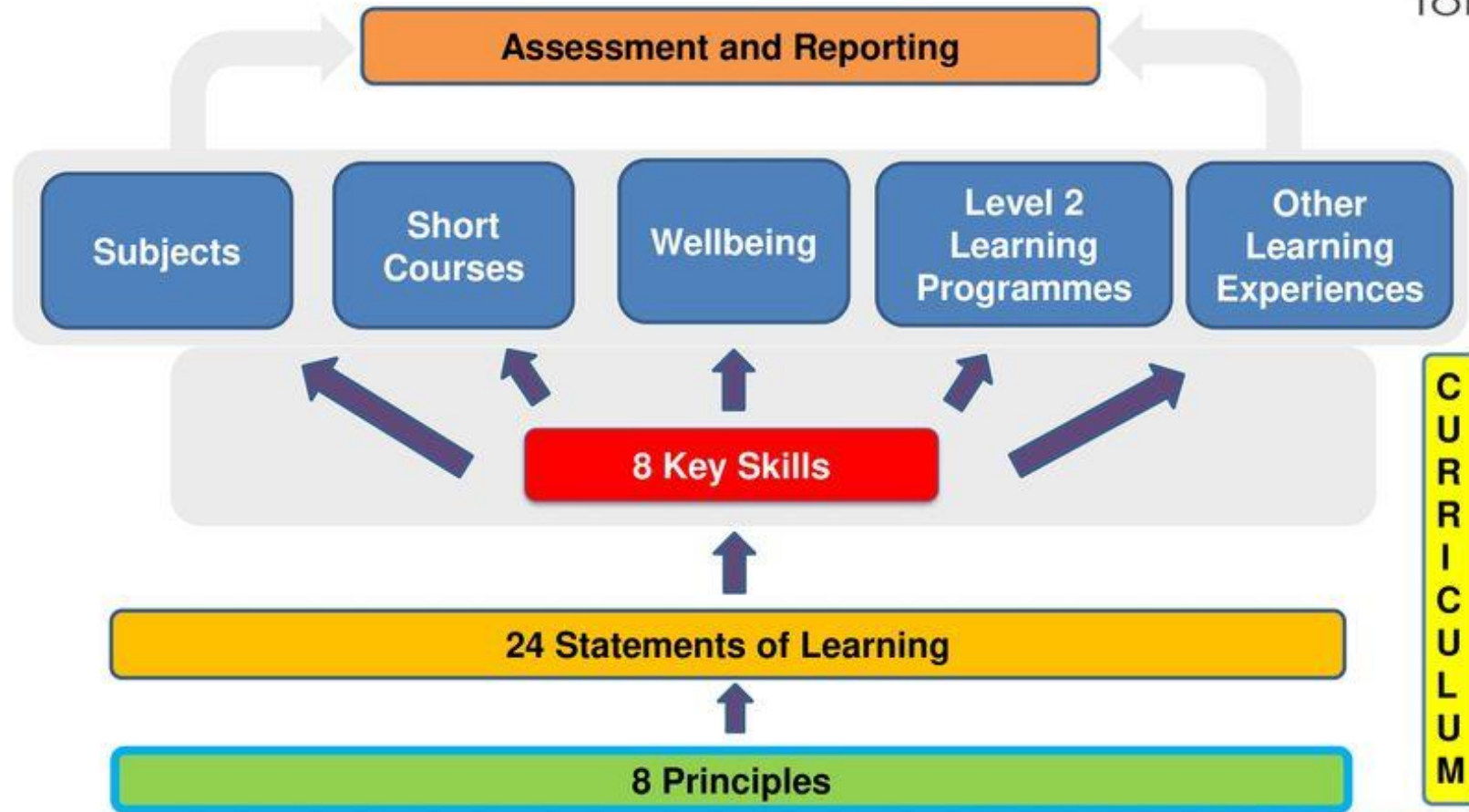


# **JUNIOR CYCLE**

CLASSROOMS BASED ASSESSMENTS

# Structure of the Junior Cycle

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## **400 hours over 3 years**

