

Wood Technology

JCt4 Newsletter Summer 2021



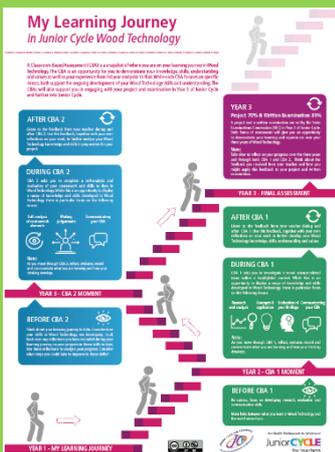
Junior Cycle for Teachers

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



My Learning Journey In Junior Cycle Wood Technology Poster

This recently developed resource graphically outlines a student's three year learning journey through Junior Cycle Wood Technology. This poster can be printed in a range of sizes and can be accessed on our website by clicking on the image below.



Welcome

Welcome to our Summer issue of the JCt4 Wood Technology newsletter. The JCt4 Wood Technology team provided CPD in the online space from January to March with 1003 teachers attending our Online Cluster CPD workshops. This year's CPD focused on task design and promoting a reflective culture. There was a strong emphasis on classroom practice to support and prepare students for engagement with aspects of the Wood Technology specification through integrated learning experiences. To access this year's CPD support materials please click [here](#).

Webinar

Exploring Strand 2: Design Thinking

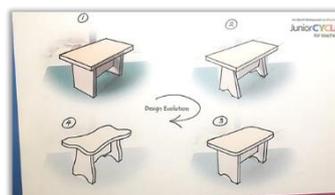
Our third webinar for this academic year was broadcast on 15th April at 5pm. During the webinar we explored approaches in developing design thinking skills with our students as they engage with coursework. This was facilitated through a discussion on samples of student work and featured different approaches and strategies that developed skills relevant to the Design Thinking strand.

The JCt4 Wood Technology team was joined on the night by Brendan Colleran (Castletroy College, Limerick) to outline some of his classroom strategies and approaches as he leads his students through coursework.

The webinar explored the following:

- Embedding reflective practice while engaging with coursework
- Strategies to support students to engage with design problems/briefs
- Ideation/generation of design ideas

This webinar will support teachers as their students evolve their design ideas to the creation stage, focusing on the development of the necessary knowledge and skills that will enable them to effectively solve contextual problems. A recording of the webinar and resources supporting the webinar can be accessed by clicking [here](#)



Important updates from NCCA

Recently, there was an important update for teachers regarding the completion of Classroom-Based Assessments for students who are currently in 2nd year in 2020/2021. This document gives important updates concerning CBA 1 and also outlines provisional dates for CBA 2 in the next academic year. The document, published by the NCCA, can be accessed by clicking [here](#)

Keep up to date with the Wood Technology team

Visit the Wood Technology section of www.jct.ie where you have access to all our resources and material used on CPD days [2018/2019](#), [2019/2020](#), [2020/2021](#) and the [webinar material](#). Additional resources are in development and will be uploaded here in due course. Join our mailing list [here](#) to keep up to date with all of the Jct4 subjects.

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National Tree Week

National Tree Week ran from March 21st to March 27th this year. To celebrate National Tree Week Jct4 developed and shared a number of activities on our Twitter feed to celebrate and highlight the importance of trees in our lives.

A sample of some of these activities can be accessed by clicking on the images below.



Wood Technology in the news!

We are constantly on the lookout for news articles, videos and websites which may be of interest to our students studying Wood Technology. The links below may provide a lead into some interesting activities around the following learning outcomes:

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

1.9 demonstrate principles of craft excellence through the design and realisation of tasks and artefacts

3.8 utilise the natural aesthetics and properties of wood to enhance the appearance and function of an artefact

3.11 investigate the journey of wood from forest to end use

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6f4CKFLIhpE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSxxv4YwGZw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u6sW8wiGwvk>

The Wood Technology team would like to wish you all the best for the summer break and look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Kind regards

The Jct4 Wood Technology team

