

An tSraith Shóisearach do Mhúinteoirí

Junior **CYCLE** for teachers

Dear Teacher of Business Studies

Welcome to the first edition of what will become our regular email newsletter for Business Studies. We hope that you will find the information within useful as you work with the new Specification for Business Studies. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your colleagues.

Clarifications in Relation to Classroom-Based Assessment (CBA) One

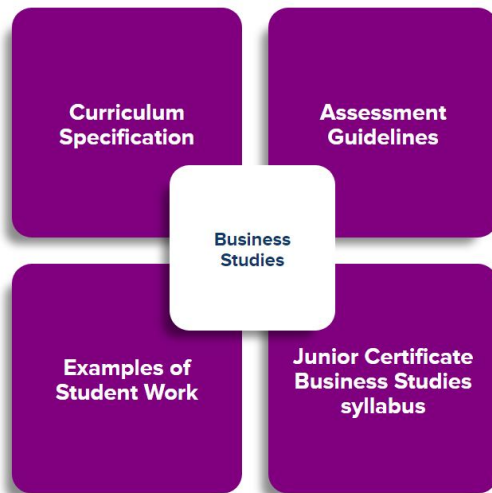
CBA One in Business Studies is a group project entitled 'Business in Action'. It requires students to work in groups of three to five to develop a project on one of three areas, Enterprise in Action, Finance in Action or Economics in Action.

Following requests for clarification the [Assessment Guidelines](#) for this CBA have been updated. Students are required to carry out **their own individual research** for the group project as explained on page 12 of the Guidelines. A **template for student research** is provided in the guidelines on page 29 as Appendix 1. This template can be used to guide the students as they undertake their own research for the group project. Once they have completed their own research, they will share their findings with their group. The group will analyse all the research findings from each of the team members collectively and decide on the next steps based on the research gathered.

Each member of the group will be required to include their individual research findings in the final project. **The features of quality which will be used to assess the overall project have been updated to reflect this change.** The features of quality are on pages 17 and 18 of the guidelines.

If you have any further queries about the above changes or indeed about any aspect of the assessment guidelines, please do get in contact with one of our team.

The updated Assessment Guidelines for Business Studies are available on the Curriculum Online website at <http://www.curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/Junior-Cycle-Subjects/Business-Studies>



New Website Launched

JCT has recently launched a new-look website www.jct.ie. The website hosts a wide range of whole-school and subject-specific resources and supports. This includes a revamped [Business Studies](#) section which contains many new resources and supports. The new sections include:

Key Documents :

http://jct.ie/business_studies/key_documents

This includes key curriculum documents as well as an information leaflet that could be used for parent information evenings.

News and Events:

http://jct.ie/business_studies/news_events

Here you can keep up to date with upcoming events of interest to Junior Cycle

CPD Workshops:

http://jct.ie/business_studies/cpd_workshop_one

This section includes all the resources from CPD Day One and Day Two including the presentations and resource booklets.

Planning :

http://jct.ie/business_studies/planning_first_year

Our planning resources include support documents, screencasts, sample units of learning and **sample yearly plans to support planning for teaching, assessment and learning**

Assessment :

http://jct.ie/business_studies/an_overview_of_assessment_for_junior_cycle

An insight into assessment for Junior Cycle including Subject Learning & Assessment Review (SLAR) meetings and assessment for the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA).

Resources:

http://jct.ie/business_studies/resources

A selection of screencasts, teaching and learning resources and some sample lesson plans based on Learning Outcomes.

Resources are updated throughout the year so please remember to check in regularly.

Upcoming Webinar

The Business Studies team will host a webinar on May 18th for teachers of Business Studies. The webinar will take place from 7pm- 8pm for teachers in English-medium schools and from 8pm - 9pm for teachers in scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge. This webinar aims to explore the Junior Cycle Business Studies Specification and will consider how to unpack Learning Outcomes and plan teaching, learning and assessment using Learning Outcomes. It is advised that participants would have access to a copy of the Specification for Business Studies for the webinar.

You can register for the English-medium webinar via the links below. Please contact info@jct.ie if you have any difficulties or queries.



Register for English-Medium Webinar

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Plans for CPD Day Three

Design and development of CPD Day Three is getting underway. Based on feedback from CPD Day Two workshops, we have identified a number of priorities for the day. However, we would appreciate hearing any further suggestions. We have created a short anonymous survey that you can complete via <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BusinessStudiesdayThree>. This survey will remain open until Wednesday 31st May 2017.

Finally, we would like to wish you all the best with the remainder of the school year and an enjoyable summer when it arrives!

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