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Welcome to the 4th Business Studies Newsletter of this academic year. Our monthly Newsletter provides an overview of some of the news and events related to the JCT Business Studies



Blended Learning Webinar

Our JCT Business Studies online event '**Blended Learning for Business Studies Teachers**' webinar took place on Tuesday 24th November 2020 with over 300 teachers registered. The webinar was an informative and engaging event, which invited teachers to consider the various aspects of Blended Learning when planning their approach to teaching and learning in the Business Studies Departments.

Should you wish to watch the recording of the webinar or download the resources used during the webinar, please click here to go to the [Resources](#) section of our website and then click on the 'Planning Resources' tab for access.

- 1 Provide students with an agenda and a list of discussion questions ahead of time.
- 2 Communicate your expectations for participation and behaviour online.
- 3 Ask students to generate their own discussion questions.
- 4 Start every lesson with an icebreaker question or a quick check-in.
- 5 Use the chat window strategically.
- 6 Host shorter sessions with fewer students, where possible.
- 7 Ask students to assess their participation online.

What will the online cluster day look like?

The subject CPD workshops will be delivered on the Zoom platform. Many teachers are familiar with its ease of use and accessibility across a range of devices. Each subject workshop will follow the same timetable:

Session 1:	9.30 a.m.
Tea/coffee break:	11.00 a.m.
Session 2:	11.20 a.m.
Lunch break:	1.00 p.m.
Session 3:	2.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Teachers are asked to log on at least 10 minutes before the start of the morning workshop.



Online CPD Cluster Day

Our **CPD Cluster Days** for this academic year, will be facilitated online, throughout Jan, Feb and Mar 2021. Schools will be advised of all the relevant details well in advance. We recommend that Business Studies teachers have access to a desktop PC or laptop (with webcam & mic), pen & paper, a second device if possible and good quality broadband.

We look forward to welcoming you to these online and interactive CPD Cluster Days. For more, click [HERE](#) to access the Online CPD Leaflet and click [HERE](#) to watch our [Online CPD Information Video](#).

Business Studies' Subject Department Interactive Planning Tool

We are delighted to announce that following on from the JCT Business Studies Team "Open for Business" Online Discussion Forum, the new JCT Business Studies Interactive Planning Resources has now been published. It covers areas of planning including:

1. Learning Outcomes
2. Learning Experiences
3. Assessment

This resource is now available to download by clicking [HERE](#)

How to use this resource:

Click on the underlined text to visit the resource specific to that particular text.

Business Studies' Subject Department Interactive Planning Tool
for Teaching, Learning and Assessment

LEARNING OUTCOMES
Link Learning Outcomes to create a Unit of Learning, assess progress, where appropriate. Consider learning Outcomes in terms of Action Skills, and Business Topics. Consider student's Basic Learning/Competence and local context.

LEARNING EXPERIENCES
Share Learning Experiences with students. Plan Instruction, Diagnostic, and Remedial Learning Experiences. Build in Formative Assessment opportunities including Questioning, Feedback, and Reflection. Create opportunities to develop Core Skills, Student Voice and Wellbeing.

ASSESSMENT
Develop Success Criteria with students. Facilitate Self-Assessment and Peer Assessment opportunities during learning. Develop Assessment and Review Tools to assess learning in line with successful Success Criteria. Review and celebrate student achievements.

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The 2020/21 academic year has presented unforeseen challenges for teachers. We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all Business Studies Teachers for all of your engagement with us over the last number of months. We hope that you have benefitted from your engagement with the various online events and website supports, which we have facilitated to support your work. As always please keep in contact with us through info@jct.ie

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