



Senior Cycle

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Senior Cycle Curriculum

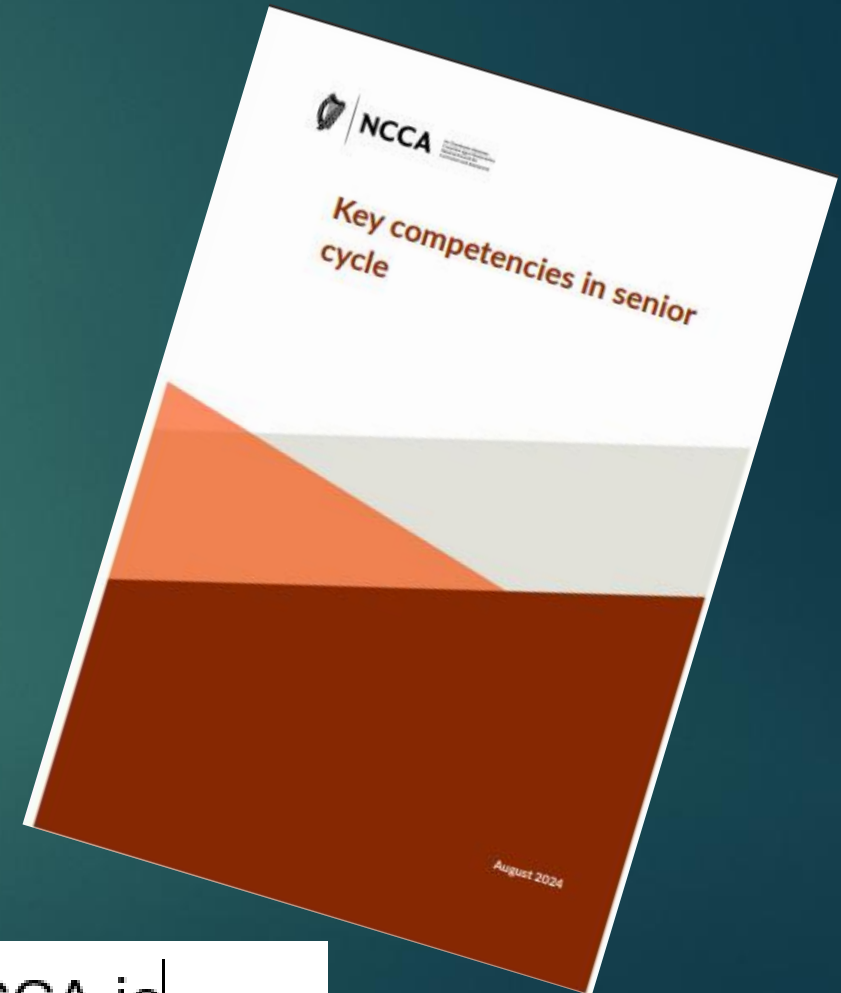
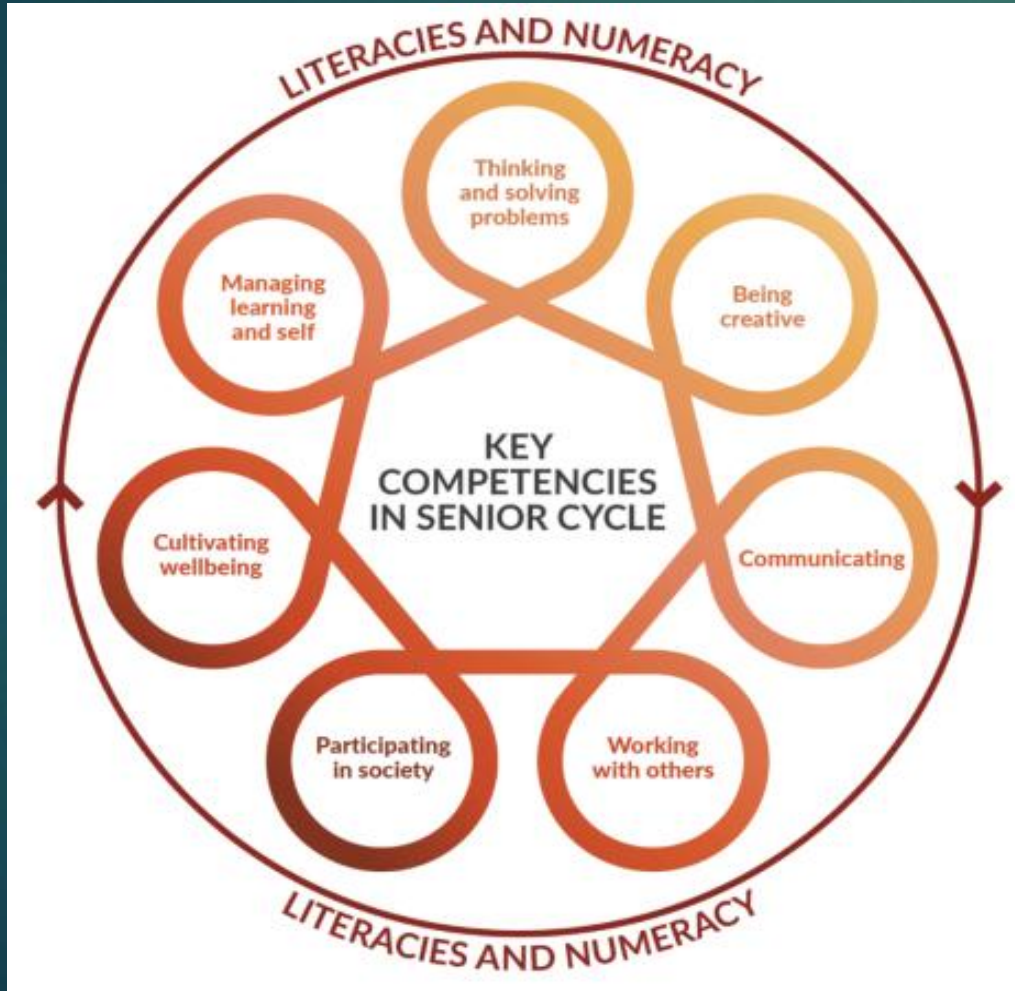
Core Subjects	Option Subjects (22 choose 4)	
• Gaeilge • English • Maths	• Accounting • Agricultural Science • Art • Biology • Business • Chemistry • Computer Science • Construction Studies • DCG • Economics • Engineering	• French • Geography • History • Home Economics • Music • PE • Physics • Politics & Society • RE • Spanish • Technology
Wellbeing Subjects		
• RE • SPHE incl RSE • PE • Portfolio		
	• LCVP/LCW	



