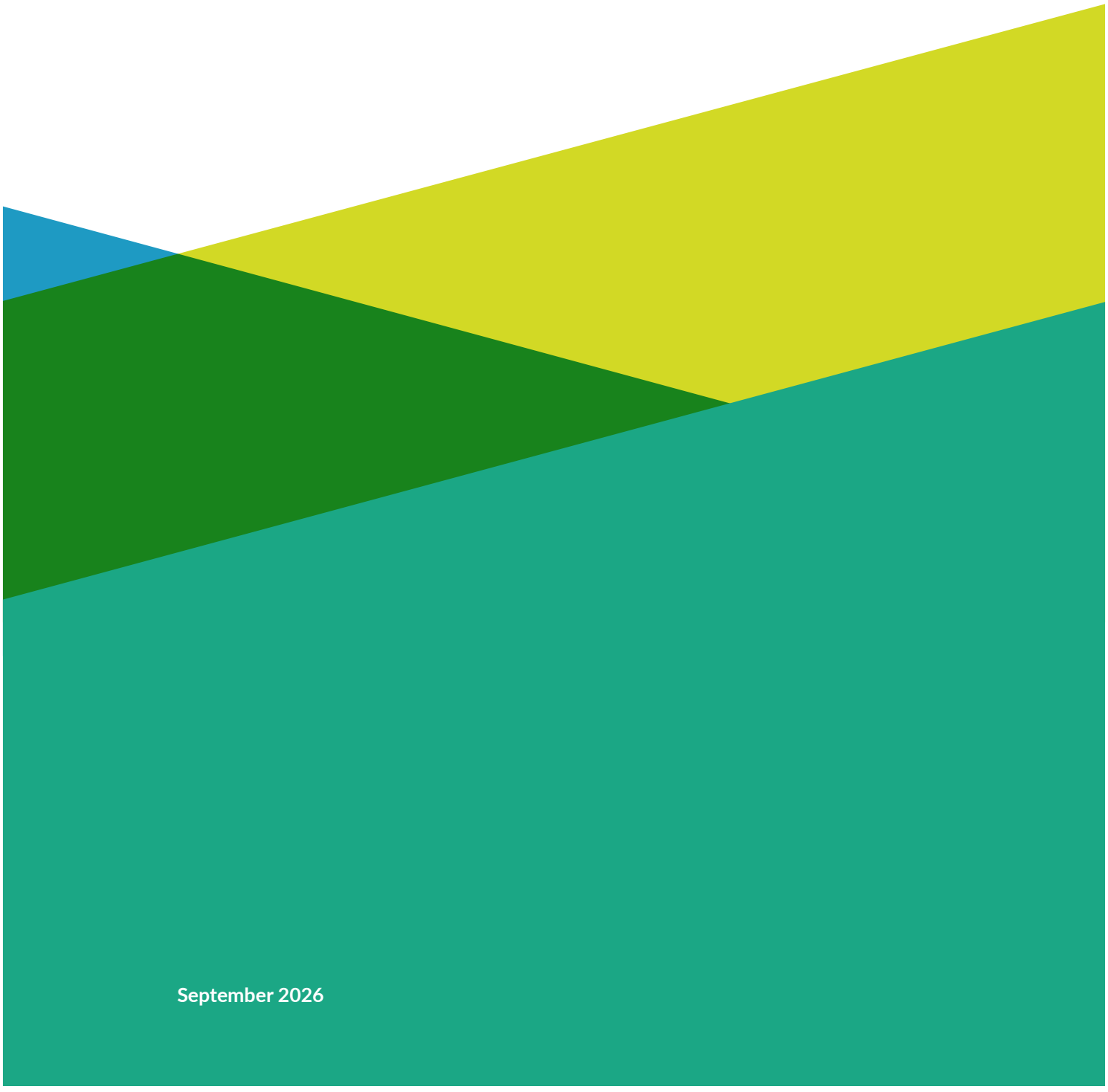
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Assessment Arrangements

For Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate Examinations 2027



September 2026

2027 Introduction

This updated document sets out the adjusted assessment arrangements for post-primary students taking certificate examinations in the 2026/27 school year. The adjustments, which are similar to those that were made for the students taking examinations in 2026, have been arrived at through discussions between the Department of Education and Youth (DEY), the State Examinations Commission (SEC) and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA).

