

iPad Initiative

Glenamaddy
Community School

Thursday 7th April 2016
7:30-9:00pm



iPad Information Evening for incoming 1st Year Parents

Mr. Duignan - Principal

Ms. Lyons - ICT Coordinator

Ms. Lynn - School Planning

Mr. Lennon – Technical Support, iPads Class 2016

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The iPad Initiative

- Teaching and Learning are currently going through a major transition phase where technology is playing a key role in the everyday life.
- This initiative is not just a substitute for heavy textbooks.
- The use of the iPads has transformed the way students learn and teachers teach. Every classroom is now a computer room; no need for teachers to leave their classroom to do project/IT work with students.

The iPad Initiative

- The iPad enhances the learning environment at school and at home.
- No need for the school to re-invest in ICT equipment. Equally no need for PC/Laptop at home.
- There is industrial grade Wi-Fi throughout the school, allowing students to save their work, access the Internet and use educational apps.

Why introduce this technology?

- This is the 2nd year of this initiative, 57 out of 72 current 1st Year students have iPads. (80% of First Years have iPads)
- All students have a school e-mail address, 160keaveney@glencs.ie. E-mails are sent/received on the iPad/PC.
- Projects can be completed using the iPad. Word/Excel/PowerPoint/OneNote are all Apps on the iPad
- Extremely reliable, very few faults, gum covers mean no screen breakage. Little technical support needed.
- Very intuitive & no need for anti-virus software.
- Students save all their work on OneDrive, this cloud storage is accessible both in school and at home.

Why the iPad?

- iPads instantly turn on which reduces the amount of class downtime. Students only need to charge iPad twice weekly.
- Many students are already using a similar device, including iPhone, Smart Phones, iPads & Tablets.
- Using an iPad addresses varying learning styles. Apps such as Natural Reader(Reads Text aloud) help students with special educational needs.
- Using Technology can be motivating in the classroom.
- Students are more organised, they always have all their books with them. Fewer trips to the locker.
- Fewer photocopies/pages needed.

Security & Management

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- We have put together an Acceptable Usage Policy (AUP), detailing our in class/school rules on the iPads. This policy document has been approved by our Board of Management. It is available on our website.
- There is a list of banned Apps, such as Snapchat, Facebook, Messenger etc.
- Our School's 100MB Broadband is filtered and sites such as Facebook are blocked.
- We have Management software (Meraki) that has the ability to monitor the installation of apps on the iPads.
- We also have the ability to block all cameras while students are on the school Wi-Fi.

The Future

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- This Device will last for 5/6Yrs and beyond, it will be used for both Junior & Senior Cycle books.
- With the aid of technology we instil life long learning skills in our students.
- Our students will be IT savvy and thus more employable.
- Using ICT to deliver a more dynamic curriculum in all subjects.
- The new Junior Cert Cycle lends itself to this type of technology and course delivery.
- Departments have created their own digital content and students have input.
- Staff have begun to develop their own electronic books and content.
- Apps like iMovie are being used to create digital stories.
- We will continue to provide iPad training sessions for parents; six in total. The first of these will take place in September.

School Planning- Parents Survey



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- 24 parents of the current first year class attended iPad training and completed a survey.
- 71% felt that their child was more willing to do homework with use of an iPad.
- Comments from parents : "They won't forget any books and their bags are much lighter. Getting more into the technology. Find out homework more easily by contacting other students. Get information from teachers".
- Children that use an iPad will only be expected to bring copy books and pencil case to school.

Student Experiences & Feedback

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- All current 1st Year Students were surveyed.
- 96% of students stated that they were happy that G.C.S. uses iPads.
- All students felt that there was adequate technical support being provided by the school.
- Comments from Students; “We can play instruments on the iPad for music and I can look up words for the different languages”
- “We can listen to a Poem read out by the author in our e-books app, it’s easier understand the poem than just reading the poem out.

Main concern- screen time and eyestrain

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- Some students have found that their eyes become sore if they use their iPad continuously.
- In G.C.S we have brokered a deal with all the book companies to supply a complimentary hardbook with the eBook.
- 84% of students use their hardbooks at home for doing homework to reduce screen time.

iPad to help us improve teaching and learning

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- Simplify the collection and retention of materials
- Allows students to take control of their own learning.
- Immediate feedback and whole class participation.
- Reading and annotating paperless-Taking pictures, storage of all documents on one device, one note etc.
- Resources available for whatever you can imagine “ there's an app for that”
- iPad is extremely fast,wifi is accessible throughout the school, its light compact and combines so many resources in one.

iPad technical support

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- Its important students fully charge the iPad every second night. Always use a genuine apple charger as other chargers can damage the iPad.
- If there is a problem with a students iPad, or if a student is having difficulty in using certain feature of the iPad, I will be available during school to meet the students and help them with any problem.
- I will be available to answer any concerns or queries parents may have on the iPad. I will also help in any iPad training you may need.

