

## Junior Cycle English

### Information on Junior Cycle English for Parents of Third Year Students.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the changes to Junior Cycle English there is now the addition of a Classroom Based Assessment, (CBA) to be completed in third year. **There will be a descriptor (grading comment) awarded for this Classroom Based Assessment (CBA). One of the following descriptors (grading comments) will be applied to your daughter's work; *Exceptional, Above Expectations, In Line With Expectations and Yet to Meet Expectations.* This descriptor (grading comment) will appear on your daughter's Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA).** The JCPA will display the results of The Junior Cycle State Exams and the descriptor awarded for the Classroom Based Assessment. The JCPA focuses, not only on the learning achieved, but also on the students' skills and knowledge.

This CBA will be completed in school time during a nationally assigned date, as specified by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. The English Department here in Loreto College, Mullingar have compiled an information sheet for you to keep you up to date with the changes relevant to your daughter.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.**

**In Loreto College, our current 3rd year students will complete the following:**

- In April 2018, third year students will complete a Classroom Based Assessment (CBA2). English Teachers will help students to choose two pieces of their best written work and they will be assessed by the English Department within the school.
- **Teachers from the English Department will then meet at a Subject Learning and Assessment Review Meeting following this (CBA). At this meeting, teachers will share and discuss samples of their students' work in order to form a common understanding of the quality of student learning and ensure fairness in the awarding of a descriptor (grading comment). This will appear on the student's Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement.**
- Your daughter will also complete a Classroom based Assessment Task. **This Assessment Task is set by the Department of Education and Skills and will be carried out in English classes in during the week of Monday 23rd April, to Friday 27th April (specific date to be confirmed).** This Assessment Task

forms 10% of the students overall grade. The CBA Task will take place during two 40 minute classroom periods. This will be a written assessment that will be graded by the State Examinations Commission, along with the student's final Junior Cycle State Examination.

Please contact any of the relevant English teachers if you need any further information. See [www.juniorcycle.ie](http://www.juniorcycle.ie) for more details.

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