

Junior Cycle Religious Education Newsletter - September 2021



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Dear RE Colleagues,

Welcome to the September edition of the Junior Cycle RE newsletter. Welcome back after what we hope was a safe and restful summer. This is an exciting year for RE teachers as the first cohort of students continue their learning journey into 3rd year and we encounter the new experiences that will come with that including CBA2 and the terminal exam. This newsletter outlines the supports that are currently available to you.

Meet the Team

We are delighted to welcome new advisors, Róisín and Kieran, to our team! We're looking forward to working together this year to support RE teachers.



CBA: Revised Assessment Guidelines

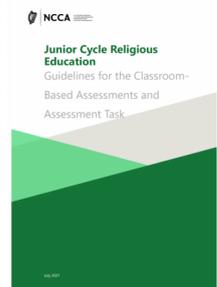
The NCCA have taken on board feedback from teachers who completed CBA1 and from the other education stakeholders to provide greater clarity and focus for the CBA process in Religious Education. As a result the NCCA have revised the Junior Cycle Religious Education Guidelines for the Classroom-Based Assessments.

Some of the main amendments include:

- The linked outcomes for each CBA has been reduced to provide a clearer focus
- Amended wording for teacher advice to offer clarity and emphasise the teacher's role in the process
- New support material for students provided in the appendix

The updated guidelines are now available online here:

<https://curriculumonline.ie/getmedia/ff1ce67e-383a-4b07-93b9-ecd75eaa77a9/RE-Assessment-Guidelines-EN.pdf>



Please note the revised edition is dated July 2021. *Please discard the previous edition.*

CBA CPD Webinar

Are you looking for support for engaging with the CBAs? You will find a recording of our CPD webinar here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZLSVYbEY0w>

CBA 1 Annotated Examples

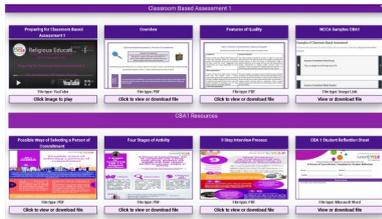
One of the supports available to you are the NCCA examples of student work for CBA1. You will need these for your SLAR meeting. These can be found here:

<https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/Junior-Cycle-Subjects/Religious-Education/Examples-of-Student-Work/Examples-of-Classroom-Based-Assessment/>



CBA 2

You will find further support materials on CBA1 and CBA2 under the assessment tab on www.jct.ie



We will offer further CPD on CBA2 in October.

Details TBC

CBA arrangements for 3rd years 2021/2022

- Must complete and report on a minimum of 1 CBA
- Can complete 2 CBAs and report on 2 CBAs
- Can report on 1 CBA even if engaging with 2 CBAs
- No Assessment Task this year

Whatever option your school chooses, it is worth noting that the CBAs are integrated into the specification and are aligned to specific learning outcomes that are part of the summative exam as well. So while the CBAs are summative moments in the students' learning journey, they also have a formative value to progress students in their learning.

CBA windows for 2021/2022

For the dates of the CBA windows for current 2nd and 3rd years please see:

https://ncca.ie/media/5144/cba-revised-arrangements_06092021_en.pdf

- 3rd Years in relation to CBA 1 on page 2
- 3rd Years in relation to CBA 2 on page 3
- 2nd Years in relation to CBA 1 on page 4

Note: The normal arrangements for CBAs apply for the current 2nd years as outlined in the RE specification and assessment guidelines.

Quote of the month

“When we blend courage and compassion, assertiveness and gentleness, our essential strength and kindness support us in being where we are.”
— A.H. Almaas

NCCA sample assessment items

The NCCA have prepared some sample assessment questions to support teachers in their approaches to assessment of the Junior Cycle Religious Education specification at a common level.

<https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/Junior-Cycle-Subjects/Religious-Education/>

The items included should be read as examples of assessment questions that can be used to guide classroom assessment. They are not representative of the wide range of assessment methods that may be used. They do not attempt to show the types of questions that will appear on the examination paper or how the examination paper might be laid out. **The State Examinations Commission (SEC) will issue sample examination material later this term.**



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