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Welcome to our 3rd newsletter this academic year. Our monthly Newsletter provides an overview of some of the news and events related to the JCT Business Studies Team. Please send any questions or queries you may have to [info@jct.ie](mailto:info@jct.ie)

**Amended Business Studies CBA1 for 2020/21**

The NCCA have amended the Classroom-Based Assessment 1 for the 2020-21 school year (2nd year students). For the 2020-21 school year, second year students will instead complete an **individually assessed** CBA1. This amended CBA1 will be completed over the course of **three weeks** on an individual basis. In completing this amended CBA1, each student will produce **an Individual Report**.

The window for completion of this CBA1 remains unchanged. Current 2nd year students may engage in this amended CBA1 from Monday 2nd November 2020. The latest date for completion of CBA1 is Friday 14th May 2021.

Full details of the amendments and accompanying support documentation, including the NCCA's "Guidelines for Classroom-Based Assessment 1 Business in Action for 2020-21 (2nd Year Students)" Booklet are available by clicking the link below:

<https://curriculumonline.ie/Junior-cycle/Junior-Cycle-Subjects/Business-Studies/>

**"Taking Care of Business" Online Teach-Meet** : Thursday 15th of October saw our associates deliver a hugely successful online Teachmeet. In total over 120 teachers attended, receiving 6 different workshops, over 360 mins of online facilitation was provided by our Business Studies associates on the night.

**JCT Business Studies Team** in partnership with **Financial Justice Ireland** delivered a very successful 'Not Business As Usual' Online workshop for Business Studies teachers on Thursday the 12th November 2020. Over 100 teachers attended. We would particularly like to extend our thanks to Éilis Ryan from Financial Justice Ireland for her fantastic presentation on the night. The workshop was packed with lots of great ideas for exploring topics and themes related to the Business Studies curriculum.

Financial Justice Ireland will be hosting a further series of workshops exploring their 'Not Business as Usual' resource, in the coming weeks and months. The first of these will take place on 10th December and we will share the details for how to register for this via the JCT Business Studies Mailing list in due course. The 'Not Business as Usual' Resource is available to download here: [https://www.financialjustice.ie/assets/files/pdf/not\\_business\\_as\\_usual\\_resource.pdf](https://www.financialjustice.ie/assets/files/pdf/not_business_as_usual_resource.pdf)

Our **'Open for Business'** online discussion forum took place on Monday the 19th Oct. During this forum, **John O'Sullivan** discussed the numerous new resources available on the Business Studies website on [www.jct.ie/business\\_studies](http://www.jct.ie/business_studies). These included the new CBA 1 2020 Webinar, Planning with Learning Outcomes and the Active Learning in a Physically Distanced Classroom resource among many others. **Joe Stafford** discussed the NCCA Early Enactment Report for JC Business Studies. The full report can be accessed [here](#). The conversation explored some key aspects of the report with a specific focus on implications for teaching, learning, assessment and classroom practice.

**Jimmy Meaney** discussed the new Planning with Learning Outcomes infographic which will be available to download [here](#) in the coming weeks.

**Sean Mullholland's** piece was a thought provoking reflective discussion around the 'what?', 'so what?' and 'now what?' of the recently published SEC Chief Examiner's Report on the 2019 SEC Final Written Business Studies Examination paper. This report is available [here](#)

The next JCT Business Studies online event is our **'Blended Learning for Business Studies Teachers'** webinar, which takes place on Tuesday 24th November from 7pm - 8.15pm. This webinar promises to be an informative and engaging event and will consider the things that Business Studies teachers should consider when planning for a blended learning approach to teaching and learning. Should you wish to register for this webinar, you can do so by clicking <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/938610606477217039>

**CCPC Leagan Gaeilge Resource:**

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