# APPLIED **TECHNOLOGY**

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Junior Cycle for Teachers exists to inspire, support and empower teachers in the transformation of Junior Cycle education in Ireland.

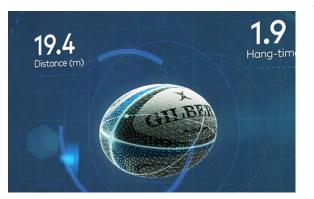
## **Spring Elective**

Registration for our Spring Elective workshop, 'Exploring how the sensor circuit board can further enhance teaching and learning in Applied Technology', is now open.

This face-to-face elective will take place in Applied Technology workshops in schools around the country. Details of each elective and their location can be found in the advertisement opposite. Click on the image or the link to access the registration form.

### ... in the News!

## 'Smart' rugby ball used for first time in Six Nations competition



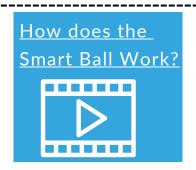
The smart ball tracking technology can capture real time information on: the fastest ball carriers, the longest and fastest passes, spin rate and also hang-time.

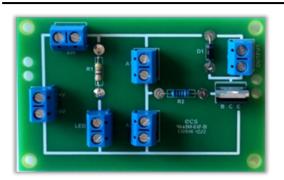
Each ball is rechargeable and contains a micro-tracking chip. Using radio frequency technology, the ball communicates up to 20 times per second with 10 beacons placed around the stadium. The data collected from the smart ball gives instant real time ball location, hang-time, ball speed and spin within milliseconds. It can also differentiate the type of kick made.

The article above and the video of how the smart ball works could be used as stimuli to explore emerging technologies and their impact on society. Some possible Learning Outcomes that students can engage with using this resource include:

**1.6** understand the role, impact and potential of existing and emerging technologies

**3.8** evaluate the impact of technologies on their lives, society and the environment





# CPD 2022/2023

We would like to thank all the Applied Technology teachers that engaged with our online CPD workshops in January. In total, we met 306 teachers from across the country during our online CPD events.

During the day, teachers engaged with two resources, the Sensor Circuit Board and the Electrical Circuits resource. These resour were developed in response to the needs identified by teachers. Feedback from teachers was hugely positive in relation to these resources.



All support material used on the day is available under:

CPD Supports Applied Technology - CPD Workshop 2022/2023.

# Oide

On the 1st of September 2023, a newly integrated support service named Oide will be established. Currently, there are four individual teacher education support services that provide a wide range of ongoing supports to primary, post-primary and

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special schools, including professional learning events for school leaders and teachers. These are the: Centre for School Leadership (CSL), Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT), National Induction Programme for Teachers (NIPT), Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). You can access the Oide website here and/or follow Oide on twitter.

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