

## **For the Attention of Parents of Current 2nd Years (Junior Cycle 2019)**

The certification at Junior Cycle is changing. When your son/daughter completes the three-year Junior Cycle s/he will receive a **Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)**.

The way **English, Business Studies** and **Science** are being assessed is different to what it was before. These subjects will continue to have an exam in June 2019. These subjects will not be awarded grades using the A-NG system. They will be awarded one of the grade descriptors with the following values:

- Distinction 90 – 100%
- Higher Merit 75 – 89%
- Merit 55 – 74%
- Achieved 40 – 54%
- Partially Achieved 20 – 39%
- Not Graded 0 – 19%

Before June, in 3<sup>rd</sup> year, there will be an **Assessment Task (AT)**, which will be sent to the State Examinations Commission (SEC) for external marking. This AT will be worth 10% of the final mark of the June exam.

Students will have two **Classroom Based Assessments (CBA's)** in each of the three above-named subjects – one in 2<sup>nd</sup> year and one in 3<sup>rd</sup> year. The grade descriptors for each CBA will be one of the following:

- Exceptional
- Above Expectations
- In Line with Expectations
- Yet to Meet Expectations

Each of your son/daughter's CBA's will be assessed by the subject department in the school linked to that CBA.

The JCPA will contain

1. The results of the exams in June 2019
2. The descriptors of the Classroom Based Assessments
3. Three statements of 'Other Areas of Learning'.

### **A brief note on 'Other Areas of Learning':**

This is an opportunity for students to have a voice in the wording of one aspect of their JCPA. Students are encouraged during their three junior years at Gormanston to take part in activities outside of the core curriculum. These may include activities such as sports, debating, chess club, choir, art projects and so on. They must then choose three of these activities where they gained a benefit, used a skill or learned something new. At the end of third year they will be asked to submit their three 'Other Areas of Learning' and they will then be uploaded onto their JCPA.

The following are key dates for the two CBA's and the AT that your son/daughter will do before sitting the exams in June 2019.

<b>JC Students 2019</b>			
<b>Timetable of CBA's in 2<sup>nd</sup> Year</b>			
	<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>March to May 2018</b>	<b>CBA1 Business in Action</b> Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>CBA1 Oral Communication</b> Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>CBA1 Extended Experimental Investigation</b> Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Timetable of CBA's in 3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>			
	<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Nov 2018 to Jan 2019</b>	<b>CBA2 - Presentation</b> Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>CBA2 Collection of Texts</b> Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>CBA2 Science in Society Investigation</b> Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Timetable of AT's in 3<sup>rd</sup> Year</b>			
	<b>Business Studies</b>	<b>English</b>	<b>Science</b>
<b>Dec 2018 to Feb 2019</b>	<b>AT Based on CBA2</b> Latest date: Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>AT Based on CBA2</b> Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>AT Based on CBA2</b> Latest date: Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb

More information about what each CBA and the AT entails will be given to your son/daughter from his/her subject teacher. It is advised that you encourage your son/daughter to maintain great focus, full attendance and additional effort during the periods of the CBA's and the AT's. Students must be in attendance on the specific day(s) of each AT.

We recommend that you keep the above chart in a safe and easily accessible place so that you and your son/daughter will be fully familiar with timelines for the various new forms of assessment.

Further information is available on [www.curriculumonline.ie](http://www.curriculumonline.ie)