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Third Year Exams/Assessments & Other Areas of Learning 2023/2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The following arrangements are in place in FCJ Secondary School for third year exams/assessments in the current academic year:

In light of school closures over the past two academic years the NCCA have published revised arrangements for current 3rd year students 2023/2024.

- Revised arrangements (NCCA):
Classroom Based Assessments are following the schedule as outlined in the enclosed document.
Third year students will not be required to complete Assessment Tasks in 2023/2024.
- October exams October 24th – 27th as per school calendar
- Mock Examinations January 29th - February 2nd as per school calendar.
- State Exams – June 2024

Other Areas of Learning

Students are encouraged to engage in school related activities outside of the classroom. In addition to the CBAs and formal State examinations, engagement in these other areas of learning can be reported on the students Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement which will be issued to all students in the year following completion of the Junior Cycle.

Please find enclosed schedule for completion of CBAs 2023/2024 and the FCJ Policy Document relating to same.

It is imperative that students and parents/guardians note the dates of CBAs and assessments and ensure attendance within the set timetable. Students must take personal responsibility during any absence to keep up to date with work. We would appreciate that you support your son/daughter and the school in ensuring all deadlines are met as outlined.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Daly
Principal

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Deputy Principal

Calendar 2023/2024

Both the Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) and Assessment Tasks (ATs), where relevant, are undertaken by Junior Cycle students during set timeframes, within class contact time and to a national timetable.

Please find below details of the requirements for 3rd year students for the period 2023/2024.

THIRD YEARS

Revised arrangements (NCCA):

- The Assessment Tasks have been cancelled for 3rd year students 2023/2024
- 3rd year students 2023/2024 are required to have completed a minimum of 1 CBA in each subject with specific requirements in the following subjects:
Applied Technology, Graphics, Home Economics, Music, Visual Art, Wood Technology & Gaeilge must complete CBA2.
French/Spanish CBA requirement – CBA1

Third Year - CBA 2			
Subject	Title	Date begins	Date ends
Wood Technology	Student Self Analysis & Evaluation	Mon 4 th September	Friday 22 nd September
Applied Technology	Student Self Analysis & Evaluation	Mon 4 th September	Friday 22 nd September
Graphics	Graphical Presentation Skills	Mon 4 th September	Friday 22 nd September
Visual Art	Communicate & reflect	Mon. 11 th September	Fri. 17 th November
Home Ec	Food Literacy Skills		
Dates to be confirmed – Linked to practical exam – students will be informed once dates are available.			
Music	Programme Note		
Dates to be confirmed – Linked to practical exam – students will be informed once dates are available.			
Gaeilge CBA2	Communication Task	Mon. 27 th November	Friday 15 th December
CSPE		Mon. 13 th November	Friday 22 nd December
PE		Monday 5 th February	Friday 22 nd March

October Mid Term Break – Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November (incl.)

Christmas Holidays – Friday 22nd December (12 noon) – Friday 5th January (incl.)

February Mid Term Break – Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February (incl.)

Easter Holidays – Monday 25th March – Friday 5th April (incl.)

Please note that where a school closure/day off results in a class being missed within the particular window for completing the CBA, the start/finish date can be amended by the teacher to ensure that

students are not adversely affected in the completion of their CBA. Individual teachers will notify their students regarding same.

The CBA results will be reported in the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (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)

Please note the following weighting of marks for each Junior Cycle subject.

Junior Cycle		
Subject	Written Exam	Project/Practical Exam
Applied Technology	30%	70%
Graphics	70%	30%
Home Economics	50%	50%
Music	70%	30%
Visual Art		100%
Wood Technology	30%	70%
		Assessment Task
Irish	100% (incl. Aural)	No Assessment Task in 2023/2024 (3rd yr students sitting JC 2024)
English	100%	
Maths	100%	
History	100%	
Geography	100%	
Science	100%	
RE	100%	
MFL French/Spanish	100% (incl. Aural)	
Business Studies	100%	

Dates for the projects & practical exams will be issued once they become available.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Only work that is the student's own can be accepted for assessment in the JCPA.

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