

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

JCt4 Newsletter

Junior Cycle for Teachers

Junior Cycle for Teachers exists to inspire, support and empower teachers in the transformation of junior cycle education in Ireland.

Webinar

The JCT Applied Technology webinar will take place on Monday 8th April from 6.15-7.15pm. In the webinar we will build on your experience and engagement with the specification from your recent cluster day PLE. There will be a particular focus on Strand 2: Energy & control. To register, click [here](#).

Keep in touch

Three ways to keep up to date with the JCT Applied Technology team are:

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www.jct.ie/technologies

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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the JCT Applied Technology Newsletter. The 2019/2020 academic year sees the introduction of the

[Junior Cycle Applied Technology Specification](#) for incoming first year students across the country. The JCT Technologies team look forward to supporting teachers as they engage with the new specification and bring it to life in their classrooms. The Technologies team of advisors and associates are passionate about seeing students captivated by the opportunities that the Applied Technology specification offers.



Cluster Day PLE

The focus of the recent cluster day PLE (Professional Learning Experience) in Junior Cycle Applied Technology is on engagement with the specification. Teachers from across all subject areas have found that one of the greatest benefits of the day has been the opportunity to engage in professional collaboration with colleagues from both their own departments and also from other schools in the locality. There has been very positive feedback as teachers explore the planning of units of learning using learning outcomes. Teachers are also excited by the wide range of opportunities that the learning outcomes will provide for Applied Technology students.





STE(A)M

The JCT Applied Technology team are delighted to have become involved in the JCT STE(A)M initiative. We look forward to attending some of the Spring 2019 events that are taking place across the country with various partner organisations. The workshops will have the broad theme of looking towards Ireland 2050. The focus of each of the workshops are particularly relevant to Applied Technology teachers.



Details:

Elective CPD: January - April 2019

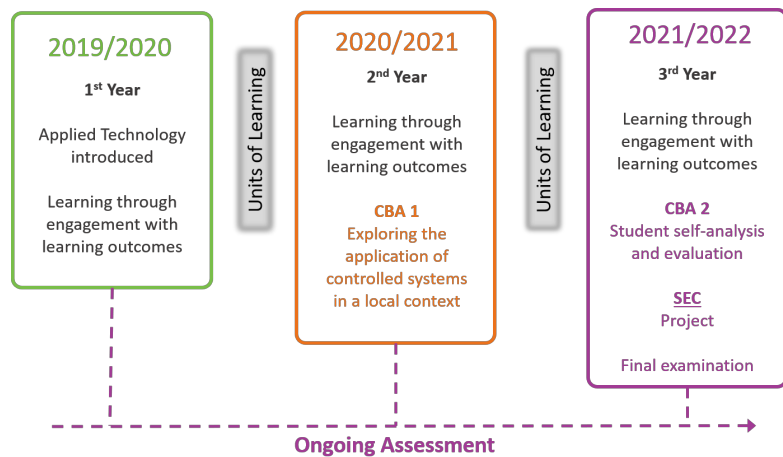
Register on www.jctregistration.ie
Every school is provided with a password for registration.

Contact: steam@jct.ie

Professional Time

[Circular letter 0079/2018](#) details the professional time (up to 22 hours) available to teachers of junior cycle. This time is allocated to teachers specifically to support the implementation of their subject in the junior cycle framework. We have created a [document](#) with some suggestions as to how Applied Technology teachers might use their professional time.

Student Learning Journey



The first cohort of students that will engage with the new Junior Cycle Applied Technology specification will follow the learning journey above. The JCT Applied Technology team will be supporting teachers throughout this journey. Over the coming years we will provide whole day PLE workshops, electives, webinars and online supports.

In the news

In this section of the newsletter we will look at a current news story that is relevant to the Applied Technology classroom. In this first issue we want to highlight a new government policy on single-use plastics that is directly related to the learning experiences that teachers engaged with in the recent Applied Technology PLE Day.

The newspaper article is available [here](#). This could be a great way for students to engage with learning outcomes 2.6, 3.5 and 3.9.

