

December 21st, 2017.

Dear Parent,

As you are aware, a new Junior Cycle Curriculum is being introduced at present throughout the country. We have been preparing for this change with extensive in-service training for teachers.

As the parent of a 2rd year student, please note that the three subjects, **English, Business and Science** are being assessed in the New Junior Cycle format in June 2019, while all other subjects remain in the existing format.

Each subject involves:

1. Two Classroom Based Assessments - one is carried out in 2nd year and the other in 3rd year.
2. An additional Assessment Task, carried out in 3rd year, which is worth 10% of the final grade in the Junior Certificate Examination.
3. A Final written exam in June 2019.

The reporting system is also changing i.e. the manner in which these 3 subjects will appear on your child's school report will change.

Students will be informed verbally of their grade in each Classroom Based Assessment by their teacher, following a Subject Learning and Assessment Review by each teacher in each of the 3 subjects. The grading system for the Classroom Based Assessments is as follows:

- 1: Exceptional
- 2: Above expectation
- 3: In line with expectations
- 4: Yet to meet expectations

These grades (descriptors) will appear on school reports and also in the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (Junior Certificate Parchment) issued jointly by the Department of Education and Skills and Moate Community School in Spring 2020. Please be advised that a provisional result will be issued as normal in September 2019, which will indicate results of all subjects examined in June 2019.

The Final Written examination in English, Business and Science will be held in June 2019, in conjunction with examinations in all other subjects. The grades achieved in English, Business and Science, combined with the Assessment Task result, as referred to above, will become the grade on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement. The grading system for the final written exam in the above 3 subjects is as follows:

- Distinction ≥ 90 to 100
- Higher Merit ≥ 75 and < 90
- Merit ≥ 55 and < 75
- Achieved ≥ 40 and < 55
- Partially Achieved ≥ 20 and < 40
- (not graded) ≥ 0 and < 20

All further school reports in Business, Science and English will be in this format. All other subjects will continue with the existing grade system i.e. A, B, C, D, E, F, NG.

We will continue to keep you informed of new developments regarding Junior Cycle reform. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any clarification or further information regarding the above.

We would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and every blessing for 2018.

Yours sincerely

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