

Junior Cycle for Teachers

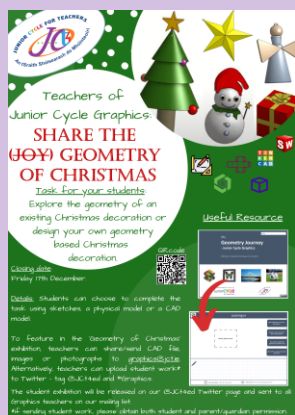
Junior Cycle for Teachers exists to **inspire, support** and **empower** teachers in the transformation of Junior Cycle education in Ireland.

An tSraith Shóisearach do Mhúinteoirí



Share the (Joy) Geometry of Christmas

Before Christmas the Jct4 Graphics team provided an opportunity for Graphics teachers to have their students explore and share the Geometry of Christmas. Click on the image below to view the poster.



Many thanks to the Graphics teachers and their students who shared the Geometry of Christmas with us via email and Twitter.



A video showing some of the shared student work is available by clicking on the image above. This could inspire you and your students to explore geometry in the context of any other festival or event in the yearly calendar that students are interested in.

Welcome

Welcome to the Jct4 Graphics Spring 2022 Newsletter and we hope this newsletter finds you and yours well. We would like to wish all Graphics teachers a happy and safe 2022. In this issue we will outline some recent updates since the Autumn 2021 Newsletter.

Classroom - Based Assessment 1

We are currently in the window for completion of Classroom - Based Assessment 1 (CBA 1) and would like to highlight some supports which may provide guidance to teachers in planning and completing the CBA 1 in Graphics. These include: an [‘Important Considerations for CBA 1’](#) document, a PowerPoint presentation [‘Exploring Classroom-Based Assessment 1’](#), an [interactive poster](#) and a [support video](#). These resources can also be accessed by clicking [here](#) or on the image below.

CBA 1 - Communicating through sketching

This resource has been designed as a support for Graphics teachers as their students engage with Classroom-Based Assessment 1: Communicating through sketching. Note: It is recommended that this resource is viewed in conjunction with the Guidelines for Classroom-Based Assessments for Graphics. This can be accessed [here](#). Teachers may engage with the Important Considerations for CBA 1 document prior to engaging with the CBA support video.

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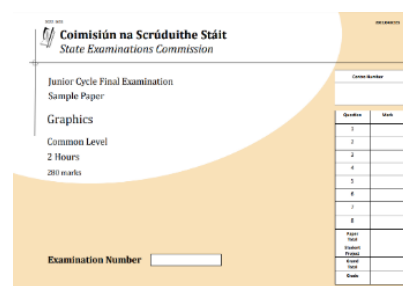
The key dates relating to CBA 1, are outlined on page four of the [Revised arrangements for the completion of Classroom-Based Assessments, student cohort 2019 – 2022](#) document released by the NCCA. The dates are also shown in the table below.

Window for completion	Monday 1 st November 2021 – Friday 13 th May 2022
Latest date for award of provisional descriptors by the teacher	Wednesday 18 th May 2022
Latest date for completion of Subject Learning and Assessment Review and for award of final descriptors by the teacher	Wednesday 25 th May 2022

It is important that teachers of Junior Cycle Graphics are familiar with the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) [‘Guidelines for the Classroom - Based Assessments’](#) document.

Sample Paper

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) published the Graphics sample paper on Friday 22nd of October. The sample paper can be found on the SEC website or by clicking [here](#) or on the image across.

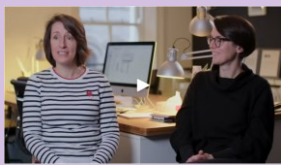


Studio Red Podcast

Nicola and Gráinne share their insights into the importance of drawing and sketching in the design process and why the more constraints and challenges you have in architecture, the more creative you can be.



Studio Red Architects also feature in an Arts in Junior Cycle short film.



Accompanying the video is a very useful [Teacher Guide](#)

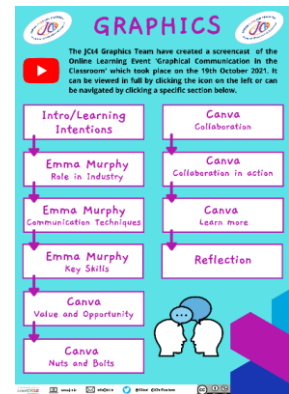
STE(A)M in Junior Cycle Online Events

Registration is now open for our STE(A)M in Junior Cycle CPD events for 2022! STE(A)M in Junior Cycle online events emerge from a partnership between JCT and 11 education outreach partners who are experts in their field. This CPD will have both subject-specific and cross-curricular relevance and supports teachers in connecting classroom learning to real world contexts. Click [here](#) or on the poster below to view details of the different events.



Graphical Communication in the Classroom

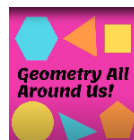
In October, the Jct4 Graphics team presented an Online Learning Event (OLE) titled "[Graphical Communication in the Classroom](#)". Thanks to stylist and furniture buyer Emma Murphy for contributing to the event and to the teachers that attended live on the evening. The focus of the OLE was collaborative graphical communication and teachers got an opportunity to collaborate using the Canva digital graphic design platform. A screencast was developed which provides an opportunity to explore the content of the event as well as an accompanying interactive poster, which allows for easy navigation between the various sections of the video. Please click [here](#) or on the poster image to access these resources.



Graphics in the News!

We are always on the lookout for news articles, videos, websites and other resources which may be of interest to you and your students. The links below may provide a basis for some interesting activities based on the following learning outcomes:

- 1.11 appreciate** the application of *geometric constructions* in the study of other areas
- 2.10 understand** the properties of geometric objects and surfaces
- 3.1 recognise** 2D and 3D features in everyday objects and artefacts



[Geometry All around Us](#)



[Geometry and pool: Playing a game of pool](#)



[Basic Shapes within Objects](#)

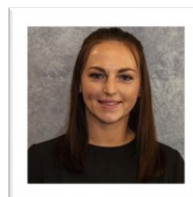
Graphics CPD 2022

We look forward to meeting you at the Graphics CPD in 2022. Registration for the Graphics CPD workshops, which will begin after the midterm break, is now open. Please check with your school management to ensure you are registered to attend. A short preview video of the Graphics CPD workshop is available [here](#).

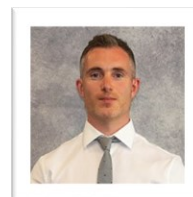
We would encourage you to sign up to our [mailing list](#) to keep up to date with all events. If any of your colleagues are not registered on this mailing list, please encourage them to do so.



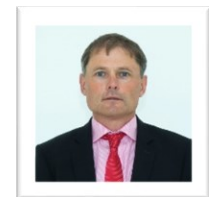
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Kind regards,
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