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Dear Parents of Incoming 5th Year Students (Aug 2026)

September 2026 will see the rollout of our student device partnership with **SolveIT (www.solveit.ie)**.

This initiative will see every **5th Year student** equipped with their own mandatory laptop device, fully configured for safe and effective use in school and at home. This is a vital step in ensuring that our students are fully prepared for the Leaving Certificate and future studies thereafter.

Our online store for student devices is now open. You can place your order from today using the link below. We have also attached a short step-by-step **Parent Ordering Guide (PDF)** to make the process simple.

Store link: shop.solveit.ie

School Code: **87562**

Bundle (detail on flyer)

Asus 2in1 laptop, 5 year warranty and accidental damage cover, protective case = €650 incl VAT.

Payment options (detail on flyer)

- **Pay upfront** in full at checkout, **or**
- **Pay in instalments** over time, **or**
- Contact the **Kilkenny Credit Union** regarding a payment plan

All orders must be **placed by 30th May 2026** and **paid by August 5th 2026**.

Why this move is important

1. Alignment with Leaving Certificate Reform

The reformed Leaving Certificate places strong emphasis on Additional Assessment Components (AACs), project work, and ongoing digital engagement. Reliable access to an individual device ensures students can research, create, collaborate, and present their work effectively throughout the two-year cycle.

2. Infrastructure Limitations

Our current school infrastructure cannot provide sufficient access to shared devices for every class group. A 1:1 device model removes scheduling bottlenecks, ensures fairness, and prevents valuable learning time being lost waiting for device availability.

3. Futureproofing Learning

By ensuring that all 5th Year students have their own device, we build a consistent digital learning pathway; students will have a dependable device for all subjects and will take it with them as they progress through the Leaving Certificate and beyond.



4. Warranty, Safety & Support

Each device includes a 5-year warranty and accidental damage protection through SolveIT. This gives families peace of mind, ensures devices remain functional throughout a student's time in school, and reduces unexpected costs for repairs or replacements.

5. Developing Essential Digital Skills

Access to a personal device helps students become confident, responsible, and safe users of technology. They learn essential skills such as digital organisation, research, communication, and media creation.

This is an important and exciting step for our school community, ensuring that every student is fully supported in their learning journey.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support.

Tom Clarke

Principal