

Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) & Assessment Tasks (ATs) 2020/2021

The Junior Cycle spreads assessments throughout the three years of Junior Cycle giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning away from the exam hall.

All Junior Cycle courses incorporate two new elements to the assessment of students:

- Classroom Based Assessments
- Assessment Tasks

Classroom Based Assessments

Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their learning and skills in ways not possible in a pen and paper examination, for example, their verbal communication and investigation skills.

Students will complete one CBA in second year and one CBA in third year. All CBAs are compulsory and they are all set at common level, regardless of subject.

The CBA results will be reported in the JCPA using the following descriptors:

- Exceptional
- Above Expectations
- In Line with Expectations
- Yet to meet Expectations
- Not reported (where a student does not complete a CBA)

The results of all CBAs will be reported on in the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA), which is issued in the school year following completion of the Junior Cycle programme.

Assessment Tasks [Not applicable in the current year]

The Assessment Task (AT) for each subject will be specified and published by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). It is a written task and will relate to the learning outcomes for the second CBA. Students must complete the second Classroom Based Assessment (CBA2) before completing the Assessment Task. The AT will be completed in class time under the supervision of the teacher in accordance with a timeframe and guidance from the NCCA. It is not marked by the class teacher, but is sent to the State Examinations Commission for marking as part of the state-certified examination. The written exam in June accounts for the remainder of the marks awarded in the subject. The value assigned to the Assessment Task will be included in the guidelines for each subject. These can be accessed at CurriculumOnline.ie.

Subject specific details of CBAs and ATs are provided by subject teachers on commencement of the relevant assessment period.

Calendar 2020/2021

The Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) are undertaken by Junior Cycle students during set timeframes, within class contact time and to a national timetable.

Please find below details of CBAs for second year students for the period 2020/2021.

SECOND YEARS

Second Year - CBA 1			
Subject	Title	Date begins	Date ends
Business Studies	Business in Action	Mon. 2 nd Nov.	Fri. 27 th Nov.
Home Economics	Creative Textiles	Mon. 9 th Nov.	Fri. 15 th Jan.
History	The Past in My Place	Mon. 30 th Nov.	Friday 18 th Dec
Applied Technology	Exploring the application of controlled systems in a local context	Wed 6 th Jan.	Tues. 26 th Jan.
Geography	Geography in the News	Mon. 11 th Jan.	Fri. 5 th Feb.
Art	From Process to Realisation	Mon. 18 th Jan.	Fri. 30 th Apr.
Science	Extended Experimental Investigation	Mon. 8 th Feb.	Fri. 12 th Mar. (3 of 4 wks)
Graphics	Communicating through Sketching	Mon. 22 nd Feb.	Fri. 12 th Mar.
Maths	Mathematical Investigation	Mon. 1 st Mar.	Fri. 19 th March
Wood Technology	Wood Science in our Environment	Mon. 8 th Mar.	Fri 26 th Mar.
French	Oral Communication	Mon. 15 th Mar.	Fri. 16 th Apr.
RE	A Person of Commitment	Mon. 22 nd Mar.	Fri. 23 rd Apr.
English	Oral Communication	Mon. 12 th Apr.	Fri 30 th Apr.

*Junior Cycle Gaeilge CBA1 Language Portfolio is completed in the first term of third year.

THIRD YEARS

Third Year - CBA1/CBA 2			
Subject	Title	Date begins	Date ends
Art CBA 2	Communicate & reflect	Mon. 21 st Sept.	Fri. 20 th Nov.
No Assessment Task			
Home Economics CBA 2	Food Literacy Skills Brief	Dates to be confirmed. They will be determined by practical exam. Teachers will notify students once they are available.	
No Assessment Task			
Gaeilge CBA2	Communication Task	Mon. 11 th Jan.	Fri 29 th Jan.
No Assessment Task			
Business Studies	CBA 1	Completed	
No Assessment Task			
French	CBA 1	Currently being finalised	
No Assessment Task			
Science	CBA 1	Completed	
No Assessment Task			
Maths	CBA 1	Currently being finalised	
No Assessment Task			
History	CBA 1 – A3,B3,C3,M3,V3	Currently being finalised	
	CBA 2 – P3	Mon. 16 th Nov.	Fri. 4 th Dec.
No Assessment Task			
Geography	CBA 1	Currently being finalised	
No Assessment Task			
English	CBA 1	Completed	
No Assessment Task			

For 3rd year students please be aware that in 2020/2021 there are only CBAs in the selected subjects as outlined above. Your son/daughter may have additional project work in other subjects e.g. Religion, MTW or Technology.

October Mid Term Break – Mon. 26th Oct. – Fri. 30th Oct. 2020

Christmas Holidays – Tues. 22nd Dec. 2020 (12:00 noon) – Tues. 5th Jan. 2021

February Mid Term Break – Mon. 15th Feb. – Fri. 19th Feb. 2021

Easter Holidays – Mon. 29th Mar. – Fri. 9th Apr. 2021

FCJ School Policy around Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and Assessment Tasks (ATs)

1. As CBAs are reported on in each student’s Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) it is vital that students and parents/guardians note the dates of the CBAs and do their very best to ensure student’s attendance within the national set timetable. Parents/guardians are encouraged to schedule essential appointments outside of school time where possible. Parents must be aware that teachers have to input results promptly and as a result there may be little leeway to give any form of extension.
2. FCJ realises that students may have to attend important extra-curricular school events during the CBA timeframes. In this instance students must take responsibility on themselves to catch up on any work missed due to such absences. It is the responsibility of the student to notify their teacher of such an absence in advance.
3. Students should note that while they will be allowed to attend important school extra-curricular activities during the CBAs, they must attend for their Assessment Tasks. [Assessment Task not applicable in the current year]
4. Where a student is absent, under exceptional circumstances, for the completion of all or part of the Assessment Task, FCJ will make arrangements to allow the student to complete the task as close as possible to the timeframe scheduled for completion. Such students can be expected to furnish the school with a doctor cert or other relevant documentation. [Assessment Task not applicable in the current year]
5. Only work that is the student’s own can be accepted for assessment in the JCPA.

Please sign and return the blue copy of this page to Ms.Osborne by Thursday 22nd October 2020. This blue form has been given to students at class on Tuesday. Forms will be collected directly from the base classroom.

I have read and understand the above guidelines and school policy.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____