

## English

10% of the JCT English exam has already been completed during a classroom based assessment in December, 2016.

This assessment was based on an analysis and response by students to their own pieces of class-work – how they had worked on their writing and how they made it better through corrections, revisions and editing it.

The remaining 90% of the exam will then be completed during the State Exams in June. Students should use notes given to help support their study.

Students also completed an Oral Communication Task last May (2016) where they made an oral presentation to their class on a topic that interested them. They also selected a piece of their best written work from their class portfolio also called their “Collection of Student Texts” in December. Both of these items are not graded but will be awarded a written descriptor which will appear on their JCT Certificate next September.

## Irish

	Ordinary	Higher
<b>Listening Comprehension</b>	40	40
<b>Reading Comprehension</b>	120	40
<b>Contextualized Language Tests (Grammar)</b>		20
<b>Written Expression</b>	80	50
<b>Literary Prose</b>		30
<b>Poetry</b>		30
<b>Letter</b>		30
<b>Oral Expression Test</b>	160	160

## **Oral Expression Test**

The oral Irish part of the exam is the first to take place and will be carried out between 9<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 on a set number of dates. Students will be given notice of exact dates in the next few weeks and will have plenty of time to continue their preparation for this part of the exam. The oral carries a substantial amount of marks so it is important that students are practicing their spoken language as much as they can, at home as part of homework each evening and in conversation, whenever possible. This will help them when they sit in front of the examiner. The oral exam should be thought of as a conversation as Gaeilge. The examiner will be conducting this conversation whilst incorporating topics such as

- 'Mé Féin' (myself)
- 'Mo Chlann' (my family)
- 'M'Áit Chónaithe' (where I live)
- 'Mo Scoil' (school)
- 'Mo Chaitheamh Aimsire' (hobbies)
- 'Mo Laethanta Saoire' (holidays).

## **Maths**

Terminal exam in June consisting of two papers

Need a scientific calculator - recommend the Casio fx-83GT PLUS

Need a maths set with compass, ruler and protractor

Log tables will be provided by the SEC but students will need their own for the mocks.

## **Science**

Coursework A - 10% - all mandatory experiments from the last three years to be handed up by the end of the year.

Coursework b - 25% - two experiments to be completed after midterm in a booklet due before Easter.

A final written exam worth 65% will take place in June 2017.

## CSPE

60% of the Junior Cert grade for CSPE will be completed before students actually sit the exam in June as it is based on a written assessment piece which is completed by students during class-time over a number of class periods.

This assessment piece is a written report on their project, which was to bring a guest speaker into the school and interview them.

Students then write up a report in an 'Action Project Booklet' provided by the Department. This is then sent away to be assessed and the result is included in their overall grade.

**\*\*These booklets need to be fully completed in the official department booklets by the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017\*\***

The remaining 40% of the grade is then made up of a final written exam in June based on the CSPE course, the notes of all which are in students hardback notes copy. Students should frequently study these notes.

## Geography

There is only one exam, written, that lasts 2 hours that takes place in June. Students need to bring a blue or black pen to write their answers. For the map/photograph question they need a pencil, large ruler and a rubber. A piece of string (approximately 30cm or longer) may also be brought into the exam. Students may also need to do some small calculations so it is recommended to bring a calculator.

## History

There is only one exam, written, that lasts 2.5 hours for Higher Level and 1.5 hours for Ordinary Level that takes place in June. Students need to bring a blue or black pen to write their answers. For Higher Level there are 6 sections: Pictures Documents, Short Questions People in History Source Question and Long Questions. For Ordinary Level there are 4 sections: Pictures Documents, Short Questions and People in History. Students need to bring a blue or black pen to write their answers.

## Spanish

There is an aural (listening) exam and a written exam. Our current 3<sup>rd</sup> Years will not participate in the oral exam this year. The aural is 40 minutes and the written is 1 hour and 50 minutes. Both exams take place one after the other so a total of 2.5 hours. To write their answers, students need a blue or black pen. It is not recommended to answer in pencil.

## French

**Aural examination** is worth 140 marks out of the total 320 marks. This examination will last approx. 35/40 minutes. There will be 5 sections to this examination. Read the questions first as they will give you a good indication of the subject. Always try to write an answer for each question. Our current 3<sup>rd</sup> Years will not participate in the oral exam this year

**Written examination** is worth 180 marks out of the total 320 marks. This includes nine Reading Comprehensions (100 marks) and two Written Expression pieces - postcard/note/message and a letter (80 marks). You should spend approx. 60 minutes on the comprehensions, 25 minutes on the informal letter and 15 minutes on the postcard/note/message (whichever appears on the paper)

They should write in pen so the writing is visible to the examiner. If they make a mistake, simply cross out the mistake and rewrite the word. No dictionaries allowed.

## Home Economics

From the 27/03/17 to 7/04/17, Home Economics students will be participating in their Practical Culinary Exam worth 35% of their overall result. This will take place in a two hour session where they prepare their ingredients, cook their dishes, clean up their unit and evaluate their work. They will be given recipes of two/three dishes to make two weeks before their practical exam so they can write up their brief and practice making the dish. They will be required to bring in their ingredients but the equipment will be provided in the Home Economics Room. If they wish to bring in any serving dishes etc. they are welcome to but they are their responsibility.

