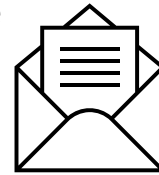


Dear Science Teacher.

Firstly, we wish to commend everyone on getting schools open and functioning last week. This first step in reconnecting students with their school communities is only made possible by the support and commitment of teachers.

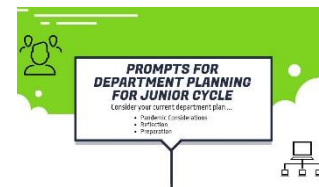
Future Supports

Working in the present conditions presents challenges for teaching. We are working closely with a number of teachers across a variety of school contexts, exploring some workable ideas for the enactment of the science specification given the current challenges, which we will share over the coming weeks. You might check that new staff members are on the mailing list.



Department Planning

Now that you and your students have had an opportunity to begin to familiarise yourselves with practical aspects of school life, you may be beginning to work to develop and revise department plans. Some prompts to support you in directing your planning conversations can be found [here](#).



Future CPD opportunities

We are also working with some other organisations to ensure that CPD opportunities normally available at this time of year are transferred to an online platform.

We are pleased to be participating in the IOP Frontiers of Physics online event, supporting Junior Cycle and Senior Cycle teaching of physics, on **Saturday 19th of September**. Details of this conference as well as access to registration can be found [here](#).



On **Saturday 26th September**, from 10.00am – 1.30pm, JCT is delighted to partner with ESERO Ireland and CIT Blackrock Castle Observatory to present the third edition of the ESERO Ireland Space Education Conference as a streamed online event.

Running as part of Space Week with the support of Science Foundation Ireland, this conference aims to support the teaching and learning of the Junior Cycle Earth and Space strand with inspiring and practical approaches to teaching science. This year will have a dual focus - looking at using satellite data in the classroom and having students engage as "climate detectives" by making observations in their local environment. Details and registration for this free event can be accessed [here](#).

