

# Junior Cycle Programme

Drumshanbo Vocational School



# What is the Junior Cycle Programme?

- **Junior Cycle Programme** replaces the old Junior Certificate and applies to all 1<sup>st</sup> year to 3<sup>rd</sup> year students in schools.
- The new junior cycle features:
  1. Newly developed subjects, short courses, L1LP and L2LP.
  2. A focus on key skills and wellbeing.
  3. New approaches to assessment and reporting.

# Junior Cycle subjects

DVS currently offer 16 junior cycle subjects.

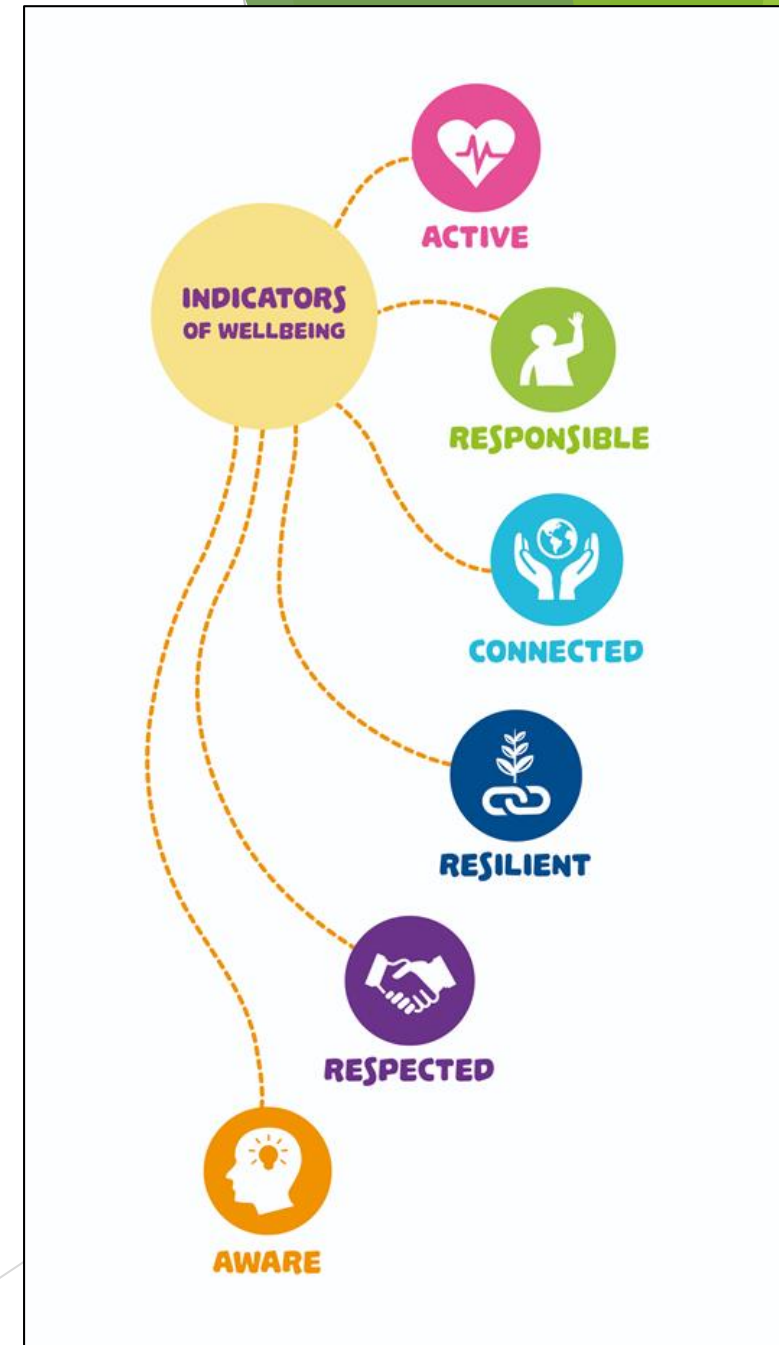
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| Gaeilge          | English  | Mathematics        |
| Science          | Geography                                      | History            |
| Engineering      | Wood Technology                                | Visual Art         |
| Music            | Modern Foreign Languages<br>(Spanish & French) | Home Economics     |
| Business Studies | Graphics                                       | Physical Education |

# Junior Cycle - Key Skills



# Wellbeing

- ▶ The Junior Cycle Wellbeing programme is 400 hours of time-tabled learning for first year students from September 2021. This will ensure that the schools' wellbeing programme meets the identified needs of the students in their own unique school context.
- ▶ Wellbeing includes social, emotional, physical, spiritual, intellectual and environmental aspects.
- ▶ Six indicators have been identified. These indicators make explicit what is important for young people in supporting their wellbeing and in their learning.



# Assessment of Junior Cycle - CBA's

- ▶ Classroom-Based Assessments (CBA's) provide students with opportunities to demonstrate their understanding and skills in ways not possible in a formal examination.
- ▶ Classroom-Based Assessments, are undertaken by students in a defined time period, within class contact time and to a national timetable.
- ▶ Students are required to complete two CBA's in all subjects they study for Junior Cycle.
- ▶ **CBA 1** will be completed in 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the majority of the subjects.
- ▶ **CBA 2** will be completed in 3<sup>rd</sup> year for all subjects.

# Assessment of Junior Cycle - CBA's

- ▶ CBA's are assessed by the class teachers and given a descriptor level of achievement.
- ▶ There 4 descriptor levels are:
  1. Exceptional
  2. Above expectations
  3. In line with expectations
  4. Yet to meet expectations.

If a student does not complete a CBA, it will be recorded as “not reported”.

# Assessment of Junior Cycle - State Examinations

- ▶ **State Examination** will take place each June in all junior cycle subjects at common level, with the exception of Gaelige, Mathematics and English where higher and ordinary levels are assessed.

| Junior Cycle Examination |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Percentage</i>        | <i>Grade Descriptor</i> |
| $\geq 90$ to 100         | Distinction             |
| $\geq 75$ and $< 90$     | Higher Merit            |
| $\geq 55$ and $< 75$     | Merit                   |
| $\geq 40$ and $< 55$     | Achieved                |
| $\geq 20$ and $< 40$     | Partially Achieved      |
| $\geq 0$ and $< 20$      | Not Graded              |



# Reporting of Junior Cycle - (JCPA)

- The Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) reports on three areas of learning over the duration of the Junior cycle.
  1. Classroom-Based Assessments,
  2. State Examinations,
  3. Other areas of Learning.
- This is the official documentation the students will receive on completion of their Junior Cycle Programme.

 JUNIOR CYCLE PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT 2018

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**STATE CERTIFIED FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

Examination number: 99998

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| English (H)          | Higher Merit |
| Irish (H)            | B            |
| Mathematics (H)      | A            |
| History (H)          | C            |
| Geography (H)        | B            |
| French (H)           | A            |
| Business Studies (H) | A            |
| Music (H)            | B            |
| Science (H)          | B            |

**Classroom-Based Assessments - English**

|                     |                           |
|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Oral Communications | Exceptional               |
| Collection of Texts | In Line with Expectations |

**Classroom-Based Assessments - Short Courses**

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| STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 1 | Above Expectations |
| CSPE (Civic, Social, Political Education)        | Exceptional        |

**Other Areas of Learning** 

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This JCPA recognises and records achievements in Junior Cycle.

# Thank You

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