



16th November 2022,

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope this letter finds you well.

We are eager to share with you the outcome of the school-based review of our Junior Cycle assessment plan. This review was undertaken in light of the NCCA classroom-based assessment (CBA) schedule for students and the assessment strategy associated with the Junior Cycle Framework. The Junior Cycle Framework requires a new pattern of assessment and it is the responsibility of all schools to review established assessment structures.

In September the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) revised the CBA schedule for current 3rd year students precipitating a reframing of our assessment plans. A whole staff consultation generated a timeline of assessment supporting student progress towards the Junior Cycle assessments in June 2023. This assessment timeline was shared with 3rd year students this morning, Wednesday November 16th, during a whole year assembly. Please see below the timeline of assessments for 3rd year students:

- September – December 2022: CBA 2 (NCCA Specified subjects)
- December 1st – 6th: In-house assessments (1.5hours per subject)
- January 30th – February 10th: Pre-Junior Cycle assessments (assessment fee applies)

We acknowledge that our whole school assessment review and the revised notification from the NCCA has delayed the sharing of this information with students and parents. As always we appreciate your support and understanding regarding this matter.

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this assessment schedule please do not hesitate to contact the school at info@scoildara.ie

Sincerely,

Mr. D Mc Cormack (Principal)

Ms. P. Keane (Year Head)