

## For Parents & Students

DVS Junior Cycle Assessment Policy 2020	
<p><b>INTRODUCTION</b></p> <p>This document outlines the approach that Drumshanbo Vocational School will take in the assessment of Junior Cycle students, 2020. The DES Guidelines for Schools, <i>Assessment and Reporting on Students' Learning at Junior Cycle, May 2020</i> has informed the recommended approach outlined.</p> <p><b>OVERARCHING PRINCIPLES</b></p> <p>The guidelines provide for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A whole school approach to the assessment of Junior Cycle students, 2020.</li> <li>2. Inclusivity and equity of access by all students.</li> <li>3. Transparency.</li> <li>4. Completion of the assessment process by May 29<sup>th</sup>. An assessment report will issue electronically before the end of June 2020</li> </ol>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A final grade/grade descriptor will be awarded for each subject based on the recognition of prior Learning, school organised learning that took place after school closure and the May 2020 Assessment in the subjects listed below</li> <li>• The final assessment grade will be assigned based on the outcome of the results achieved through the following area(s)*               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*(Except in the case of Visual Art – see below)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Junior Cycle School Report 2020	
Recognition of prior learning in Second & Third Year up to March 12 2020	Recognition of engagement with school organised learning after school closure
<p><i>Any one or combination of the evidence as listed below will be used, depending on the subject.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence available from assignments, tests, tasks journals, projects, practical and other work completed over the course of second year and third year</li> <li>• Classroom-Based Assessments completed in second year and third year</li> <li>• Mock exams</li> </ul>	<p><i>Any one or combination of the assessment tools listed below will be used, depending on the subject.</i></p> <p>Participation in on-line learning            Quality and quantity of work submitted            In addition, the following subject departments are allocating 10% for on-line assessments / assignments during May to be completed by May 22:</p> <p>English            Music            Woodwork            Technical Graphics</p>

	Home Economics French & Spanish
<i>Total Weighting: 80%</i>	<i>Total Weighting: 20%</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where students are engaged in a <b>Junior Cycle</b> Subject a Grade Descriptor will be awarded.</li> <li>• Where students are engaged in <b>Junior Cert</b> a traditional grade will be awarded.</li> </ul>	

**\*Visual Art**

Visual Art is the only subject where there the State Examinations Commission do not include a written examination. In normal circumstances students would be assessed on the final project. This year, the mark we are assigning to these students will be based on class work/projects in Second & Third Year, Class Based Assessments and the work they have done for the final project.

<b>Principal: Martin Fallon</b>	<b>Date: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2020</b>
<b>Chair (BOM): Francis Gilmartin</b>	<b>Date: May 12<sup>th</sup> 2020</b>