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Senior Cycle Redevelopment

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Senior Cycle Redevelopment Information and Updates

Introduction

This is the eleventh edition in a series of Department of Education Senior Cycle Redevelopment information notes. These notes provide updates to school communities on the roll-out of the Senior Cycle Redevelopment programme. The Department has issued this note to all post-primary schools and requests that it be circulated to students, parents and staff in each school. The information note will also be available online and schools are welcome to provide links from their websites and other digital presences to it.

Main updates

Sample Examination Papers – now available

Sample examination papers for the seven revised subjects and two brand new subjects in Tranche 1 of the redeveloped Senior Cycle programme are now available on www.examinations.ie.

The Department is asking **ALL** post-primary and special schools to provide information on the numbers of current Senior Cycle L1/L2 students. A survey has been sent to your inbox.

Circular: [Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate 2027 and Notification about the removal of restrictions on students studying combinations of Classical Studies, Latin and Ancient Greek](#)



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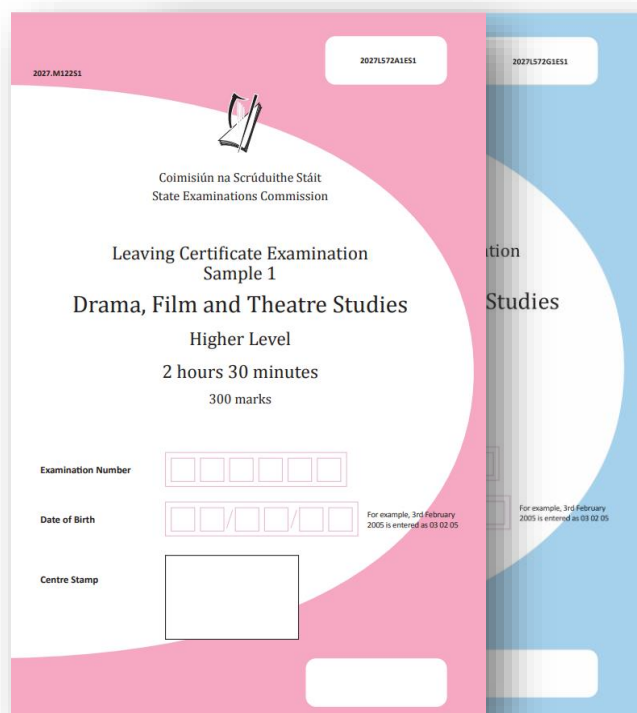
What to expect

- In each subject, there are two sample papers at higher level and two at ordinary level; a total of four sample papers in each of the nine subjects.
- In Arabic, there are two sample Aural sound files and two sample listening comprehension papers (one at higher level and one at ordinary level) for each sound file; so, four sample Aural papers in total.
- The Drama Film and Theatre Studies sample papers include sample illustrations.
- There is a total of 36 sample examination papers across the 9 subjects.
- All papers are available in Irish also: that is 72 sample examination papers in total.
- The sample examination papers are labelled Sample 1 and Sample 2 at each subject and level.

The sample examination papers are available [here](#).

A Frequently Asked Questions document is available [here](#).

Oide is providing the sample paper webinars in Business, Chemistry, Physics and Biology, commencing 14th May. Registration is now open, and details have been sent to schools.



Reminder: Sample Assessment Materials Timelines for Tranche 1

Now available

Additional Assessment Component (AAC) Guidelines are available on curriculumonline.ie.

Now available

Four sample examination papers - two Higher Level and two Ordinary Level - for each subject in Tranche 1 are available on examinations.ie

September 2025

Specifications in new and revised subjects introduced in schools. A sample brief for the AAC in each subject will be in schools at the same time.

January 2026

A live brief for AACs for all subjects will be issued.

Prescribed materials

Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate 2027 and Notification about the removal of restrictions on students studying combinations of Classical Studies, Latin and Ancient Greek

Available [here](#)

Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate English Examination in 2027

Available [here](#)

Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Drama, Film and Theatre Studies Examination 2027, 2028, 2029

Available [here](#)

Prescribed Material for the Leaving Certificate Irish Examination in June 2027

Available [here](#)

Have you had your say?

Consultations open

Tranche 2 subjects



[English](#)

[Geography](#)

[Engineering](#)

[Physical
Education](#)

[Accounting](#)

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Studies](#)

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LCVP will be
renamed
Community, Life
and Work
Studies

Construction
Studies will be
renamed
Construction
Technology

All consultations will involve in-depth engagement with a wide variety of stakeholders across Ireland. The NCCA will also contact schools to participate in school-based focus groups involving teachers, students and school leaders.

1. Visit **NCCA.ie**
2. Click “Have Your Say”
3. Or click the links above



Further information on Senior Cycle Redevelopment
can be found at gov.ie/seniorcycle

Queries in relation to this information note can be
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