

***New Junior Cycle CBS Roscommon***

The new junior cycle will place the **student at the centre of the learning process**. It allows for new ways of learning and a broader range of skills to be properly assessed. This leaflet aims to inform parents of post-primary school students about the key changes underway.

**Timeline for introduction of the new Junior Cycle**

Phase	Subjects	Other Areas	Introduced to first year students in:	First recorded on JCPA in:
Phase 1	English		September 2014	Autumn 2017
Phase 2	Science & Business Studies		September 2016	Autumn 2019
Phase 3	Irish, Modern Languages & Art, Craft & Design	Wellbeing	September 2017	Autumn 2020
Phase 4	Mathematics, Home Economics, History, Music & Geography		September 2018	Autumn 2021
Phase 5	Technology, Subjects (Materials Technology/ Wood, Technical Graphics, Metal work, Technology), Religious Education, Jewish Studies & Classics		September 2019	Autumn 2022

Junior Cycle	
Percentage	Grade Descriptor
90 to 100	<b>Distinction</b>
75 to 90	<b>Higher Merit</b>
55 to 75	<b>Merit</b>
40 to 55	<b>Achieved</b>
20 to 40	<b>Partially achieved</b>
0 to 20	<b>Not Graded (NG)</b>



## What are Classroom Based Assessments (CBA)?

**CBA 1 & 2:** CBAs will be undertaken during a defined time period within normal class contact time and to a national timetable. Students will complete **one CBA in second year and one in third year.**



**Assessment Task:** Once the second CBA is completed students in third year will complete a written Assessment Task. The Assessment Task: This task, set by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA), is undertaken during normal class time and will be sent to the State Examinations Commission (SEC) for marking. This Assessment Task will be **worth 10%** of the overall mark in the case of most subjects. At the end of third year, students will sit the final SEC examination in June.

CBAs will be reported on in the JCPA using the following descriptors:

- Exceptional
- Above Expectations
- In Line with Expectations
- Yet to Meet Expectations

*For any further information Please do not hesitate to make contact,*

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