



New Junior Cycle Reporting: Information for Parents



2020 - 2021



First and Second Years 2020-21

As the new Junior Cycle rolls in through each year group there will be changes in reporting practices for both our Summer and Christmas reports. These changes will reflect the grading system that will be used by the State Examinations Board for Junior Cycle. Our current first and second years will see the new grading system for all of their subjects

Subject	Grading System
English	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Business	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Science	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Gaeilge	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Modern Foreign Languages	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Visual Art	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Maths	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Music	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
History	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Geography	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Religion	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Technology Subjects (MTW/TG)	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...

New Junior Cycle 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 20%



Third Years 2020-21

As the new Junior Cycle rolls in through each year group there will be changes in reporting practices for both our Summer and Christmas reports. These changes will reflect the grading system that will be used by the State Examinations Board for Junior Cycle. Our current third years will see the new grading system for the majority of their subjects. Only Religion, MTW and TG will use the traditional grading system

Subject	Grading System
English	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Business	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Science	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Gaeilge	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Modern Foreign Languages	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Visual Art	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Maths	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Music	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
History	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Geography	New JC: Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved etc...
Religion	<i>Traditional Grading System: A,B,C,D etc...</i>
Technology Subjects (MTW/TG)	<i>Traditional Grading System: A,B,C,D etc...</i>

New Junior Cycle 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 20%

Traditional Grading System	
A	85 to 100%
B	70 to 84%
C	55 to 69%
D	40 to 54%
E	25 to 39%
F	10 to 24%
NG	0 to 9%

Classroom Based Assessment, Second and Third Years 2020-21

We will be reporting on Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) this year for second and third years. These CBA results will also be reported on in the final Junior Cycle certificate. Please see the CBA grid below with the names of each descriptor/grade. A detailed explanation of each of these descriptors in each of the three subject areas is available on our website under JCT.

CBA Descriptors
<i>Exceptional, Above Expectations, In Line with Expectations, Yet to Meet Expectations</i>

