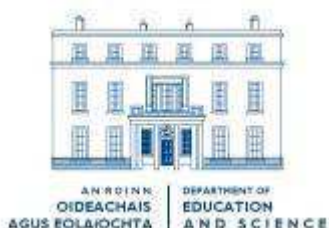


Rannóg Pholasáí, Cháilíochtaí,
Cu Churaclaim agus Mheasúnachta,
An Roinn Oideachais agus Eolaíochta,
Bloc 2 (Bunurlár),
Sráid Maoilbhríde,
Baile Átha Cliath 1



Qualifications, Curriculum and
Assessment Policy Unit,
Department of Education and Science,
Block 2 (Ground Floor),
Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1

Circular Letter 0048/2006

To: The Principal of the school named on the cover

Survey of Schools offering Junior Certificate Technology

The three Leaving Certificate technologies subjects - Construction Studies, Engineering and Technical Drawing - have been revised by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA). Following these revisions, Construction Studies subject will be called *Architectural Technology*, Engineering subject will be called *Engineering Technology* and Technical Drawing subject will be called *Design and Communication Graphics*. A new Leaving Certificate syllabus for Technology has also been developed.

Two of these subjects - *Design and Communication Graphics* and *Technology* - will be introduced in schools in September 2007 for examination for the first time in June 2009. (The syllabuses have been published on the Web and may be accessed at www.education.ie > Curriculum).

Please find attached a survey form pertaining to the current provision of Junior Certificate Technology in your school. The objective of this survey is to ascertain information on the current level of facilities in your school with respect to Junior Certificate Technology, along with your school's intentions with regard to the possible introduction and take up of the new Leaving Certificate Technology subject. This information is necessary to plan for upgrading of equipment and facilities and also to plan for teacher professional development.

You are asked to complete this survey form, in collaboration with the relevant teaching staff, and ensure that it is returned to the **Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Policy Unit, Department of Education and Science, Marlborough St., Dublin 1** to arrive no later than **26th May 2006**.

A separate notification will issue to schools detailing the application process to be followed with regard to the introduction of Leaving Certificate Technology into the school curriculum.

Please note that the Leaving Certificate Technologies Support Service plan to undertake a more detailed survey of teacher training needs before the implementation of new/revised syllabi in the technologies subject areas.

Any queries regarding this survey may be directed to the Qualifications, Curriculum & Assessment Policy Unit - Tel. 01 - 8095020.

Margaret Kelly
Principal Officer

3rd May 2006

*SURVEY OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS OFFERING
JUNIOR CERTIFICATE TECHNOLOGY 2005/2006*

1. General Information

Name of School:

School Address:

Telephone No.: _____

Roll No.:

School Type: Secondary Vocational Community Comprehensive

Total Enrolment in School: Boys Girls Total

2. Take-up of Junior Certificate Technology

(i) In what year did your school first introduce Junior Certificate Technology?

(ii) Please indicate the number of class groups and the total number of students currently taking Junior Certificate Technology.

Year	Number of Class Groups	Number of Students		Total Number of Students
		Boys	Girls	
<i>1st year</i>				
<i>2nd year</i>				
<i>3rd year</i>				
Total				

3. Facilities for Teaching Technology:

(i) Which of the following describes the room(s) used to teach Junior Certificate Technology in your school in the current school year?

Room Description	Number of rooms	Room Dimensions (m)	Comment

Technology Workshop			
<i>Metalwork/Engineering Workshop</i>			
<i>MT (Wood) / Construction Studies Workshop</i>			
Other (<i>please specify</i>)			

(ii) How would you rate the physical resources available in your school for the teaching of Junior Certificate Technology? (*Please tick as appropriate* ✓)

Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Fair</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Poor</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please comment on your choice of rating:

4. Teaching Staff

(i) Please complete the following table with regard to all teaching staff currently involved in teaching Junior Certificate Technology. Indicate the number of Technology lessons taught per week by each teacher.

Teacher	Qualification (<i>B.Tech. (Ed.) or other</i>)	Number of JC Technology lessons taught per week
<i>Teacher 1</i>		
<i>Teacher 2</i>		
<i>Teacher 3</i>		

5. *New Leaving Certificate Technology*

(i) Would you like to apply to introduce the new leaving certificate subject Technology in 2007 for first examination in June 2009?

(Please tick as appropriate ✓)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please provide comment under the following headings:

Facilities	
Teaching staff/training	
Likely student take-up of LC Technology	
Other Comments	

Signed: _____

Date: _____

School Principal

***Please return completed forms marked JC Technology to: Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment Policy Unit, Dept. of Education and Science, Block 2, Marlborough St., Dublin 1
by 26th May 2006.***