

An tSraith Shóisearach do Mhúinteoirí

## Junior**CYCLE** for teachers

### Graphics Specification

Thirty years after its introduction in 1989, the Junior Certificate Technical Graphics syllabus will be replaced by the Junior Cycle Graphics specification. In September 2019 the Junior Cycle Graphics specification will go live in post-primary classrooms across Ireland for incoming first year students. The Junior Cycle Graphics specification can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

### Digital Planning Tool

A digital planning tool has been developed by JCT4 and is available [here](#). This will help teachers to plan using learning outcomes to engage students in creative abstract problem solving using graphics. A screencast on how to use the digital planning tool is available [here](#).

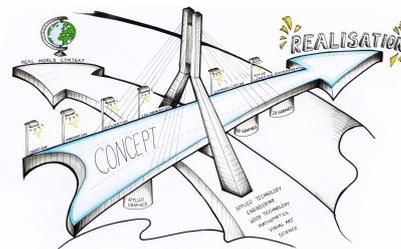
### Keep in touch

With the exciting changes involved in the introduction of the new specification it is important to keep in contact with the JCT4 Graphics team by joining our mailing list and twitter feed. Use the links across the bottom of this page to keep up to date.



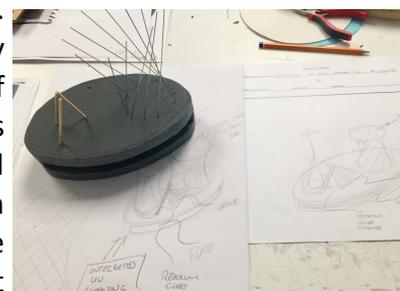
### Professional Learning Experience (PLE) 2018/19

Thank you to the 1365 teachers who attended the 58 Graphics workshops in April and May. Teachers got an opportunity to further explore the Graphics specification and engage with some learning experiences that bring the learning outcomes to life in the Graphics classroom. The material used during the PLE day can be found in the Graphics section of the JCT website by clicking [here](#). Following on from the PLE day further resources have been developed, including a screencast on how to upload files to the merge cube. This screencast can be viewed by clicking [here](#).



### National Drawing Day 18th of May

In conjunction with the School of Design and Creative Arts, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology (GMIT), Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT) presented a drawing workshop on National Drawing Day. Teachers got an opportunity to examine the potential of using sketches and drawings in the communication and development of design solutions. Building on the success of this collaboration it is hoped to have this event available to teachers again in the future, possibly on a national basis.



### Professional Learning Experience 2019/20

The 2019/20 Graphics PLE will be presented to teachers in January 2020. This PLE will focus on how students learn best in the Graphics classroom. Graphics teachers should check with their school management to ensure they are registered to attend the PLE.

Regards,

*JCT4 Graphics Team*

