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Supporting the Professional
Learning of School Leaders
and Teachers

New to JCSP



- Mute microphones
- Use chat box for questions during the session
- Do not take screenshots or photographs of the screen – slides and resources will be shared on the Padlet wall
- Ensure you are sitting in a comfortable position
- Raise hand function after the session

Introductions



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Please introduce yourself outlining:

Your name

School

Current Role

Expectations from the evening





Purpose for This Evening

To provide opportunities to professionally collaborate and to develop a shared understanding of how the JCSP can be delivered effectively in your school context.

To reflect on the programme of the JCSP, in order to improve the path of educational opportunity for those who come to education at a disadvantage.



Our Padlet wall contains many resources relevant to JCSP and can be accessed through the QR code:



What is JCSP?



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JCSP is a **social inclusion** programme. It helps to make the curriculum **accessible and relevant** to young people who would benefit from a different approach to the Junior Cycle.

Every student is capable of success.





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Induction meeting for JCSP team

Prepare for "Make A Book"

Review and select initiatives

Folder week

Assess student needs and select statements

Christmas celebration



The JCSP Team

The JCSP team may include:

JCSP Coordinator
Learning Support Teacher
Subject teachers
HSCL Coordinator

Management
SCP Coordinator
Tutor/Year Head





Core Team Meetings

Discussion topics at core team meetings may include:

Goal setting for the term/ year

Statement selection to support these goals

Resources and initiatives available to teachers

Strengths of the students

Breakout Room



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What is working well in JCSP in your school?





The JCSP Approach



Analysing students' **strengths and weaknesses** and taking note of any specific recurring difficulties.

Planning programmes of work which both **build on students' abilities** and **address the main obstacles** which hinder their progress.

Engaging in dialogue with young people and their parents regarding their needs and their progress in school.



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Key Dates in the JCSP Year – Term 2

Oide JCSP Seminars/ Workshops

"Make A Book" events

Gather information for final profiling



Key Dates in the JCSP Year – Term 3

Final Profiling

Initiative Evaluations

Summer Celebration

JCSP Graduation



Relevant Staffing Circulars

Circular 0002/2023



Circular 0003/2023



Circular 0004/2023



Suggested Use of Allocation



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Number of registered JCSP students	Additional allocation hours per week	Additional allocation per week - WTE	Co-ordination time	Planning time
Up to 45	5.5	0.25	2 hours	3.5 hours
46-90	11	0.5	4 hours	7 hours
91 and over	16.5	0.75	6 hours	10.5 hours

How Some Schools use Planning Time



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Planning - 3.5 hours (210 mins - approx. 5 x 40 mins classes per week)

A: Core Team - 4 teachers e.g. JCSP Coordinator, Maths teacher, English teacher and one other.

- This is part of the profiling process
- Teachers may discuss student engagement/statements being worked on in class/attendance/successes/concerns/initiatives/final profile/ Goal setting for JCSP Plan DEIS Plan /SSE plan

Schools can facilitate this by:

- Freeing up teachers at the same time each week
- Reducing teachers' timetables by one period a week to allow for teachers to meet at another agreed period

B: Time is saved up and used to facilitate larger meetings of teachers during which student profiling takes place. These meetings take place once a term for each year group.

School Selection of JCSP Students



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Schools **devise their own criteria** to select students to participate in the JCSP programme.

Examples of selection criteria:

History of absenteeism or behavioural issues in primary school.
Recommendations from HSCL/SCP.
Low Levels of Literacy or Numeracy

Points to note:

Students can enter the programme at any stage in Junior Cycle.
To receive a Final Profile students must complete 1 year of the Programme.



Capitation Grant Circular

Circular 0052 / 2020

Capitation Grant of €60 is a one-off payment for students participating in JCSP.

Schools receive this based on their October returns completed in year 1.





JCSP Policy/ Programme Plan

Each school should have a JCSP policy which includes:

- ✓ Aims and objectives of Programme
- ✓ Structure of Programme – including time for planning
- ✓ Selection criteria
- ✓ Team members
- ✓ Roles and responsibilities
- ✓ Minutes of meetings
- ✓ Details of communications with students/staff/parents



Questions



What questions do you have regarding JCSP at this point?



