

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 3rd year student, please note that **English** is being assessed in the New Junior Cycle format in June 2018, while all other subjects remain in the existing format. This subject now involves:

- **Two Classroom Based Assessments**

Classroom Based Assessment 1- ***Oral Communication*** was completed in May 2017

Classroom Based Assessment 2 – ***The Collection of Student's Texts*** will be completed by Friday 20th April 2018

Students will be informed verbally of their grade in each Classroom Based Assessment by their English Teacher following a Subject Learning and Assessment Review by all English teachers. The grading system for the Classroom Based Assessment 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 & Skills and Moate Community School in early 2019. Please be advised that a provisional result will be issued as normal in September 2018, which will indicate results of all subjects examined in June 2018.

- **Assessment Task**

This Assessment Task will be carried out in school in the week beginning Monday 23rd – Friday 27th April 2018 and is worth 10% of the final written examination. The Assessment task is linked to Classroom Based Assessment 2.

- **Final Written examination**

The Final Written examination in English will be held in June 2018, in conjunction with examinations in all other subjects. The grades achieved in English, combined with the Assessment Task result, as referred to above, will become the grade on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement. English will be graded 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 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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