



5th September 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Beatha agus sláinte!

Please see the following policy regarding higher and ordinary level classes for Irish in third year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Le meas agus le buíochas,
Roinn na Gaeilge

Policy

Levels in Irish for Third Year Students

Rationale:

Junior Cycle Irish has a common level Specification. All first and second year students follow this common level course. However, there are two different examination papers at the end of the course in third year, higher level and ordinary level. Therefore, classes need to be divided in third year to facilitate both of these levels as requirements are not the same for both examination papers. The following is an outline of how Roinn na Gaeilge, Scoil Dara divide all third year students into classes of the appropriate levels.

- Examination:

- A common class assessment takes place during the final week of September in third year.
- The exam comprises of material covered in second year and beginning of third year and exam layout is based on the style of questioning used in the Department of Education past and sample papers.
- All Irish classes year will sit the same exam on the same day in their class groups.
- The exam is corrected by the class teachers using an agreed common marking scheme which is based on Department of Education guidelines.
- The results of this exam will be made available the week following the exam.
- A minimum of 40% must be achieved to gain a place in a higher level class.

- Classes:

- Classes will be restructured during the second week in October.
- A student's general application throughout second year and in early third year may also be taken into account.

- Textbooks and exam papers:

- Where a student changes to ordinary level, no new textbook is needed.
- Where necessary, the ordinary level book can be accessed as a reference online by the teacher in class.
- Students should not purchase examination papers until after classes are restructured to ensure the purchase of the correct level.

Please note:

- This information is shared with students upon their return to school after the Summer break.
- This information is also published on the school's website at this time. A text is sent from the school to the parents and guardians where the information is available to access on the website.