

Wood Technology

JCt4 Newsletter Summer 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.



Webinar

Introducing the craft of bending and lamination through a student design task

The webinar was broadcast on March 30th at 7.30pm. 139 teachers tuned in on the night. During the webinar attendees experienced the planning associated with generating a unit of learning on bending and laminating wood. Samples of student work were reviewed on the night and the co-operating teacher outlined how the unit evolved from planning through to delivery. The resources from this webinar can be accessed [here](#). Some of the student work is shown below.



Welcome

Welcome to our Summer issue of the JCt4 Wood Technology newsletter. The JCt4 Wood Technology team had a busy year on the road with 1150 teachers attending our Cluster CPD workshops. This year's CPD focused on teaching, learning and assessment, with a strong emphasis on classroom practice to support and prepare students engagement with all aspects of the Wood Technology specification through integrated learning experiences. To access this year's CPD support materials please click [here](#).

Get your World Turning

Elective Workshop for teachers of Wood Technology

In conjunction with the *Arts in Junior Cycle* (AiJC) initiative, the Junior Cycle for Teachers Wood Technology team were delighted to have collaborated with master craftsman Willie Creighton for the *Get your World Turning* elective workshop. *Get your World*



Turning was designed as a one-day elective workshop for teachers of Junior Cycle Wood Technology.

Participants experienced a range of specialised turning techniques including segmented turning, laminated turning, off-centred turning and others. Three successful workshops were run on the: 8th & 15th of February in Willie Creighton's workshop, Aghamore, Co. Mayo; and on the 7th March in The Carpentry Store, Naas, Co. Kildare. Due to popular demand three further workshops were scheduled across the country but were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is envisaged that these workshops will be re-scheduled at the earliest opportunity.



Remote Learning Challenges

The Jct4 Technologies team provided support for teachers of the technology subjects during the recent pandemic through our 'weekly challenges'. We were overwhelmed by the number of responses to these challenges, some of which were posted on our Twitter feed. The weekly challenges can be accessed [here](#).

Podcast

The Wood Technology team are currently creating a Podcast which will be aired shortly. Stay tuned on [@Jct4ed](#) and watch the [mailing list](#) to make sure you don't miss this exciting broadcast!

Keep up to date with the Wood Technology team

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

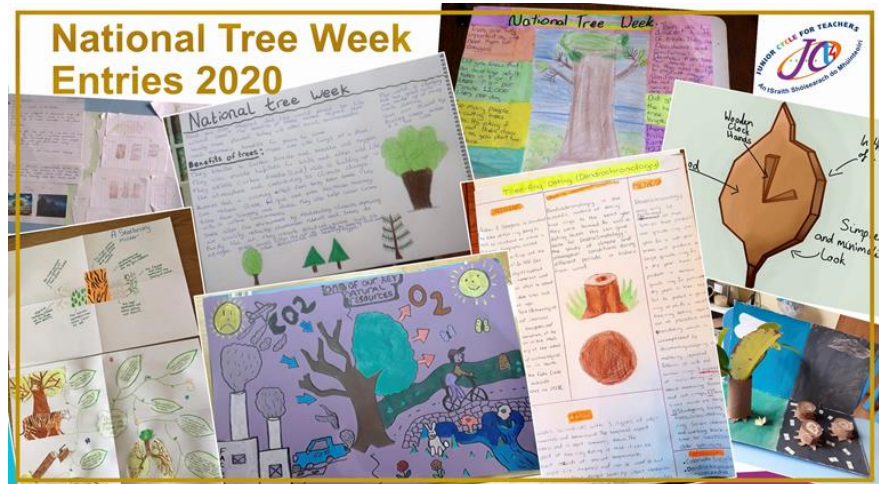
Join our mailing list [here](#) to keep up to date with all of the Jct4 subjects.

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National Tree Week

National Tree Week ran from March 21st to March 27th this year. To celebrate Tree Week Jct4 hosted a design initiative to celebrate trees. Students were invited to design an artefact that celebrates how forests and trees contribute to the enhancement of both our environment and wellbeing. Further details can be found on the promotional poster available [here](#). A collage of some of the contributions to this initiative is shown below.



Wood Technology in the news!

We are constantly on the lookout for news articles 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:

1.6 create sketches and working drawings to recognized standards using a variety of media

1.9 demonstrate principles of craft excellence through the design and realisation of tasks and artefacts

2.11 produce purposeful, functional, appealing artefacts

<https://healthyhandyman.com/woodworking-projects-for-kids-to-build/>

<https://www.instructables.com/class/Design-Sketching-Class/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxWzA3ZIYEOLr1JkKH0ZMyg>

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

Kind regards

The Jct4 Wood Technology team

