



# THIRD YEAR NEWSLETTER TERM 2 JANUARY 2024



## PROGRESS LEADER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to all our students and their loved ones. 2024 will be a momentous year for our Third Year students as they will sit their first state exam in June. This news letter will provide parents/ guardians and students with some information regarding exam dates/ preparation tips and of course wellbeing that should be helpful during this time. Please talk to your child about the importance of communication. If they appear unsure or somewhat overwhelmed we are always here to support them and give advice. Encourage the children to use the resources and supports that their teachers have created for them including check lists and sample exam questions. They can access the resources from the Study Skills day which was held in November. Teachers have also provided study tips and checklists for every subject and these are available on the school website in the parents section under JC and LC Mock Exams 2024.

At home, it is important that they can establish consistent routines with a healthy balance of study and rest. Encourage them to exercise and eat well. Limit their mobile phone time. If they do become stressed, let them know this is normal. Often we need to remind them that learning is for life and these exams are a check in that give us an opportunity to learn for the next time.

Finally, it can help to let your child know that you are proud of them no matter what. Every one of our students will shine in whatever field they end up in if we let them know that we believe in them.

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## MOCKS TIMETABLE



Sandymount Park ETSS

## CBA

SANDYMOUNT PARK EDUCATE TOGETHER SECONDARY SCHOOL Pre Junior Cycle Examinations 2024		
FEBRUARY	SUBJECT (H = Higher Level O = Ordinary Level C = Common Level)	TIME
Friday 2	Tutor/Study	8.30-8.45
	English H&O	8.45-10.45
	Break in canteen	10.45-11.15
	Irish H&O	11.15-13.15
Monday 5	School closed to students	
	Bank Holiday	8.30-15.30
Tuesday 6	Tutor/Study	8.30-8.45
	History C	8.45-10.45
	Break in canteen	10.45-11.15
	Geography C	11.15-13.15
Wednesday 7	Tutor/Study	8.30-8.45
	French/Spanish C	8.45-10.45
	Break in canteen	10.45-11.15
	Classes C	11.15-13.15
Thursday 8	Tutor/Study	8.30-8.45
	Maths C	8.45-10.45
	Break in canteen	10.45-11.15
	German C Music C	11.15-13.15 11.15-12.45
Friday 9	Tutor/Study	8.30-8.45
	Science C	8.45-10.45
	Break in canteen	10.45-11.15
	Business C	11.15-13.15

## CBA and assessment task update

Amendments have been made to assessment procedures since Second Year

Two amendments that you should be ware of:

1. Students will engage with one CBA per subject and not two.
2. There will be no assessment tasks linked to CBAs. So previously we were told 10% of exam result would include the assessment task result. This is not the case now.

[https://ncca.ie/media/6316/key-dates-for-cbas-2023-2024\\_en.pdf](https://ncca.ie/media/6316/key-dates-for-cbas-2023-2024_en.pdf)

### Important

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year mock exams begin on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year students are not permitted to leave any exam early or change level
- All students go to the canteen at break time from 10.45 – 11.15
- For students of Music, the mock practical exams will take place after the mid-term from 19<sup>th</sup> February onwards. Niamh will notify students of the date.

### Date for the diary

For students of Music, the State Examinations practical examinations will begin on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

## JUNIOR CYCLE VISUAL ART

The Third Year Art students will commence their Junior Cycle exam booklet before mid term break and they will work on it during class time. The work must be completed by April 12<sup>th</sup>. They cannot take the work book home but they can be working on drawings / digital drawings / photos outside of class. This is their exam, 100% of their grade. They have a small sketchbook to make one final piece. It's important that students attend art classes during this time to maximise their potential.

## THIRD YEAR CBA TIMELINE 2023-2024

1	<b>VISUAL ART</b> 15th Sep - 29th Oct
2	<b>GAEILGE</b> 19th Feb - 9th March
3	<b>MUSIC</b> 26th Feb - 15th March
4	<b>ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE</b> 11th March - 18th May
5	<b>CODING/ DML/ PHILOSOPHY</b> 8th April - 27th April
6	<b>CSPE</b> 8th April - 27th April



