

Junior Cycle Update

FAO: 3rd Year Student & Parent/Guardian,

I hope all is good with you and your family.

In 2020, Junior Cycle learning achievement will be recognised through a specific form of certification designed to meet the current, exceptional circumstances presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Certification will involve **two elements**:

1. A **State Certificate of completion of Junior Cycle from the Department of Education and Skills**. Students will receive State Certification indicating they have completed three years of Junior Cycle education in a number of subjects. This certification will be provided by the Department of Education and Skills.
2. A **School Report** setting out learning achievements in Junior Cycle. Students will

receive a written report on the broad range of learning that they have achieved in each subject at the end of Junior Cycle.

As this has only been announced by the Minister for Education this afternoon we will be working with staff to formulate a plan around the 2nd point above, the School Report. As soon as we have decisions on this we will outline clearly to you what is going to happen next regarding assessment and reporting. In simple terms, whatever form of assessment and reporting we determine to be appropriate it must be concluded by May 29th. No assessment will be carried over into the 2020/21 academic year.

Regardless of what happens in relation to the above, remember school will continue for students until May 29th. It is important that students continue to do their best!