

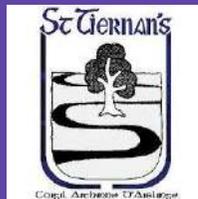
How can I get involved in the programme?

Parents have a powerful influence on their child's education. You can work collaboratively with your child to help them develop their skills and succeed on reaching learning goals on the JCSP programme in the following ways

- Encourage your child to complete their school work, attend school on time and demonstrate a positive attitude towards education
- Encourage your child to partake in the different JCSP competitions
- Talk to your child about what learning statements they are engaged in in their different subjects
- Attend the various school events throughout the year such as parent/teacher meetings, coffee mornings, graduation celebrations
- Check in with the JCSP section of our school website to stay up to date with competitions, events, achievements and announcements

If you have any further questions please contact

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FAQs

Q1. How is my child chosen to partake in the programme?

All students are entered in the programme on their first year in St. Tiernan's. This allows us to follow our school ethos of inclusive education for all.

Q2. Does this programme mean extra work for my child?

No, it is not the intention of the programme to put any extra work, pressure or stress on the student. The main aspects of the programme are built into the everyday learning activities of the classroom.

Q3. Do I have to pay additional fees for my child to participate in this programme?

No, additional payments are not required from students to participate in the Programme.

Q4. How is my child graded on their progress?

There is no grading process in JCSP. Students are awarded learning statements that they have achieved in the subject by their teacher. A student cannot fail JCSP

Q5. Is my child doing this programme instead of their Junior Cert?

No, the programme is not a replacement for the Junior Cert. It is instead a programme that aids student learning at Junior cycle by providing them with extra resources and encouragement to reach their best ability.

Q6. What does my child gain from participating in this programme?

Students are provided the opportunity to become owners of their own learning by discussing statements and meeting agreed targets. Through engagement with this learning process, students begin to succeed and continue to build on this success.

JCSP Parental Information Booklet

St Tiernan's Community School

What is JCSP?

The Junior Certificate School Programme operates within the Junior Certificate curriculum. It follows the curriculum framework set out for the Junior Certificate, which is re-focused to cater for JCSP students. It is an intervention into the Junior Certificate and not an alternative to it. It helps to make the curriculum accessible and relevant to young people who would benefit from a different approach to the Junior Certificate.

What will students do under this programme?

- Schools will develop their own programme that matches the requirements of the Junior Cycle programme. This programme will encourage engagement and enjoyment of education
- Cross-curricular work which will help to locate discrete skills and knowledge in a meaningful context, which reinforces learning across subject boundaries and which promotes team-work
- Basic skills development relevant to many areas of the curriculum and which are important for managing daily life, both inside and outside school. These include, but are not confined to, literacy and numeracy
- Personal and social development which enhances self-esteem and the ability to relate well to other people. All areas of the curriculum have the potential to contribute here

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Every STUDENT is capable of SUCCESS

How is the programme awarded

At the end of their junior cycle students will be awarded a profile of achievement. This profile will outline their skills and achievements throughout the engagement with the programme. These skills will be based upon the students engagement with the learning statements. A graduation ceremony will be held at the end of 3rd year presenting an opportunity for staff, parents/guardians and the wider community to gather in the school to celebrate the achievements of the students.

JCSP Activities

RESOURCES

Through the programme the school benefits from access to extra resources that align to the junior cycle curriculum making it more accessible to students. The focus of these resources is to build students literacy and numeracy skills as well as their self confidence in succeeding at academic progress

COMPETITIONS

Throughout the school year at various points opportunities will arise for students to participate in competitions run by JCSP. Some of these competitions will be done as a class group while others will be individual. All students will be informed of these competitions.

INITIATIVES

Along with the access to resources, each year the school receives the opportunity to participate in various initiatives. These initiatives will align to various subjects and aspects of the Junior cycle curriculum. Each year subject teachers apply for funding for these initiatives and each year roughly 6 initiatives are run along side the academic year.

