**The Great Computer Challenge, 2019**

***Desktop Presentations, Level IV***

We all know Technology is not a “thing of the future” anymore, it is the present. Everywhere we look things are going digital,…digital fast food ordering, cardless purchases, apps for everything. What is up for debate though, is the fact that schools are going completely paperless and converting all textbooks over to laptop computers. There is a split opinion about this conversion amongst parents and teachers alike.

**Your Challenge, is to develop a presentation to either argue for or against the use of laptops on a daily basis in place of all text books, paper assignments and agendas**. Describe the benefits and the consequences of using all-in-one laptop systems (all-in-one meaning, assignments, textbooks, agendas, etc.). Incorporate visual and media examples for your argument and use examples of your own experience with the issue above and how it is benefiting or hurting your educational experience. Your presentation should be visually stimulating, informative and needs to deliver a well-rounded argument.

**Presentation Requirements:**

* The presentation must be no longer than 10-15 minutes and have between 15 to 20 slides.
* The presentation slides must be advanced manually if text-based or advanced automatically if based on narration (advance automatically at the end of each slide’s audio).
* The full text of what should be narrated by the presenter for each slide must be in the notes section of the presentation slide.
* The presentation is required to have both a Title slide and Conclusion slide. The Title slide must have the name of the presentation and name of the school; the Conclusion slide must have the names of the team members and any references or citations to information used in the presentation.
* The presentation must fully cover the topic area.
* The presentation must have an appropriate template or background that is used in a consistent manner.
* ClipArt/graphics/photos must be included on at least 1/3 (33%) of the slides.
* Audio narration and/or video must be included on at least one slide.
* Consistent transitions are used between slides.
* At least one slide link is included in the presentation.
* Any text on a slide uses the 6x6 rule (no more than 6 lines and 6 words per line) or uses the 6 second rule (you can read the content of the slide in 6 seconds).
* Topic is relevant and of interest to the appropriate age group.
* The content must have a logical flow throughout the presentation.

Presentations will be judged in accordance with the attached guidelines.

**Guidelines**

**General Guidelines:**

* Be creative. Consider your audience.
* You may use scanned images, graphics, clip art, fonts (typefaces and sizes) and other multimedia to enhance the presentation. Design and layout of the presentation will be judged, as well as the quality of writing, so do be sure to use a spellchecker and check for grammatical errors.
* Sequencing of the information is very important in Desktop Presentations. Pay attention to the flow of ideas in your presentation.

**Specific Guidelines:**

You will be judged on the following criteria:

* Following guidelines (Are there 15-20 slides? A Title slide and Conclusion slide?)
* Topic relevance and accuracy of the content
* Spelling and grammar
* Sequencing of the information
* Originality/creativity
* Text and font selection/formatting
* Background used in slides
* Functionality of link(s) (work correctly, link to correct location)
* Slide navigation and transition (text slides move forward manually; narrated slides move forward automatically; transitions are consistent)
* Visual presentation
	+ Use and effectiveness of graphics
	+ Graphics sources (original or compliant with copyright)
* Audio/video presentation
	+ Appropriate use and quality of digital photos
	+ Appropriate use of sound and/or video (if used)

***Have fun and thanks for participating in the Great Computer Challenge, 2019!***