Changes to the national assessment arrangements have been made with due regard for the principles of equity, fairness and integrity as these principles apply to assessment and examinations and refer to student-to student, subject-to-subject, and year-to-year comparisons. Overall, the changes can be viewed as reflecting and recognising the disruption to learning students experienced in a fair manner with contingency for future disruption to the learning experience of students that may occur during the 2026/27 school year also built in. They provide clarity, certainty and reassurance to students, their parents/guardians, teachers and schools for the 2026/27 school year.

The document details the adjusted assessment arrangements for every subject/module descriptor in the Leaving Certificate Established, Leaving Certificate Applied, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme and Junior Cycle programmes. When you click on the relevant subject title, you will be brought to the page detailing the particular arrangements for that subject.

Senior Cycle

For the Leaving Certificate Established (LCE), Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) examinations, there will be no change to the duration of the written examinations. For LCE subjects, some additional choice will be incorporated into the written examinations as detailed on the relevant subject page.

For subjects where the State Examinations Commission (SEC) issues project briefs during the 2026/27 school year, the intention is to generally issue these at least four weeks earlier than normal.

Teachers are encouraged to plan and undertake these projects as early as possible in the programme of study within the context of any public health measures which may apply.

In the case of subjects where the coursework briefs issued in the 2025/26 school year and have a completion date in the 2026/27 school year, normal timelines for completion will apply.

Those subjects which are in tranche 1 of Senior Cycle Redevelopment are marked with an asterix, *. These subjects are revised or newly introduced and are not subject to adjustments.

The adjusted assessment arrangements to the LCA Programme and the LCVP are accessed by clicking the programme title on the right.

Accounting	Agricultural Science	*Ancient Greek
Applied Maths	Arabic*	Art
Biology*	Business*	Chemistry*
Classical Studies	*Climate Action and Sustainable Development	Computer Science
Construction Studies	Design and Communication Graphics	*Drama, Film and Theatre Studies
Economics	Engineering	English
French	Geography	German
Hebrew Studies	History	Home Economics Scientific and Social
Irish	Italian	Japanese
*Latin	Lithuanian	Mandarin Chinese
Mathematics	Music	Physics & Chemistry
Physical Education	Physics*	Politics and Society
Polish	Portuguese	Religious Education
Russian	Spanish	Technology
Non-Curricular Languages	Leaving Certificate Applied Programme	Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme

Junior Cycle

With regard to Junior Cycle, the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) has published the revised arrangements for Classroom-Based Assessments for students entering third year in 2026, and these are available here.

Each student must complete a minimum of one CBA in each subject and short course. Students taking the Junior Cycle final examinations in 2027 will not be required to complete Assessment Tasks for the relevant subjects. The grade descriptor awarded for these subjects will be based on the examination paper only. Specific arrangements have been put in place for Music, Visual Art, Home Economics, Wood Technology, Applied Technology, Engineering and Graphics and are detailed in the relevant section.

Applied Technology	Visual Art	Business Studies
Classics	Engineering	English
French	German	Geography
Graphics	History	Home Economics
Irish	Italian	Jewish Studies
Mathematics	Music	Religious Education
Science	Spanish	Wood Technology

SENIOR CYCLE

ACCOUNTING

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section 1 – Financial Accounting Q1 – 120 marks Q2, Q3, Q4 – answer any two Section 2 – Financial Accounting Section 3 – Management Accounting	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** An additional alternative Q1 will be provided (Sole/Company/Manufacturing) to provide choice. No adjustment. Q. 5 will be on Interpretation of Accounts No adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COURSEWORK** A Coursework Brief is issued annually by the SEC. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** • Total marks for the written paper is 300 marks. • Paper is 2.5 hours in duration at both levels. • The sample paper published in Autumn 2020 exemplifies the structure of examination papers. It contains 2 sections: A and B. » Section A comprises a series of unrelated short questions (10 questions at 10 marks each) some of which are structured, some synoptic and some a mixture of both. Some internal choice on two questions. » Section B comprises long questions (five questions to answer four at 50 marks each), with structured, synoptic and a mixture of both question types.	**COURSEWORK** The 2027 coursework brief for the Investigative Study is available here. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** • There will be no adjustment to the total mark allocation or to the duration of the examination. • The paper will be adjusted as follows: » Section A – an increase in choice with 12 questions provided and 10 to be answered. In addition, there will be some internal choice through internal optionality in four questions. » Section B – there will be an increased choice with six questions provided to answer four questions, with internal optionality in two questions.

SENIOR CYCLE

ANCIENT GREEK

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Research Study - Text in Context 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for the Research Study is available here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 60% 300 marks. There are two sections in the written examination. Section A Capstone text 100 marks Section B Unseen texts 200 marks Sample papers for Ancient Greek are available here.