From a Parent's Perspective

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- I can see the advantages from the perspective of both a teacher and a parent, particularly where special needs are concerned.
- For my child with severe dyslexia, she can switch on her iPad and have the textbook read to her.
- She can easily highlight important points in the textbooks.
- She finds the interactive games that the teachers use, very helpful in learning concepts.
- For a child with organisational difficulties, she has all the textbooks on the one device and is no longer daunted by the prospect of packing the bag.

- Homework has been the biggest advantage for me as a parent of a child with special needs.
- Before this year, there was always a huge reluctance to do the homework. Now she feels empowered because the device is hers and she knows how to access it. It is much more personal to her than a textbook. I imagine this is the same for all students.
- Results as seen at Study Buddies.
- If there is a change to the timetable, like a study class, students have all their textbooks with them and can work away on any subject.
- It promotes independent learning as students feel in control of any research they are undertaking.

iPad ebooks from Educate.ie

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- Easy **navigation** through the ebook on iPad
- Embedded **video, animation** and **audio** bring the subject to vivid life
- The ability to add **notes** and **bookmarks** in the ebook personalise the student's learning journey
- Additional digital resources online including **chapter slideshows, worksheets** and much more at Educateplus.ie

Topics Covered

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- Why the iPad
- eBooks on iPad
- What comes with the iPad
- Many more Educational Apps
- iPad Costs & Insurance
- iPad Ordering & Pick-Up

Why the iPad

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- Ease of Use
- Battery Life – up to 10 hours
- Many great accessories – Keyboards, AirPrint, wireless projection, wireless speakers, microscopes etc.
- Reliability and Durability with iPad rugged case
- Instant on – no waiting to boot up
- No viruses

e-Books on iPad

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- Educate.ie
- Folens
- Edco
- CJ Fallon
- Gill and Macmillan

What comes on the iPad

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- iOS 9.3 and all standard apps
- Book Company Apps with the eBooks downloaded
- Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote
- Apps recommended by School

Many more Ed. Apps

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- Explain Everything
- Socratic
- Garage Band
- Dictionary
- Show Me
- Shakespeare in bits
- Natural Reader, reads text aloud
- Irish Grammar
- Quizlet
- Exam Papers

iPad Cost

iPad Option:

Including Gumdrops Rugged Case

► **iPad Air 2 64GB with Wi-Fi** €520

eBooks €240

Total €760

Insurance of the iPad against theft/damage is your own responsibility, the cheapest way to insure the iPad is to include the device as part of your house Insurance. You will have to inform your insurance company & give them the serial number of the iPad. The Serial number will be on the paperwork provided with iPad. With FBD it adds extra €20 per year onto your policy from the renewal date.

For Insurance purposes, the value of the iPad is €526. The lower this value is, the cheaper the insurance. There is no need to insure the e-books.

Payment Options

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- Pay Galmac directly, either by cheque, card over the phone or by Bank transfer.
- Bank Transfer: Bank of Ireland, 19 Eyre Square, Galway.
Account Name - Galmac Computers
- Account No. 24000910
IBAN : IE14 BOFI 9038 1624 0009 10
BIC/SWIFT ADDRESS - BOKIIE2D
- Once full amount received iPad delivery to Glenamaddy Community School.
- **Order Date; iPad/e-book registration takes 3-4days. Must order before; On or Before Wednesday 1st June 5pm.**
- Collection date:
Tuesday 7th June, 2016 (4-8pm); Glenamaddy CS

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- Liosban Business Park, Tuam Rd, Galway
- (091) 755 222
- E-mail: info@galmac.ie
- Contact: Tom Callanan or Amy Folan
- Note: If a student has an existing iPad, then the cost of setup is €49+ (€240e-books).

If you decide not to go with the iPad

- ▶ Book Rental currently costs €100 per year (€300.00 over the course of three years, books must be returned to the school)

Book Price List Junior Cycle

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11 Typical JC Subjects (Hard book+eBook)	Price to JC
Maths	€15.50+€19.95 (2 nd Yr.)
Irish	€25.75+€22.00 (2 nd Yr.)
English	€18.50+€15.00 (Novel/Play)+€23.95 (2 nd Yr.)
Science	€32.95
French	€29.45+€26.30 (2 nd Yr.)
History	€30.70
Geography	€19.95
Technical Graphics	€37.99
Home Economics	€33.50
R.E.	€24.99
CSPE	€24.30
Total Cost	€400.78

Questions

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