



## Second Year Summer Reports 2019: Explanatory Notes

Second year students are following the new Junior Cycle specifications in English, Irish, Science, French, Spanish, Art, Business and the old Junior Certificate syllabuses in all other subjects. As per Department of Education recommendations, second year students did not complete summer exams in Science, French, Spanish and Art, as they recently completed Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) in these subjects.

Therefore, parents can expect to see feedback from teachers in various different formats in their Summer reports: traditional grades such as A, B, C etc; New Junior Cycle Grade Descriptors such as Distinction, Higher Merit etc; and CBA descriptors such as Exceptional, Above Expectations etc. Please see below for full lists of the various formats.

Please note the new descriptors are being phased in to describe performance in end-of-term written examinations in the Junior Cycle programme for **Science, Business, English, French, Spanish, Art and Irish.**

<b>Old Grade Descriptors – Junior Certificate</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
A	≥ 85 to 100
B	≥ 70 and < 85
C	≥ 55 and < 70
D	≥ 40 and < 55
E	≥ 25 and < 40
F	≥ 10 and < 25
NG	≥ 0 and < 10

<b>Written Examination Grade Descriptors – New Junior Cycle</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Distinction	≥ 90 to 100
Higher Merit	≥ 75 and < 90
Merit	≥ 55 and < 75
Achieved	≥ 40 and < 55
Partially Achieved	≥ 20 and < 40
Not Graded (NG)	≥ 0 and < 20

### **Classroom-Based Assessment Performance Descriptors – New Junior Cycle**

Exceptional  
Above Expectations  
In Line with Expectations  
Yet to Meet Expectations

For further information see: [www.ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle](http://www.ncca.ie/en/junior-cycle)