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**How many subjects will my son/daughter be completing?**

* Students will study a maximum of ten subjects for the JCPA.
* Only ten subjects can be examined and reported on in the terminal exam.
* English, Irish & Maths (Higher & Ordinary Level) / All other subjects are offered at common level only

 **New Grading System**

* Distinction 90 to 100%
* Higher Merit 75 to 89%
* Merit 55 to 74%
* Achieved 40 to 54%
* Partially Achieved 20 to 39%
* (not graded) 0 to 19%

**How will my son/daughter be assessed at Junior Cycle?**

* Classroom-based assessment across the 3 years
* Final externally-assessed, state-certified examination.

At the end of year 3, students will receive a new **Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement** (JCPA) which will replace the ‘Junior Certificate’.

The JCPA will report on a number of areas, including:

1. Subjects (State Examination and Assessment Task)
2. Classroom Based Assessments
3. Other Learning Experiences



Dear First Year Parents/Guardians,

Here is some important information and FAQs regarding the New Junior Cycle course.

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**What do Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) entail?**

CBAs provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their learning and skills in ways not possible in a pen and paper examination.

* 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 in most subjects.

Students in third year will complete a written Assessment Task on what they have learned. It will be sent to the State Examinations Commission (SEC) for marking. This Assessment Task will account for 10% of the overall mark for the final examination.

**What are ‘Other Learning Experiences’?**

Students will have the opportunity to engage with a range of other learning experiences which can be recorded on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement.

This could include extracurricular activities;

* Membership of the student council or school clubs
* Participation in school sporting activities/musicals
* Volunteering/Competitions
* Career guidance activities