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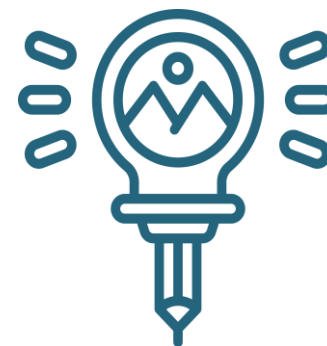
Statements



Profiling



Initiatives



A **statement** describes an area of **knowledge, a concept or a skill**. It states that a student **knows, understands or can do something**.

Statements are divided into learning targets.



The statement and targets are shared with students.



Students know how to use the statements and track their progress.



Students understand how their folder is linked to the statements.





Deciding which statements to work on

Teachers should **establish the abilities and needs** of the individual or class group and then set realistic and achievable targets.

It is important that **only achievable statements** are chosen for students to engage in.

Remember, the statements chosen should **form a framework** for planning and teaching a Junior Cycle specification.



Editable Statements

We are delighted to now offer

- editable PDF statements
- A2 size statements

Students are therefore able to save and work on the statements on their own devices.

Students can see the statements on the classroom wall.

I can communicate as a reader

English Statement code no. EJC1

Student: Name Surname Class: Class

I can communicate as a reader

I have begun I am working on this I can

This has been demonstrated by your ability to

1. Read a short text to my classmates with fluency and with meaning
2. Read two different kinds of texts with the same theme and note differences and similarities
3. Read a book from an appropriate level over a period of time and discuss using appropriate language
4. Read a short article/speech and extract main points/underline key sentences
5. State what plot and theme mean
6. Use the title of a story/play/poem with writer's name
7. Explain what character and setting mean
8. Describe the setting and character
9. Discuss what I learned about the main character
10. Study a text and answer comprehension questions
11. Summarise a chosen text
12. Read a poem with fluency and with meaning
13. Read a drama excerpt in a group
14. Extract examples of poetic techniques from a number of poems
15. Respond creatively to writing by poem/photograph
16. Explain the content and components of a website, blog and advertising campaign
17. Read and discuss my own and other students' work to help to make it better

Reflecting on my learning...

One thing I did well... Text here

Text here



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Profiling is the process of gathering information about what the student has achieved and recording what the student can do.



Through profiling, a student can gain recognition for subject work completed as part of the Junior Cycle.



Throughout this profiling process, a bank of students' success and achievements are established.





Final Profiling

Who do you profile?

- 3rd year students
- Students who have left school and were profiled for a minimum of one school year (even if they only achieved one statement).

Note: Schools intending to award their **own school-based statements** must have such statements approved by Oide JCSP before inclusion in the final profile.

Final profiling deadline: Thursday 18th April 2024



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Initiatives





JCSP Initiatives offer opportunities for students to become involved in **innovative and creative ways** of supporting their learning.

Class teachers, SNAs, parents, school management, subject departments and other subject teachers (cross-curricular) can become involved with JCSP Initiatives.



Most Popular Initiatives 2022-2023

Field trip
Being active
Science
History
Music



JCSP Initiative Application Questions



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Section One

General Information
Evaluation of last year's
initiative(s)



Section Two

JCSP Students involved
How you will run the initiative



Section Three

How you will spend the money
Subject areas involved
Link with JCSP statements
Timescale
How you will evaluate the
initiative



Section One

General Information

Section Two

Initiative detail
Link with DEIS/ SSE targets
Initiative organisation and implementation
Most valuable outcome
Suppliers/ Facilitators

Section Three

Breakdown of expenditure



Which initiatives are working well in your school?



What ideas do you have for future JCSP initiatives?

Questions



What further questions do you have regarding JCSP?



Reflecting on the Purpose for this evening



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Evaluation



Post Primary "New to JCSP" Term
2 Workshop Feedback