Their Junior Cert Craft and folder/scrapbook is due on the 1st of March 2017

For their State Exam it is advised they bring pens, colours, red pen, ruler and calculator.

## Materials Technology (Wood) - MTW

Assessment Requirements
<p><b>1. Practical Project (130 marks):</b> Students are given a choice of 3 thematic projects for their Junior Certificate MTW project. From this choice, students will pick 1 that most aligns with their interest to a particular theme. Students are then required to design a solution predominantly out of wood that meets all the constraints of their chosen brief. The manufacture of the wooden artefact can only be worked on during class time in CDL's dedicated MTW room.</p>
<p><b>2. Portfolio (70 marks):</b> The portfolio is a document that is typed up on Microsoft Word in conjunction with the design and manufacturing process of the practical project. All students have been given the headings for each aspect that is required within the portfolio. Manageable and achievable targets have been set out to aid students with the workload and their time management skills. Portfolio work can be completed at home and parents/guardians will be made aware if their child/children are not keeping up with the manageable and achievable targets.</p>
<p><b>Deadline for the Practical Project and Portfolio will be before April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. This will be worth 66% of students overall grade. The remaining 34% will be assessed from the Exam in June.</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Exam in June ~ 2 Hours</b></p> <p><b>Section A (40 marks)</b> This section is called the short answer section. Here, students will be required to answer 16 out of 20 questions. Students should not spend more than 30 minutes on this section. Students will be well practiced in this exam environment prior to their exam in June. Time management skills during the exam is key to maximise students overall marks.</p> <p><b>Section B (60 marks)</b> This is the long answer section. Students will have the option to answering 3 out of 6 questions. Each question should not take more than 30 minutes. Again, students will be well aware of the associated exam tips prior to the exam. If a student has time to answer 4 questions they will only be graded on their best 3 questions.</p>
Equipment Requirements
<p>Students will need the following equipment to complete the exam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Pencils – 2H, H &amp; HB</li><li>▪ Colouring pencils</li><li>▪ Set squares (60/30 &amp; 45)</li><li>▪ T - Square</li><li>▪ Calculator</li><li>▪ Protractor</li><li>▪ Rubber</li><li>▪ 2 good quality felt tip pens</li></ul>

## **Music**

The Performance/Practical exam takes place in March/April, the last possible date for these exams to take place is Friday 7th April 2017. The official date will be finalised between the school and the examiner 2 weeks prior to the exam. However, as a rough guide the exam can take place any time from Monday the 27th of March to Friday the 7th of April. The practical exam takes place during the school day and consists of your son/daughter performing 4 pieces of music of their choice and an unprepared element (sight-reading or rhythm clap-back). The practical element is worth 25% of the overall grade for this exam. It is recommended that students should practice daily and perform their pieces to as many people as possible to get rid of nerves prior to the exam in March/April.

The exam in June is completely a written exam and is worth 75% of the overall grade for Music. Students will be examined on listening (Set C), Irish Music, Dictation, Melody Writing, Harmony and a prepared General Study. Students have finished the course material as of December 2016 and are now revising, completing practice questions and preparing for the Performance/Practical Exam. Timing is everything for this exam and students are encouraged to practice questions using strict time constraints.

## **Business Studies**

There are two exam papers for Higher Level Business Studies - Paper 1 will be 2.5 hours and Paper 2 will be 2 hours long.

For Ordinary Level Business Studies there is one exam paper which is 2.5 hours long.

All students will need a calculator on the day as well as their standard stationary, red pen, blue/black pen, ruler, pencil, rubber being most essential.

## **Art**

Assessment of Art for the Junior Cert has 2 parts:

1. Project (300 marks)
2. Drawing exam (100 marks)

## 1. Project

The project part of the exam is completed over the school year. Each student is given an exam paper (which can be accessed on [examinations.ie](http://examinations.ie)) and chooses a theme to base their project on. This theme is developed throughout the year. The students make a painting, a print, and a 3D piece. **The deadline for the project is 2 May 2017.**

The following is a breakdown of the sections of the project the student must complete and the marks allocated for each part.

(Further explanatory information is available in the exam paper which can be accessed on [examinations.ie](http://examinations.ie)):

Part A: Paint	Preparatory Sheet for Painting	50
	Support Study Sheet for Painting	10
	Painting	40
Part B: Print	Preparatory Sheet for Print	50
	Print	40
Part C: 3D	Preparatory Sheet for 3D	50
	3D	40
	Support Study sheet for 3D <i>and</i> Print	20
	<b>Total marks:</b>	<b>300</b>

## 2. Drawing Exam

The students will complete a drawing exam in May once the project has been submitted. The dates and times for these will be chosen by the school.

Life Drawing (people)	1.5 hours	50
Still life (objects)	1 hour	50
	<b>Total Marks:</b>	<b>100</b>

The assessment for art will be completely finished before the written state exams begin in June. There is no written exam component for Art. It is very important that the students continue to work on their projects and practice their drawing throughout the year.