Graphics

Junior Cycle for Teachers

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

TechnoTeachers

We were delighted to attend the TechnoTeachers conference on 11th & 12th of October. There was great interest in our stand and the MERGE Cube workshop which ran on numerous occasions over the two days. Congratulations to the TTA on a hugely successful event.

Graphics/Maths Webinar

The JCt4 Graphics team are in an exciting collaboration with our Maths colleagues, identifying connected learning in both subject specifications. These connections will be the focus of a joint webinar in the near future. Let your Mathematics teaching colleagues know and keep an eye out for details on our twitter feed, @JCt4ed or our colleagues @JctMAths

Welcome

Welcome to the Graphics Autumn 2019 newsletter. We have exciting plans afoot for the year ahead including the national rollout of PLE workshops for Graphics teachers, webinars and elective workshops. To keep up to date with all proceedings, teachers are advised to follow our Twitter page @JCt4ed and/or to sign up to our mailing list here.

PLE 2019/2020

The 2019/2020 Graphics PLE day will be starting in January 2020. A focus for this PLE day will be discussions on establishing 'how do your students learn best in the Graphics classroom'. This PLE day will be available over a ten-week period from January to March as highlighted below. Teachers will attend the Graphics PLE outside the normal cluster calendar, as was the case last year. We would encourage teachers to check with school management to ensure they are registered for Graphics workshops.

JUNIOR CYCLE GRAPHICS PLE CALENDAR 2019/2020
Dates and venues

Week 1	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Week 2	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Week 3	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3
Jan 6th				Jan 13th				Jan 20th	Donegal	Wexford	
Jan 7th				Jan 14th				Jan 21st	Dublin West	Wexford	Galway
Jan 9th	Sligo	Donegal	Limerick	Jan 16th				Jan 23rd	Drumcondra	Athlone	Donegal

Week 4	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Week 5	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Week 6	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3
Jan 27th	Carrick-on-Shannon	Limerick		Feb 3rd	Kilkenny	Mayo	Blackrock	Feb 10th	Mayo	Waterford	
Jan 28th	Drumcondra	Limerick	Dublin West	Feb 4th	Limerick	Navan	Dublin West	Feb 11th	West Cork	Kildare	Galway
Jan 30th	Drumcondra	Tralee	Clare	Feb 6th	Cork	Carrick-on-Shannon	Monaghan	Feb 13th	Athlone	Kildare	Clare

Week 7	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Week 8	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3	Week 9	Location 1	Location 2	Location 3
Feb 24th	Blackrock	Kilkenny	Dublin West LG*	Mar 2nd	Kilkenny	Galway	Laois	Mar 9th			
Feb 25th	Galway	Laois	Cork	Mar 3rd	Dublin West	Cork	Galway LG*	Mar 10th	Waterford	Cork	Tralee
Feb 27th	Navan	Kildare	Drumcondra	Mar 5th	Wexford	Cork LG*	Navan	Mar 12th	Navan	Monaghan	Blackrock

HOW TO REGISTER (VIA JCTREGISTRATION.IE)
Registration is via the JCT Registration website at www.jctregistration.ie
Every school is provided with a username and a password for registration.
Registration is via your Principal/school management or person with management resource hours within your school.

Teachers are asked to be in attendance from 09.15am on the specified days. Workshops conclude at 3:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided for attendees on the day. Full substitution cover is available
* Leagan Gaeilge (LG)

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*The above calendar is available on our twitter feed @JCt4ed and will also be mailed out via our mailing lists.

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The JCt4 team provided a stand as part of the Government of Ireland Village at the ploughing championships. This presented us with an opportunity to meet parents and students on the day and provide information about Junior Cycle reform. It also gave students and adults alike a chance to race our DOBOT in a tangram exercise.

Above: JCT Technologies Advisor, Jane Doherty, with Minister Joe McHugh TD trying to beat the DOBOT in a tangram challenge

STE(A)M

The JCt4 Graphics team continue to be involved in the JCT STE(A)M initiative. These workshops investigated how real-life problems could be solved by taking an interdisciplinary approach.

STE(A)M elective workshops are currently being developed with industry partners for 2019 – 2020.

@JCTSteAm

Exploring Learning Outcomes

The Graphics team have developed an interactive document which teachers can use when exploring the thirty-seven learning outcomes in the Graphics specification. The document is available here. This document will form part of our upcoming webinar and will also be an integral part of PLE 2019/2020.
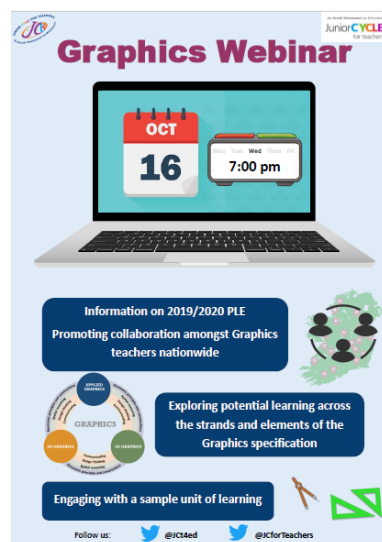

The Book of Kells Creative Competition

Students of Graphics may be interested in a competition from Trinity College Dublin which is currently open. The theme is 'Irish Culture and The Book of Kells'. Opportunities may arise to enhance student sketching skills whilst engaging with the 2D and Applied

Graphics strands in the Graphics specification. Further details are available from https://www.tcd.ie/visitors/competition/ . The closing date for entries is the 30th of October. Best of luck to all!

Webinar

We are delighted to be hosting our first Graphics webinar on October 16th at 7 p.m. The Graphics team will be broadcasting live on the night, with a focus on 'Engaging with the Graphics specification'. Opportunities will exist during the webinar for teachers to engage with the JCt4 Graphics team as the planning associated with developing a unit of learning for 1st year students of Graphics is explored. Many teachers have signed up already. You can register for the event by clicking here.

**The above poster is available via our twitter feed @JCt4ed and was recently sent to all teachers on our mailing lists

The Graphics team would like to wish you all the best for the coming academic year as you implement the Graphics specification in your classrooms. We look forward to meeting and working with you over the coming year.

Kind regards,
The Graphics team