

## Revised key dates for Junior Cycle English, student cohort 2015-2018

Information notice regarding dates for Classroom-Based Assessment 2 and Assessment Task for current third years in the academic year 2017/2018

Following completion of CBA2, The Collection of the Student's Texts, students will complete a written Assessment Task, during the week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017. A second window is available to those schools that need to undertake CBA2 and the Assessment Task at a later date. The second window proposed is a once-off adjustment to take account of the timeline for roll-out of teacher CPD in this particular year.

Schools must opt for one of the two windows for **all** of their students.

Window 1: Winter - the timeline the school follows for the Collection of the Student's Texts and related Assessment Task for student cohort 2015 - 2018

### **Completion of *The Collection of Student's Texts and Assessment Task***

Latest date for student completion of <i>The Collection of the Student's Texts</i>	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Window for completion of the Assessment Task	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

OR

Window 2: Spring – the timeline the school follows for the Collection of the Student's Texts and related Assessment Task for student cohort 2015 – 2018

### **Completion of *The Collection of Student's Texts and Assessment Task***

Latest date for student completion of <i>The Collection of the Student's Texts</i>	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Window for completion of the Assessment Task	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2018
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2018

#### NOTE 1:

Section 2.6 of the *Junior Cycle Reform: Joint Statement on Principles and Implementation* agreed between the Teachers' Union of Ireland, the Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland and the Department of Education and Skills in May 2015 drew attention to the need "to pay particular attention to avoiding 'over-assessment' and the cumulative burden on students and teachers of multiple assessments across the full range of subjects." The Statement went on to note that "In this context, the classroom-based assessments will substitute other assessments currently undertaken in the school such as in-house examinations, etc. as appropriate.

#### NOTE 2:

The window for completion of CBA1, oral communication, by the students currently in 3rd year has passed. Students in this cohort who did not receive a descriptor for their oral communication following a review meeting in May 2017 will have 'not reported' on their JCPA in relation to CBA1.

#### NOTE 3:

In order to facilitate schools in recording students' 2018 Junior Certificate/Cycle examination numbers on the Assessment Task at the point of completion, the SEC will make a special arrangement for an early issue of examination numbers to schools which return their candidate data via October Returns generated from P-POD in a timely manner.

The SEC will supply schools which have already returned their candidate data to the Department with examination numbers for their students in advance of the December window for the Assessment Task. In addition, the SEC commits to issuing the examination numbers to any school which has submitted complete October Return data to the Department of Education and Skills via P-POD no later than Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Schools that have submitted their completed October returns by this date will receive from the SEC their file of Junior Certificate/Cycle examination numbers in the week commencing Monday 11th December 2017.