Senior Cycle Redevelopment

- ▶ curriculumonline.ie
- ▶ NCCA.ie

Key Competencies



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Tranche 1 (September 2025)

- ▶ Business
- ▶ Biology
- ▶ Physics
- ▶ Chemistry

Will be examined for first time 2026/2027 – Current 6th year students

Tranche 2 (September 2026)

- ▶ Contruction Studies (Construction Technology)
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ Physical Education (LCPE)
- ▶ Life Community & Work (LCW) (LCVP)

Will be examined for first time 2027/2028 – Current 5th year students

*** Accounting & English - The introduction of these subjects has been postponed until at least September 2027.*

Tranche 3 (September 2027)

- ▶ Ag Science
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ DCG
- ▶ History
- ▶ Home Economics
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Music

Will be examined for first time 2028/2029 – Current TY students

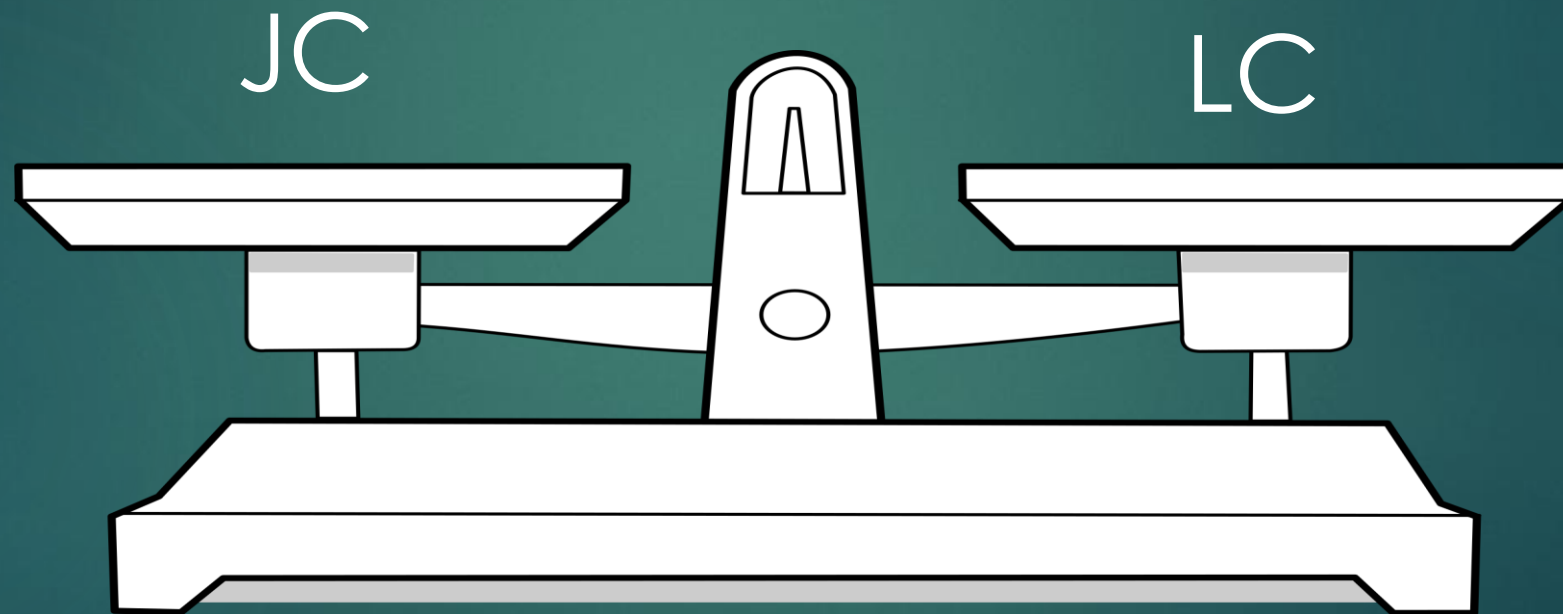
Tranche 4 (September 2028)

- ▶ Art
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Gaeilge
- ▶ French
- ▶ German
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Politics & Society
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Will be examined for first time 2029/2030 – Current 3rd yr students

Tranche 5 (September 2029)

- ▶ Religious Education (incorporating Hebrew Studies)
- ▶ Will be examined for first time 2030/2031 – Current 2nd yr students

Assessment



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Subject	Written Exam	Oral Exam	Practical	Project/AAC
Irish	<u>Higher</u> Written: 50% Aural: 10%	40%		
	<u>Ordinary</u> Written: 50% Aural: 10%	40%		
English	100%			
Maths	100%			
Accounting	100%			
Ag Science	75%			25%
Art	30%		20%	50%
Biology**	60% (2027)			40% (2027)
Business**	60% (2027)			40% (2027)
Chemistry**	60% (2027)			40% (2027)
Computer Science	70%			30%

Construction Studies (Construction Technology)	50% (H) 40% (O) 50% (2028)		25% (H) 30% (O) 20% (2028)	25% (H) 30% (O) 30% (2028)
DCG	60%			40%
Economics	80%			20%
Engineering	50% (H) 40% (O) 50% (2028)		25% (H) 30% (O)	25% (H) 30% (O) 50% (2028)
French	<u>Higher</u> Written: 55% Aural: 20%	25%		
	<u>Ordinary</u> Written: 55% Aural: 25%	20%		
Geography	80% 60% (2028)			20% 40% (2028)

History	80%			20%
Home Economics	80%			20%
LCPE	50% 50% (2028)			20% PAP 30% PA 50% (2028)
LCVP/LCW	40% 40% (2028)			60% 60% (2028)
Music	50%		50%	
			25%	25% (Music Tec)
Physics**	60% (2027)			40% (2027)
Politics & Society	80%			20%
RE	80%			20%
Spanish	Higher Written: 55%	25%		
	Aural: 20%			
	Ordinary Written: 55% Aural: 25%	20%		
Technology	50%			50%

Assessment

Junior Cycle

- ▶ CBAs
- ▶ State Examinations
 - Written Exams
 - Projects
 - Practicals

Senior Cycle/Leaving Certificate

- ▶ State Examinations
 - Written Exams
 - Projects/AACs
 - Practicals
 - Orals

Coursework

- ▶ Additional Assessment Components (AACs)
- ▶ AACs – “components of external assessment other than the final written exam” (SEC Coursework Rules & Procedures 2025/2026, pg. 3)
- ▶ Minimum of 40% (Written Exam 60%)

