



CLASSROOM BASED ASSESSMENTS A GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

What are CBAs?

Classroom Based Assessments (or CBAs for short) are projects that students do in both 2nd year and 3rd year. They give students a chance to show their skills and learning in ways not possible in a usual pen and paper exam. CBAs may take the form of presentations or portfolios of work.

Who is in charge of the CBAs for each subject?

The class teacher facilitates the CBA for their class group.

How long do they take?

Students do CBA 1 for all subjects in 2nd Year and CBA 2 in 3rd Year. Most subjects take 3 weeks of classes to complete.

Do they all happen at once?

No. The school has an agreed schedule that means that students will not be working on more than two subjects at any one time.

The schedule for our current 2nd years is below.

Does it count towards your final Junior Cycle Grade?

Yes. The results of both CBAs will be published on the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA).

After CBA 2 is completed, the students complete an assessment task, which is set by the State Examinations Commission and is worth 10% of your final grade.

How can students succeed during CBAs?

Be Organised - There is a lot of work to get through but it is easily completed once students stay on top of the work. If students leave it too late then work can really pile up.

Listen to subject teachers - They know what is required to achieve top grades

Remember that this work is a vital part of the New Junior Cycle.

CBA SCHEDULE for 2nd Years 2025

January

- English 9th - 29th Jan
- French Starts 30th Jan
- History Starts 30th Jan

February

- French finishes 26th Feb
- History finishes 26th Feb
- Maths starts 27th Feb
- Geog starts 27th Feb

March

- Maths finishes 20th March
- Geog finishes 20th March
- Business starts 21st March
- Science starts 21st March

April

- Science finishes 10th Apr
- Business finishes 30th Apr
- Irish starts 28th April
- Religion starts 28th Apr

May

- Irish finishes 16th May
- Religion finishes 16th May
- ART & PE finishes 16th May

ART RUNS FOR THE WHOLE YEAR