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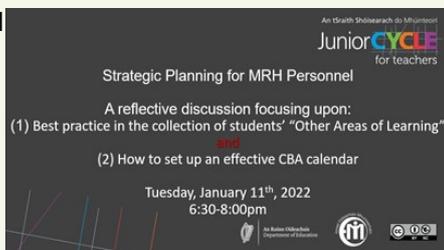
Dear colleagues

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter for teachers allocated their school's management resource hours. In this edition we have detailed some important updates on our second community of practice meeting, Junior Cycle SPHE and CSPE online CPD Days and the publication of Circular 0059/2021, "Arrangements for the implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to the school year 2021/22". Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries about any aspect of Junior Cycle in your school. We wish each of you a peaceful Christmas.

Management Resource Hours Teacher/Junior Cycle Co-Ordinator Community of Practice

Our second community of practice meeting based upon the feedback from the participants who attended our first online ZOOM meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 from 6:30-8.00pm. Again, we will continue to support you with a focus upon the strategic planning of two key facets, namely, (1) Best practice in the collection of students' "Other Areas of Learning" and (2) How to set up an effective CBA calendar.

The format will be an interactive meeting with several panellists, use of breakout rooms and an opportunity for the Management Resource Hours Teachers/Junior Cycle Coordinators to meet with and share best practice. You can now register to attend by registering [here](#). Please note, as this is a reflective and interactive community of practice, the ZOOM meeting will not be recorded.



Circular Number: 0059/2021 Arrangements for the implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to the school year 2021/22.

This circular outlines the Arrangements for the Implementation of the Framework for Junior Cycle with particular reference to school year 2021/22.

Key updates for the school year 2021/2022

- Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic the new 135 hour PE specification and the History (Level 2) short course will not be available for the 2021/22 academic year.
- Schools are being given the option to defer the increase of Wellbeing provision at Junior Cycle from 300 to 400 hours by a further year until the 2022/23 school year.
- In planning their Wellbeing programme, schools should note that from September 2022 onwards, the use of the Junior Certificate syllabuses for SPHE and CSPE should be discontinued.
- A number of changes have been made to Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs).
- Assessment Tasks (ATs) will not be examined in 2022.
- Wellbeing programmes will now be reported on in the Junior Cycle Programme of Achievement (JCPA) for the first time in 2022.
- The provision of management resource hours will be continued for the 2021/22 school year.
- The State Examinations Commission has published sample papers for the fifth and final phase of Junior Cycle subjects; *i.e.* Graphics, Wood Technology, Applied Technology, Engineering, Classics, Religious Education and Jewish Studies.

Junior Cycle SPHE and CSPE Online CPD Days

Many thanks for completing the registration of teachers for our online CSPE and SPHE workshops. However, due to the current difficulties being experienced by schools in respect of staff absences and associated sub-cover, these workshops, originally planned to take place during the two weeks of 6th December and 13th December, 2021, have been deferred. They are now scheduled to take place during the weeks commencing 4th April, 2022 and 25th April, 2022. Teachers registered for the deferred December 2021 workshops have been automatically reassigned a date for the April 2022 workshops. Details of these changes may be viewed online at

www.jctregistration.ie

December's Action Plan (To do list)

- ⇒ Check in with your school's Senior Leadership Team
- ⇒ Oversee the Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA) reporting procedures for subjects, L1LPs/ L2LPs and short courses to parents/guardians
- ⇒ Support the Principal/Deputy Principal with planning, communication and organising teachers attending the online subject clusters beginning in January 2022. Ensure teachers are aware of the date
- ⇒ Input at school's staff meeting
- ⇒ If you run into difficulties, the following contact details will be of use:
Registration support: info@jct.ie

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas.
Kind regards,
The JCIS Team.

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