

Indicative Timeline for Year 1

March 2017	Schools are informed regarding expression of interest process.
Friday 28 th April 2017	Closing date for schools to express interest in participating.
October 2017	<p>CPD Event 1 – The short course in Coding – First Steps</p> <p>This full-day event will take place on a regional basis. Substitution is provided for participating teachers. A member of school management is requested to attend.</p>
November 2017	<p>CPD Event 2 – Coding – Developing quality learning experiences using learning outcomes</p> <p>This full-day event will take place on a regional basis. Substitution is provided for participating teachers.</p>
January 2018	<p>Elective Event – Supporting student learning using electronic devices</p> <p>This elective event will take place on a regional basis</p>
February 2018	<p>CPD Event 3 – Classroom strategies to support student learning in Coding</p> <p>This full-day event will take place on a regional basis. Substitution is provided for participating teachers.</p>
April 2018	<p>School Visit – Progress within our School</p> <p>This school visit from a member of the JCT short courses team will support teachers and school management.</p>
October 2017 - May 2018	Ongoing Online CPD Support

Junior Cycle Coding in Action



*A CPD initiative to support schools
in introducing the
short course in Coding*



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Junior **CYCLE**
for teachers



Introduction

This collaborative initiative is designed to support schools and teachers in their introduction of the short course in Coding at Junior Cycle.

Students and teachers will engage with innovative Coding-related resources, develop their expertise and share their experiences. The initiative is supported by Intel Ireland and Lero – The Irish Software Research Centre.

Teachers will:

- Participate in a two-year programme of CPD, involving six core CPD events
- Have access to various elective CPD events
- Contribute to an online community of participating teachers
- Share their experiences with the JCT short courses team, thereby informing the development of further supports for teachers

Aims

This initiative seeks to;

- support schools and teachers in their introduction of the short course
- further develop resources to support schools and teachers
- Capture the experiences of teachers and students during their introduction of the short course

Application Process and Criteria for Participation

The initiative is open to school that are committed to introducing the new short course in Coding in their Junior Cycle programme

These schools will need to demonstrate:

- sufficient timetable allocation to introduce the short course
- existing practice in terms of Coding/Computer Science at Junior Cycle level
- existence of relevant teacher expertise in the learning area of Coding

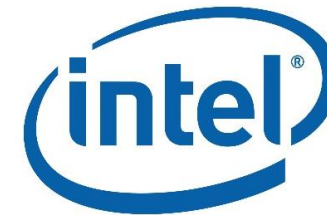
Each school will nominate two teachers to engage in the initiative.

In order to apply, a school must complete an online 'Expression of Interest' form and provide details of the two teachers that will engage in the initiative. The relevant online form can be accessed in the *Short Courses - Resources* section of the JCT website at <http://www.jct.ie/shortcourses/shortcourses.php>. The closing date for expressions of interest is **4.00pm on Friday 28th April 2017**.

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