window 1	Coursework Submission Window 2	
Friday, 27 November	Latin Research Study Report Ancient Greek Research Study Report	Monday, 18 January – Thursday, 21 January	
Friday, 11 December	Physics in Practice Investigation Economics Research Study	Friday, 26 February	LCVP: Link Modules Portfolio of Coursework Biology in Practice Investigation
Friday, 18 December	Physical Education Physical Activity Report		
MARCH / APRIL 2027		APRIL 2027	
Monday, 8 March – Thursday, 11 March	Coursework Submission Window 3	Friday, 9 April	Applied Mathematics Mathematical Modelling Project Agricultural Science Individual Investigative Study
Friday, 5 March	Engineering Project Component		
Friday, 12 March	Business Alive Investigative Study Climate Action and Sustainable Development Action Project	Friday, 16 April	Geographical Investigation Report Textile Studies Elective Coursework in Home Economics. Scientific and Social Art Practical Coursework
Friday, 19 March	Computer Science Coursework Project Physical Education – Performance Assessment Technology Practical Coursework	Friday, 23 April	Drama Film and Theatre Studies Creativity in Practice Project Chemistry in Practice Investigation
Saturday, 20 March – Thursday 25 March	Leaving Certificate Oral Examinations: Irish, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Lithuanian, Portuguese, Polish and Arabic	Tuesday, 20 April – Thursday, 22 April	Art Practical Examinations
Tuesday, 6 April – Friday, 9 April	Coursework Submission Window 4	Monday, 26 April – Thursday, 29 April	Coursework Submission Window 5
Monday, 5 April – Friday, 16 April	Music Practical Examinations	Tuesday, 27 April – Thursday, 29 April	Construction Practical Examinations
		Wednesday, 28 April	LCVP: Link Modules Written Examination (10.00 – 12.30)
		Friday, 30 April	Politics & Society Citizenship Project History Research Study Report Religious Education Practical Coursework Construction Studies Project Component Music, Higher Level Elective in Composing
MAY 2027		JUNE 2027	
Tuesday, 4 May – Friday, 7 May	Coursework Submission Window 6	Tuesday, 8 June – Wednesday, 23 June	Marking (in schools) of Leaving Certificate: Construction Studies Practical and Project Components Engineering Practical and Project Components Textile Studies, Elective Coursework in Leaving Certificate Home Economics Scientific and Social Technology Practical Coursework Art Coursework and Practical Components
Tuesday, 4 May – Thursday, 6 May	Engineering Studies Practical		
Wednesday, 19 May	Leaving Certificate Computer Science - Written Examination Higher and Ordinary Level. Section A & B: 9.30 – 11.00 Section C: 11.30 – 12.30		

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A significant portion of this work is done in 5th year.

Attendance - Anseo



- **Consistency is the key:** for confidence in themselves as learners and connection.
- **Engaging** daily with their learning - no gaps to try and catch up on.
- **Develop** stronger friendship and a sense of belonging, more of a support system.
- **Life-long habits** of punctuality, reliability and engagement.

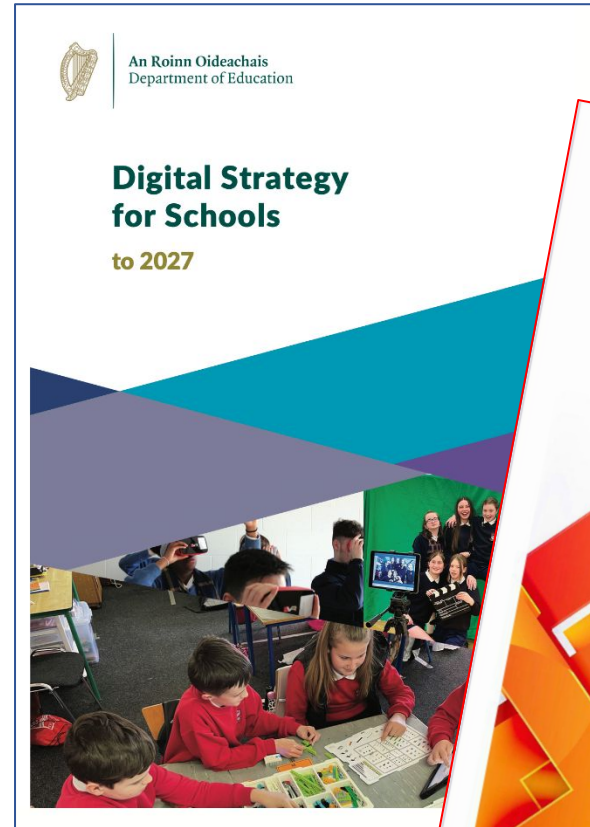
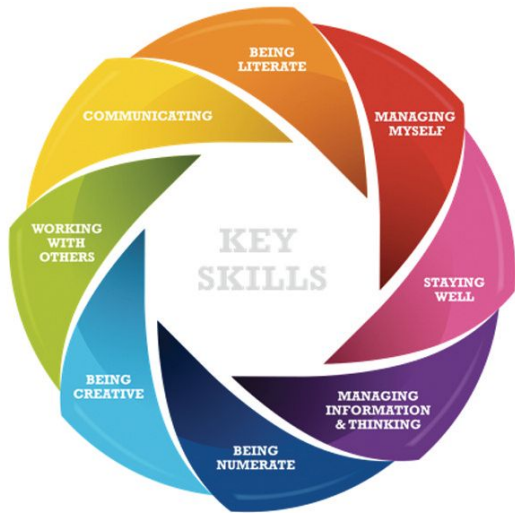
Further information