Academic Integrity

- ▶ “A commitment to complete all coursework honestly, credit sources correctly and avoid any form of academic misconduct, including plagiarism, fabrication, cheating or collusion”
- ▶ (FCJ School Academic Integrity Policy Around Coursework)

Authenticating Coursework

- ▶ Regular engagement with students
- ▶ Monitoring progress
- ▶ General, non-directive feedback
 - No model answers/sample AACs
 - No proofing or editing
 - Support student questions with further questions

Studying Additional Subject



“FCJ teachers & management cannot authenticate coursework which is not timetabled and completed under their supervision i.e. teachers cannot authenticate coursework that they have not had the opportunity to monitor.”

(FCJ School Academic Integrity Policy Around Coursework)

Points to Note

- ▶ New Specifications
 - ▶ Assessment Adjustments / Reduced Papers - Gone
 - ▶ AACs – minimum 40% of overall grade
 - ▶ Limited Past Exam Papers
- ▶ Grade Inflation – Gone - 2028
- ▶ Volume of Material JC – SC
- ▶ Volume of projects/AACs

CAO Points Calculator

- ▶ 6 subjects – Top Grades
- ▶ Higher Level Maths
- ▶ LCVP/LCW
- ▶ College Requirements
- ▶ Course Requirements

Subject	Level	Grade	Points
Maths	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 2	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 3	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 4	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 5	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 6	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 7	Select.. ▾	▾	0
Subject 8	Select.. ▾	▾	0
LCVP		Select.. ▾	0
		Total	0

Grading

Junior Cycle

- ▶ Distinction $\geq 85 - 100$
- ▶ Higher Merit $\geq 70 < 85$
- ▶ Merit $\geq 55 < 70$
- ▶ Achieved $\geq 40 < 55$
- ▶ Partially Achieved $\geq 20 < 40$
- ▶ Not Graded $\geq 0 < 20$

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- ▶ H1 / O1 $\geq 90 - 100$
- ▶ H2 / O2 $\geq 80 < 90$
- ▶ H3 / O3 $\geq 70 < 80$
- ▶ H4 / O4 $\geq 60 < 70$
- ▶ H5 / O5 $\geq 50 < 60$
- ▶ H6 / O6 $\geq 40 < 50$
- ▶ H7 / O7 $\geq 30 < 40$
- ▶ H8 / O8 $\geq 0 < 30$



FCJ Academic Integrity Policy Around Coursework

Student Commitments

Role & Responsibility of the Student/Student Commitment

- ▶ Read and abide by the conditions set out in the subject briefs
- ▶ Will not seek or accept any form of inappropriate assistance.
- ▶ Will meet all referencing requirements including referencing AI sources where relevant.
- ▶ Allow their teacher access to all records of work in progress across the various stages.

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- ▶ Retain the required evidence of development of coursework over time
 - ▶ Meet all stage deadlines and school designated deadlines – allow teacher adequate oversight of work. (Including internal school deadline - in advance of the SEC official deadline)
 - ▶ Understand additional time cannot be granted by the school to complete coursework beyond the SEC official deadline.
 - ▶ Ensure coursework can be authenticated.
 - ▶ Have consistently good attendance

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- ▶ Responsibility to inform teacher in advance if they will be absent due to unavoidable extra curricular activity.
 - ▶ Sign Form P2 – Authentication process
 - ▶ Complete all coursework honestly and to best of their ability.
 - ▶ Understand failure to comply with SEC rules & regulations – result – penalties – loss of marks, loss of subject or more serious.
 - ▶ If work cannot be authenticated – school submits form to SEC – details of reason.

Role & Responsibility of Parents

- ▶ Support your child in meeting all deadlines
- ▶ Support your child in ensuring they have consistently good attendance
- ▶ Notify school in advance, via VSware, if your child will be absent due to an unavoidable & essential event.
- ▶ Regularly check VSWare 'Behaviour Comments' – used by subject teacher to communicate concerns

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- ▶ Ncca.ie
 - ▶ Examinations.ie
 - ▶ Coursework Rules & Procedures 2025-2026
 - ▶ www.fcjbunclody.ie – FCJ Academic Integrity Policy Around
 - ▶ Coursework



Questions

Thank You