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Welcome to our second newsletter of this academic year. We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are settling back to the new school year. This Newsletter contains updates for your attention. Please send any questions or queries you may have to info@jct.ie

Chief Examiner's Report 2019

The SEC Chief Examiner's Report on the Junior Cycle Business Studies Examination 2019 has been published by the State Examinations Commission (SEC).

This is a valuable source of information which will be of interest to all Business Studies teachers. The Chief Examiner's Report should be read in conjunction with the Written Exam Paper and Assessment Task, together with the associated published Marking Schemes. The report can be found here:

<https://www.examinations.ie/?l=en&mc=en&sc=cr>

The 2019 examination and marking scheme can be found here:

<https://www.examinations.ie/exammaterialarchive/>

Both documents are also available to download from the Key Documents Page on our website: https://www.jct.ie/business_studies/key_documents

**Junior Cycle Business Studies:
Early Enactment Report**

The NCCA published the Report on the Early Enactment of the JC Business Studies" on 24th Sept. This review covered many themes and topics including:

- Planning for teaching, learning and assessment
- Common Level
- 200 hours
- Learning Outcomes
- Key Skills
- All elements of Assessment

We encourage all Business Studies teachers and your schools Business Studies Subject Department to read the document in full. It is available via this link:

<https://ncca.ie/en/resources/report-on-the-early-enactment-of-jc-science-and-business-studies>

**Classroom Based Assessment
Key Dates:**

A reminder that the SEC have published updated Key Dates for the 2020/21 academic year on 9th September. The document is available here:

https://ncca.ie/media/4684/ncca_cbas_for_student_cohort_2018-2021.pdf

"Taking Care of Business" Online Teach-Meet

We are delighted to announce that the JCT Business Studies Associate Team will be hosting a live Zoom Teach-Meet event on Thursday 15th October 2020 from 7pm to 8:15pm.

This event will comprise of a series of breakout rooms and attendance will be strictly via pre-registration only. The closing date for registering for this event is 5pm on Thursday 8th October 2020. We are limiting the numbers to a maximum of 150 teachers. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. In the event that the Teach-Meet is oversubscribed, we will create a waiting list.

Business Studies teachers can register via this link: <https://forms.gle/EtfSAB6sbb2nqgEr8>

Festival of Learning "Open for Business" Online Discussion Forum

We are delighted to announce that the JCT Business Studies Team will be hosting a live interactive online discussion forum on Tuesday 20th October from 5pm to 6:15pm.

On the agenda for discussion and conversation are items such as the NCCA Junior Cycle Business Studies: Early Enactment Report, the SEC Chief Examiner's Report on the JC Business Studies Examination, New JCT Business Studies resources, focus on CBA1 in the current Covid-19 context and an open mic Question and Answer session.

Further details for this event will be released in due course.