Moate Community School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

All 2^{nd} year students are following the New Junior Cycle Programme. The following subjects are being assessed in a new format:

English Maths Irish Business Spanish French Science Music Art History Geography Home Economics

In each of these subject there are:

- Two Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)
- An Assessment Task This is carried out in 3rd year which is worth 10% of final grade in the Junior Cert
- A Final Written Exam in June of 3rd year

Classroom Based Assessment (CBA): One is carried out in 2nd year and one in 3rd year.

The teachers will inform students of the time and dates of CBAs

Students will be informed of their grade in each **CBA** by their Teacher following a **Subject Learning and Assessment Review** (SLAR) by subject teachers. The grading system for the **CBA** is as follows:

- Exceptional
- Above expectation
- In line with expectations
- Yet to meet expectations

These grades (descriptors) may appear on school reports and will appear in the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement issued by the Department of Education and the school in late 2021/early 2022

Final Written examination:

The Final Written examination will be held in June of 3rd year and the grade achieved here combined with the Assessment Task result will be the grade on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement.

The grade system for the final written exam is as follows:

GRADE RANGE (%)

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

For further information please go to

www.curriculumonline.ie www.jct.ie www.juniorcycle.ie www.ncca.ie

or alternatively the school website to access the school policy and supporting information:

http://moatecs.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Junior-cycle-progamme-policy.pdf http://moatecs.com/formal-curriculum/

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Tom Lowry

Tom Lowry (Principal)