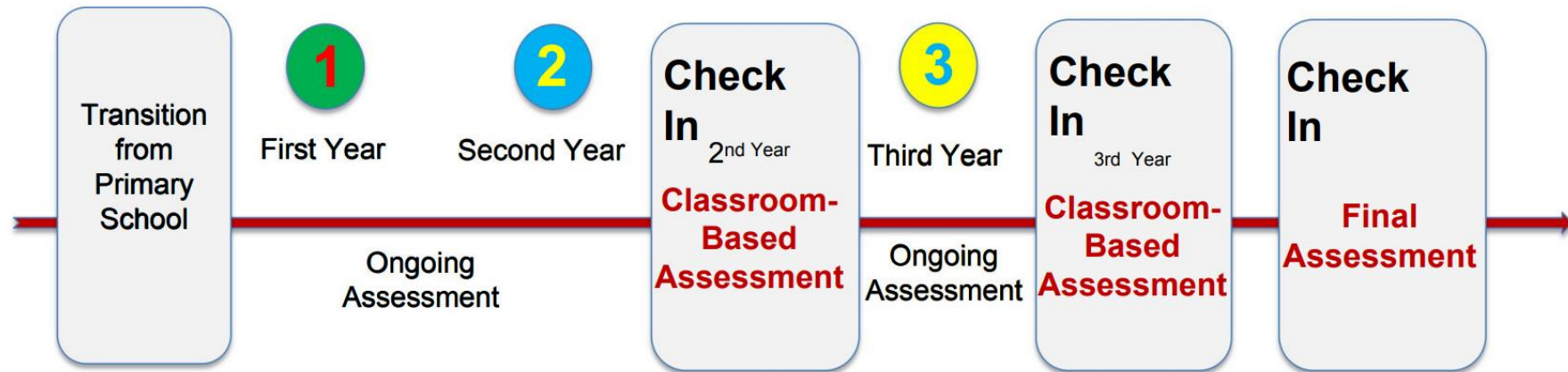
- Physical Education – short course
- SPHE (social, personal and health education) – short course
- CSPE (civic, social and political education) –short course
- Digital Literacy and guidance






# One Subject's Journey


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Ongoing assessment that supports  
student learning



# **CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENTS (CBA'S)**

- CBA'S PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INDEPENDENT LEARNING
  - STUDENTS WILL UNDERTAKE TWO CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENTS IN EACH SUBJECT, ONE IN SECOND YEAR AND ONE IN THIRD YEAR (EXCEPT IN GAEILGE, BOTH TAKE PLACE IN THIRD YEAR). THESE ARE FACILITATED BY THE TEACHER AND THE TYPE OF ASSESSMENT VARIES FOR EACH SUBJECT
  - CBA'S ALLOW STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CONCEPTS AND SKILLS AND GIVE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THESE IN WAYS WHICH MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE IN AN EXTERNALLY ASSESSED EXAMINATION
  - STUDENTS WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE CBA'S IN THEIR WELLBEING SUBJECTS – PE, CSPE AND SPHE
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# GRADING OF CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENTS

- THE GRADING SYSTEM USED FOR CBAS COMPRISES OF A 'DESCRIPTOR' RATHER THAN A PERCENTAGE.

## **CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTORS**

- EXCEPTIONAL
- ABOVE EXPECTATIONS
- IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS
- YET TO MEET EXPECTATIONS

THESE ARE THE POSSIBLE GRADES THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY STUDENTS IN THEIR CBA. 'IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS' IS THE MOST COMMON GRADE ACHIEVED






# ENSURING QUALITY

- SCHOOLS WILL ORGANISE 'SUBJECT LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT REVIEW' MEETINGS
- TEACHERS WILL COMPARE THEIR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS' WORK AND ENSURE A COMMON APPROACH ACROSS THE SCHOOL . DESCRIPTORS ARE AWARDED TO STUDENTS BASED ON SUBJECT SPECIFIC 'FEATURES OF QUALITY'. FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THESE CBAS IS AVAILABLE ON THE JCT WEBSITE [WWW.JCT.IE](http://WWW.JCT.IE)
- CPD HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO TEACHERS TO ENSURE THAT THE CLASSROOM-BASED ASSESSMENTS ALIGN TO A NATIONAL STANDARD
- CBA'S ARE REPORTED ON IN THE STUDENTS JCPA



