

# How will students know they are learning?



Assessment in Junior Cycle is changing to recognise and value the different types of learning that take place in schools. Students are at the centre of teaching, learning and assessment. This will allow for a more rounded assessment of the education of each young person, enable students to express their learning and provide them with opportunities to grow and flourish as learners. The areas highlighted below outline how changes in assessment will be seen across the three years of Junior Cycle including Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programmes where relevant.

## Ongoing Assessment in Junior Cycle

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

### Students Reflecting on Their Learning

Students are encouraged to reflect on how they are progressing in their own learning which supports them in taking ownership of their learning and their development as self-directed learners.



### Assessment Moments

Teachers plan lessons and activities to capture learning. This may include gathering evidence of student knowledge, understanding, skills and values over the three years of their Junior Cycle education.



### Formative Feedback

Teachers provide ongoing support and feedback to help students plan the next steps in their learning. Student collaboration is encouraged to support the sharing of ideas and students learning with each other.



### Ongoing Reporting

Student progress and achievements in learning are reported to parents throughout the three years of Junior Cycle, giving an insight into where students are in their learning and how they can progress further.



### Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs)

Students will complete CBAs in all subjects and short courses. These are assessed by their teachers and take place in second and third year.



### Final Examination and Assessment Task (AT)

Students complete a final examination in each subject at the end of third year. In addition, students will complete a project or reflective Assessment Task. These are assessed by the State Examinations Commission.



### The Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)

The JCPA provides a comprehensive picture of student achievement throughout the three years of Junior Cycle. The JCPA is issued from the school within the calendar year of the Final Examination.

