

# Wood Technology



Jct4 Newsletter Autumn 2020

## Junior Cycle for Teachers

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



## TechnoTeachers

We look forward to the annual TechnoTeachers' Association conference every year. It gives us a great opportunity to meet teachers from around the country but unfortunately it has been postponed until further notice. The TechnoTeachers' executive are planning to reschedule the event and look forward to meeting all members then. Details of the rescheduled event will be published on [technoteachers.ie](http://technoteachers.ie)

## Return to School Guidance for Practical Subjects in Post-Primary Schools

As you will be aware, '*Return to School Guidance for Practical Subjects in Post-Primary Schools and Centres for Education*' were recently published by the DES. The Jct4 team have developed a resource which visually displays some of the guidelines outlined in this document. This may be a beneficial visual aid for students and teachers across the suite of Technology subjects, including Wood Technology. This resource can be viewed [here](#).

## Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn issue of the Jct4 Wood Technology newsletter. Last year, we engaged with over 1200 teachers through the subject cluster workshops and online webinar. If you would like to view any information from last years CPD workshops you can access it [here](#). The webinar material can be viewed [here](#).

## Excel Digital Planner

The Jct4 team have developed a planning resource which may aid teachers across the suite of Junior Cycle Technology subjects. The Excel Digital Planner will allow teachers to capture the planning necessary for a class group over their three-year Junior Cycle. It offers more functionality in terms of recording the amount of opportunities students had to engage with learning within learning outcomes across the three strands and four elements in the Wood Technology specification. The Wood Technology Excel Digital Planner, an accompanying information sheet and an instructional screencast on useful features can be found in the [Planning section](#) of the Wood Technology section on [www.jct.ie](http://www.jct.ie) website.

## Physically Distanced Classroom Resource

The Jct4 Wood Technology team have developed a set of classroom resources and possible associated student activities which may be of interest to you. We have developed these resources with the current context of physically distanced classroom environments in mind. In this document you will find two resources, one suggested for First-year Wood Technology students and one suggested for Second years. Both sets of resources and their associated possible student activities aim to develop students' Key Skills in Managing Myself, Managing Information and Thinking and Staying Well whilst engaging with Junior Cycle Wood Technology.

## #Jct4Tuesdays

This is another form of resource creation we are currently developing to support teachers in these unprecedented times. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing digital/online technologies and useful websites which may interest you and your students as your engagement with the suite of Junior Cycle Technology subjects continues. Our weekly resources will be hosted on our website under [Resources](#) in the Technologies section of [www.jct.ie](http://www.jct.ie) and will be released each Tuesday via our Twitter account [@Jct4ed](#) with the hashtag [#Jct4Tuesdays](#).

## Second Teaching Subject Support

As a result of the significant loss of class contact time due to COVID-19 restrictions, the interruption to school openings at the commencement of the 2020/2021 school year, and the prolonged period of school closure since March 2020, JCT is unable to offer face-to-face second teaching subject CPD workshops during the September/October 2020 period this year. Our 2019/2020 Wood Technology workshops have now been re-purposed into three screencasts to make them suitable for online engagement. These resources can be viewed [here](#).

## Revised arrangements for the completion of CBAs

The NCCA have published the following document containing information regarding Classroom-Based Assessments. Page 3 of this document contains information relating to the windows of time in which Classroom-Based Assessments for the suite of Technology subjects can be completed. The document can be accessed [here](#).

## Keep up to date with the Wood Technology team

Visit the Wood Technology section of [www.jct.ie](http://www.jct.ie) where you have access to all our resources and material used on CPD days [2018/2019](#), [2019/2020](#) and the [webinar material](#). Additional resources are in development and will be uploaded here in due course.

Join our mailing list [here](#) to keep up to date with all of the Jct4 subjects.

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## 'Hands On'

The Jct4 Technology team have developed a Podcast playlist titled '**Hands On**' which aired on September 22<sup>nd</sup> on the JCT Podcast channel, *Junior Cycle Talks*. The first of the #Jct4 podcasts, in collaboration with @JuniorCycleArts, features Master Woodturner Willie Creighton who talks about his life and times, his passion for his craft and where he finds his inspiration. This podcast is available to listen to [here](#) on *SoundCloud* or any podcast provider. Stay tuned on [@Jct4ed](#) and watch the [mailing list](#) to make sure you don't miss any of these exciting broadcasts!

## Webinar – Preparing for Classroom-Based Assessment 1 (CBA 1)

This webinar will provide an overview of timelines for CBA 1 and explore how teachers can support student learning before and during the CBA. A panel of teachers will discuss their classroom approaches in preparing students for CBA 1 as well as displaying and discussing some of their students' work. You can register for the webinar by clicking [here](#).

## Wood Technology in the news!

We are constantly on the lookout for news articles, videos and websites which may be of interest to our students studying Wood Technology. The links below may provide a lead into some interesting activities around the following learning outcomes:

- 1.9 demonstrate** principles of craft excellence through the design and realisation of tasks and artefacts
- 1.11 investigate** the environmental impacts of using wood as a natural and renewable resource
- 2.2 manage** information and thinking to support an iterative design process
- 2.14 investigate** how to minimise material use and manage waste
- 3.4 evaluate** the use of wood in comparison to alternative materials
- 3.11 investigate** the use of wood from forest to end use

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dcUw9FYMI4>

[https://youtu.be/KiC9N\\_5Wnwl](https://youtu.be/KiC9N_5Wnwl)

<https://youtu.be/v-8cFO0t4VA>

The Wood Technology team would like to wish you all the best and look forward to working with you in the coming academic year.

Kind regards

The Jct4 Wood Technology team