# **ASSESSMENT TASK**

- THE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT TASK IS MARKED BY THE STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION
  - IT MAY REQUIRE THE STUDENT TO DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS DEVELOPED DURING THE SECOND CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENT IN THIRD YEAR
  - THE WRITTEN ASSESSMENT TASK MAY ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO REFER TO SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES THAT WERE DEVELOPED AND DESCRIBE WAYS IN WHICH THEIR LEARNING MIGHT BE APPLIED TO NEW SITUATIONS
  - THE ASSESSMENT TASK WILL BE COMPLETED IN CLASS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE TEACHER AND WILL BE SENT TO THE SEC FOR MARKING WITH THE SCRIPT FOR THAT SUBJECT IN THE STATE-CERTIFIED EXAMINATION AT THE END OF THE THIRD YEAR
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**Assessment:** Subjects

**Exams will be set, held and marked by  
the State Examinations Commission in  
June of third year.**

- English, Irish and Maths specified at Higher and Ordinary levels
- All other subjects specified at a Common Level
- Duration of 2 hours or less

## GRADING IN THE STATE EXAMINATIONS

Distinction	90% - 100%
Higher Merit	75% - 90%
Merit	55% - 75%
Achieved	40% - 55%
Partially Achieved	25% - 40%
Not graded	0% - 20%

# Steps towards the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement

- Classroom-Based Assessments of subjects will be completed in second and third-year
- Students will sit written SEC prepared examinations in June of third-year for subjects
- Assessment in Short Courses is school-based
- Schools will report on student engagement and participation in the Other Areas of Learning section of the JCPA over the course of Junior Cycle





John Kelly

DOB: 21 June 2001

STATE CERTIFIED  
FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Examination number: 456985

English (O)

Distinction

Irish (O) <sup>(2)</sup>

A

Mathematics (H)

B

History (H)

C

Geography (H)

D

French (O) <sup>(2)</sup>

C

Business Studies (H)

B

Science (H)

B

C.S.P.E. (C)

A

## Classroom-Based Assessments - English

Oral Communication

Above expectations

Collection of Texts

In line with expectations

## Classroom-Based Assessments - Short Courses

Coding

In line with expectations

Physical Education

Above expectations

Artistic Performance

Exceptional

Philosophy

In line with expectations

## Other Areas of Learning



The school has flexibility to report on other learning experiences/events that the student has participated in outside the formal timetabled curriculum such as;

- Engagement with co-curricular or extra-curricular activities such as a science fair, school's sporting activities or debating.
- Specific learning opportunities that do not form part of subjects or short courses, i.e.; leadership training; activities relating to guidance; membership of school clubs or societies; membership of school's student council.
- Engagements that form part of the formal timetabled curriculum but not reported on in other sections of the JCPA i.e.; engagement with a school's own religious education programme or with elements of the PE, SPHE curriculum and CSPE.

Principal

Ms Mary Ryan

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# SCHEDULE OF 2ND YEAR CBA'S PER SUBJECT

Second Year CBA's	November					December				Jan-21				February			March				April			May									
	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	4	11	18	25	1	8	22	1	8	15	22	12	19	26	3	10	17	24							
English	9 - 20 Nov																																
Maths																					12 - 30 Apr												
Geography									11 - 29 Jan																								
History	2 - 20 Nov																																
Science																					12 - 30 Apr												
Business																8 -26 March																	
MFL																					12 - 30 Apr												
Home Economics																			22 March - 14 May														
Music	Ongoing but must be completed by 30 April																																
Art	11 Jan - 14 May																																
PE	13-Nov																																
SPHE									3rd year																								
CSPE																					3rd year												

# **FURTHER INFORMATION**

MORE INFORMATION ON THE JUNIOR CYCLE CAN BE  
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[NCCA.IE](http://NCCA.IE)