

Wood Technology



JCt4 Newsletter - Spring 2022

Junior Cycle for Teachers

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



Recent Podcasts

JCt4 were delighted to recently record a two-part podcast with Paul Leamy, Head of Centre at GMT Letterfrack. In this two-part series, Paul speaks about the history of the college, the joy of working with wood as a material and also gives us an update on the new milling and seasoning equipment the college has invested in. Both podcasts are available on our Hands On playlist on the [Junior Cycle Talks](#) podcast channel.



Listen to Part 1 [here](#)



Listen to Part 2 [here](#)

Welcome

Welcome to our Spring issue of the JCt4 Wood Technology newsletter. For those of you who are new readers to our newsletter, you are welcome. Previous newsletters can be viewed [here](#). Currently, we are facilitating **over 1300** Wood Technology teachers from across the country as they engage with their online cluster CPD. If you would like to view any of the materials from this year's CPD workshops you can access them [here](#). Our elective material, such as webinars, can also be found [here](#).

Meet the team

The JCt4 Wood Technology team strives to support teachers of Wood Technology across the country. If you would like to contact any of the team, you can do so by checking out '[Meet the team](#)' on www.jct.ie.



Gerard Duff
Team Leader



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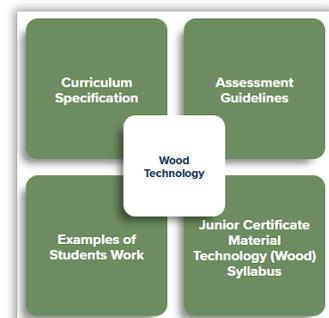


Michael Lynch
Advisor

Classroom-Based Assessment 1

Wood Science in our Environment

The window for completion of Classroom-Based Assessment 1: *Wood science in our environment* is currently open. Teachers are advised to make themselves familiar with the appropriate materials available on www.curriculumonline.ie



We recently created a resource to support teachers as their students engage with Classroom-Based Assessment 1: *Wood science in our environment*. The resource is presented as an interactive poster providing teachers with access to video presentations on various aspects of the CBA process. The full suite of available resources can be found [here](#).

Note: It is recommended that you view this resource in conjunction with the [Guidelines for the Classroom-Based Assessments](#) for Wood Technology.

National Tree Week

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will be taking place from March 20th to 26th.



To keep up to date with key events and resources which may be of use to your Wood Technology students, check out

www.treecouncil.ie.

As always, the Jct4 Wood Technology team will be developing some materials to highlight and celebrate this event. Watch this space!

Recent Resources

As Wood Technology students engage with various learning experiences throughout this academic year, teachers may find recently uploaded resources on our website that they can adapt to be relevant and appropriate to support students in their own context. Check out the '[Resources](#)' section for Wood Technology to avail of these materials!



Keep in Touch

Join our mailing list [here](#), to keep up to date with all of the Jct4 news and also follow us on twitter.



Jct4 Sketching Support

We recently created a sketching resource which may be explored by all teachers and students of the Junior Cycle Technologies subjects, including Wood Technology. This resource was developed with consideration of teacher feedback received across the suite of Technology subjects in relation to sketching and exploring pedagogical approaches to teaching sketching in the classroom.



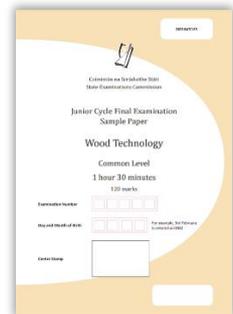
[Sketching Support](#)



[Extension Task Booklet](#)

Sample Examination Paper

The State Examinations Commission (SEC) published sample papers in October for the suite of Junior Cycle Technology subjects. The Wood Technology sample paper can be found [here](#). In our current online cluster CPD, we explore the role of the final assessment components in Wood Technology with teachers.



Wood Technology in the News!

We are constantly on the lookout for news articles, videos and websites which may be of interest to you and your students. The links below may provide a lead into some interesting learner experiences around the following learning outcomes:

1.8 apply knowledge of and skills in a range of appropriate existing and emerging principles, processes and techniques.

3.10 appreciate the role of forestation and wood in terms of local/global ecology and sustainability.

3.11 investigate the journey of wood from forest to end use.

Click on the image tiles below to access useful links/videos.



[Carving Salad Servers from Reclaimed Wood](#)



[Wood - nature's stroke of genius](#)



[Oak Tree from Acorn \(Time-lapse\)](#)

The Wood Technology team would like to wish you all the best and look forward to continuing to work with teachers throughout the remainder of the year.

Kind regards

The Jct4 Wood Technology team

