

# SCOIL DARA



## RE: Junior Cycle Class Based Assessment (CBA) Update for Current Third Year Students (2022-2023)

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this correspondence finds you all well. The opening term of the new academic year is progressing steadily with students settling into the routine of school, working with their teachers and classmates, setting learning goals and engaging positively with the learning opportunities available to them. In the case of our 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year students we encourage them to begin to plan for their home learning and study schedules, developing effective learning habits which will support their progress in the year ahead.

We take this opportunity to remind all students and parents/guardians that the school jacket is an integral part of the school uniform, and it is the only jacket permissible in school.

### Revised NCCA (National Council for Curriculum and Assessment) Guidelines Regarding CBA2 Completion (3<sup>rd</sup> Year students)

We are writing to share the national schedule of **Junior Cycle Class Based Assessments (CBAs)** - which third-year students will be involved in over the coming months. CBAs are an integral part of the Profile of Achievement awarded to each student on completion of the Junior Cycle Programme.

The NCCA Guidelines for the academic year 2022-23 support the completion of one CBA in a range of subjects (aside from those listed below) facilitating reference to the CBA1 completed last year for the purpose of reporting.

Subjects listed in the table below are required by NCCA undertake a CBA during 3<sup>rd</sup> Year.

Third Year Class Based Assessment Schedule – CBA2	
Junior Cycle Subject	Completion Period
Applied Technology*	October 2022
Wood Technology*	September 2022
Engineering*	September 2022
Graphics*	October 2022
Visual Art*	November 2022
Music*	March 2022
Irish	March 2022
Home Economics*	December 22
* CBA linked with the final examination in the subject	

## NEW JUNIOR CYCLE GRADING SYSTEM

The following table provides an explanation of the revised grading system for Junior Cycle subjects and CBAs.

Third Year Students 2021-22	JUNIOR CYCLE SUBJECTS		Class Based Assessment Descriptors
	Award	% Equivalent	
Higher and Ordinary Level options in Irish, English and Maths. Other subjects examined under New Junior Cycle schedule are undertaken at a common level.	Distinction	90-100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exceptional</li><li>• Above Expectations</li><li>• In Line with Expectations</li><li>• Yet to meet Expectations</li></ul>
	Higher Merit	75-90	
	Merit	55-75	
	Achieved	40-55	
	Partially Achieved	20-40	
	Not Graded	0-20	

Subject teachers support all students towards success in their subject CBA, sharing success criteria, learning outcomes and expectations, planning timelines for progress and completion with them and providing formative feedback regarding CBAs throughout the process. In most cases the subject CBA takes place during class-time, over a 3-week period.

We appreciate that home will play a significant part in assuring success. Parents can support their sons/daughters by ensuring they attend school during the completion and presentation period, encouraging them to engage fully with the completion process, checking in with them about their plans for CBAs and assignments and encouraging them to work to their best ability and meet the assigned deadlines.

We take this opportunity to wish all 3rd year students the very best as they continue in their preparations for the for the successful completion of Junior Cycle assessments. School attendance and student engagement are fundamental to success in all coursework, projects, CBAs and in preparation for their examinations so we encourage all students to make the most of the facilitation and guidance available to them in school.

Sincerely and with kind regards,

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