- Government information campaigns [here](#)
- Schedule of roll out [here](#)
- NCCA Senior Cycle redevelopment information [here](#)
- Wriggle <https://www.wriggle.ie/>

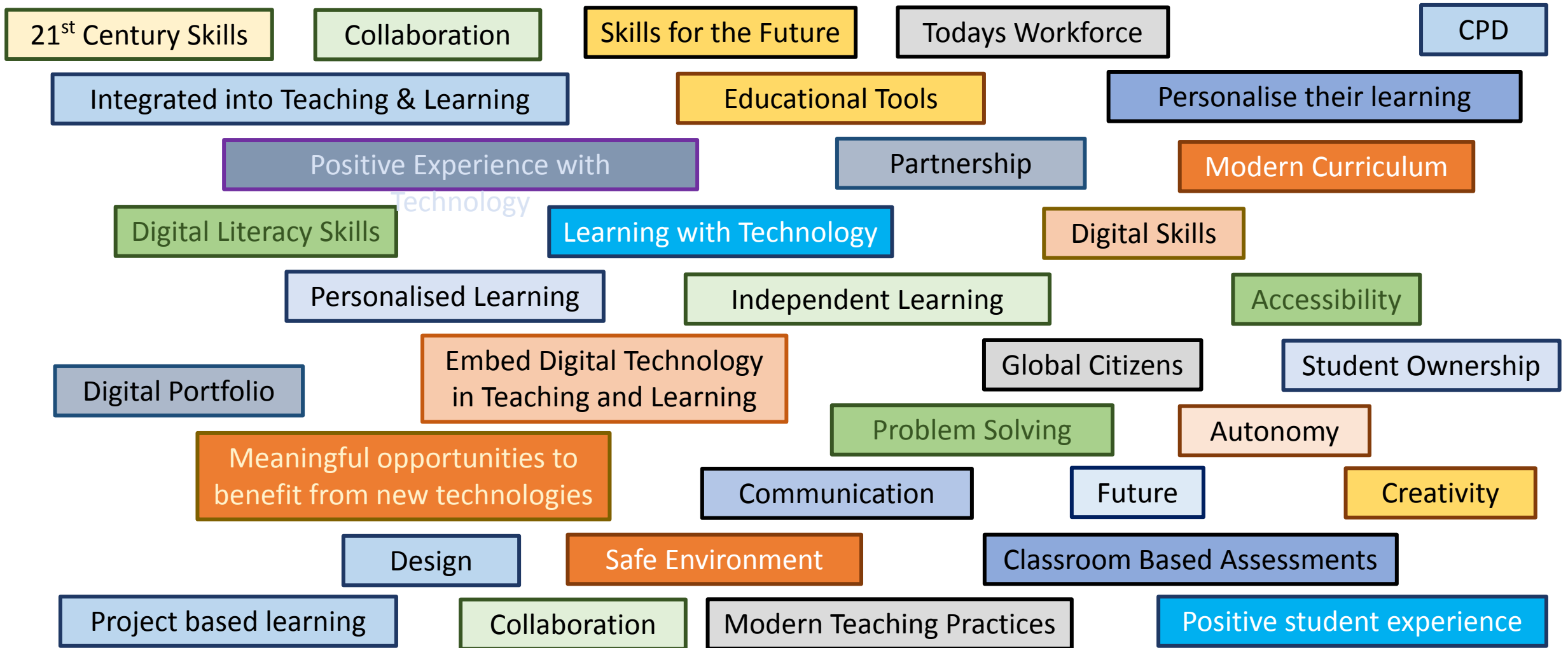




Castletroy College, Our Digital Journey - Traditional



Castletroy College, Our Digital Journey - Curriculum



Castletroy College, Our Digital Journey - Consistency

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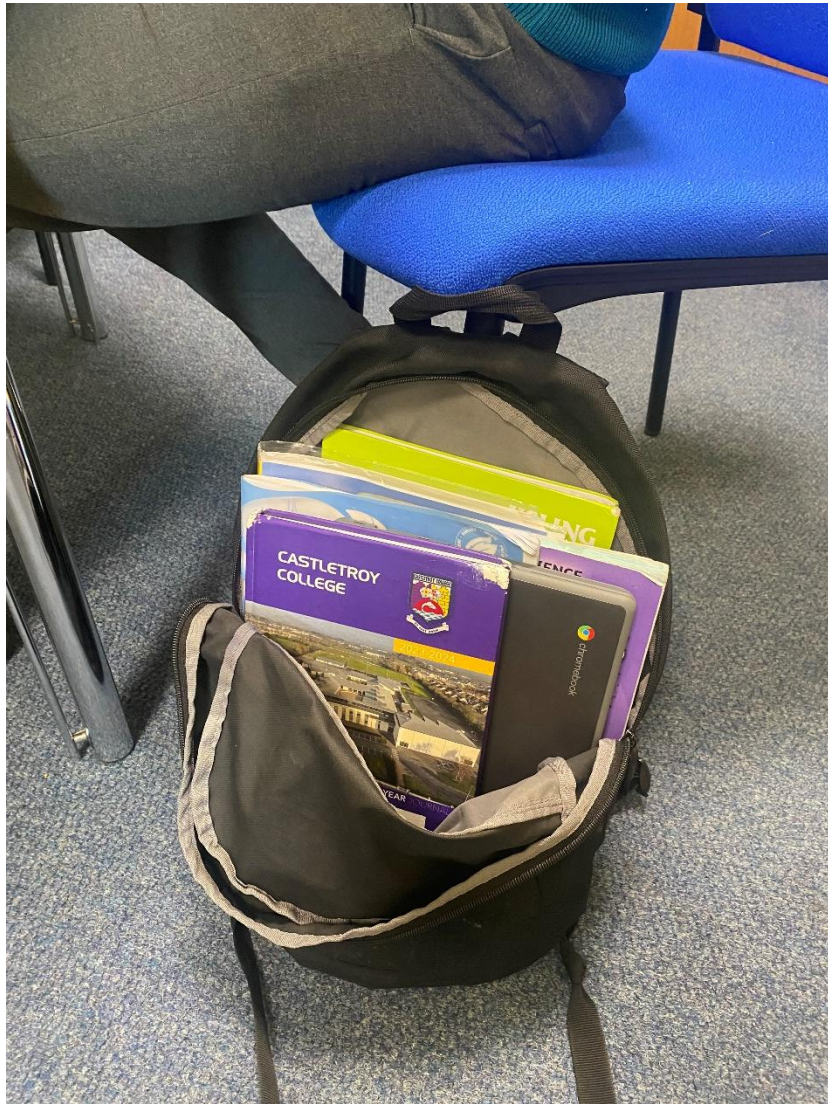


Google Workspace



Castletroy College, Our Digital Journey - Framework





Managed Educational Device?



- Restrictions provides a safe envior
- Device for educational use
- Managed
- Apps
- ed i
- counts to enable easy installation of
- ebooks
- Authentication of student work



Managed Devices

Bundle Cost Breakdown

What's included in your child's Wriggle Technology Bundle?

- Asus CZ11 Chromebook 4gb/64gb with 3 Year Accidental Damage Warranty €369.00
- Optional Heavy Duty Case €40
- Wriggle Services & Support for 2 years €30. See what's included [here](#)
- Device Management license €40
- 2 Year Senso Filter €0
- Delivery €7.99
- Provisioned Educational Apps (chosen by your school) available on your device
- FREE access to 100s of short training videos in safely using technology for learning for parents and students on Wriggle Connect. See what you have access to [here](#)
- Insurance offering available at time of purchase or alternatively at <https://wriggle.ie/parents/ordering/insurance-repairs/>

Payment Options Available

Timeline & Next Steps

Wriggle Parent Pack

Store Code: 43733517

Visit your Wriggle School Store
store.wriggle.ie to purchase
your device



Important Dates

- **Late March:** Parent store open 19th March
- **Mid June:** Store closes 21st June
- **Summer:** Device delivered to your home
- **Mid August:** Back to school Webinars

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Thank You