SENIOR CYCLE

APPLIED MATHS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COURSEWORK** Annual brief to issue to schools. The project carries 100 marks. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Answer all questions. While the examination is contextualised within the unifying strand (mathematical modelling), questions assess strands 2, 3 and 4.	**COURSEWORK** No change. Brief to issue to schools in November 2026. The project carries 100 marks. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Answer eight questions out of 10 – each question carries 50 marks. The additional material will assess each of the three non-unifying strands, approximately maintaining the balance between the strands.

SENIOR CYCLE

ARABIC

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS** Oral examination 30% 120 marks Aural examination 25% 100 marks Sample materials for Arabic can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION A total of 180 marks Reading 25% 100 maks Writing 20% 80 marks Sample examination papers for Arabic can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

ARABIC

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS** Oral examination 25% 100 marks Aural examination 30% 120 marks Sample material for Arabic can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Written examination 45% A total of 180 marks Reading 30% 120 marks Writing 15% 60 marks Sample materials for Arabic can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE ART

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COURSEWORK** Based on a brief issued by the SEC, each candidate must research, develop and execute one artefact as well as research and develop a second artefact during a coursework period. The research and development is carried out in a Visual Journal issued by the State Examinations Commission. **INVIGILATED PRACTICAL EXAMINATION** The second artefact will be realised during a practical examination. This examination will be held after the coursework window has closed and will be 5 hours in duration. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** This examination consists of three sections – • Section A – Today's world • Section B – Europe and the wider world • Section C – Ireland and its place in the wider world. Each of the three sections will carry the same number of marks. Section A will have a range of questions of varying lengths and varying mark allocations. Some of these will be based on visual stimulus material. The number of questions may vary from year to year – typically between 3 and 7, depending on their length. Candidates will answer all questions in this section. Section B will have **one** question based on each of the *sections of focus* within Visual Studies. Candidates will answer **one** question from this section. Section C will have **one** question based on each of the *sections of focus* within Visual Studies. Candidates will answer **one** question from this section.	**COURSEWORK** The brief will be issued 3 weeks earlier than in a normal year. Candidates will not have to complete the *Final Proposal* page for either artefact or the *Artist's Statement* for either artefact which between them form the last three pages of the Visual Journal. **INVIGILATED PRACTICAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** In Section A there will be 7 questions with equal marks allocated to them. Candidates will answer any 5 questions. Section B No adjustment Section C No adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE

BIOLOGY

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Biology in Practice Investigation 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for Biology can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 60% 300 marks 7 questions Answer Question 1 and any other five questions. Each question carries 50 marks Sample examination papers can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

BUSINESS

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Business Alive Investigative Study 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for the Investigative Study can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 60%. 300 marks 5 questions Answer Question 1 and any other three questions. Sample examination papers can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

CHEMISTRY

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Chemistry in Practice Investigation 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for the Chemistry in Practice Investigation can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 60% 300 marks 7 questions Answer Question 1 and any five other questions. Each question carries 50 marks Sample examination papers can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

CLASSICAL STUDIES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**RESEARCH STUDY** Annual Research Study Report Brief issued to schools, available here. The project carries 100 marks. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** • There are 400 marks in total for the written paper. • The written paper is 2.5 hours in duration. • It contains two sections, A and B. Section A: Stimulus Questions – Answer all questions presented. Section B: Extended Answer Questions Question 11: answer the parts to this question (internal choice included). Questions 12-15: answer one of the four questions.	**RESEARCH STUDY** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** There will be no adjustment to the total mark allocation or to the duration of the examination. Section A: No adjustment. Section B: The questions in this section have been adjusted to allow for increased choice. Question 11a: no adjustment Question 11b: answer one of the three questions presented (11bi, 11bii, or 11biii). Questions 12–16: answer one of the five questions presented.

SENIOR CYCLE

CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Action Project 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for the Action Project can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER Written examination 60% 300 marks Section A 60 marks Section B 160 marks Section C 80 marks Sample examinations can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

CLIMATE ACTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LEVEL

ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027

Ordinary

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT
COMMON BRIEF

Action Project 40%
200 marks

A sample brief for the Action Project can be found here.

Written Examination
ORDINARY

Written examination 60%
300 marks

Section A 100 marks

Section B 160 marks

Section C 40 marks

Sample examination papers can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

COMPUTER SCIENCE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL** The coursework project is completed over ten weeks, commencing in January. Students are asked to create a computational artefact and an accompanying 2500-word report. The coursework is based on Strand 3 of the curriculum specification, with any, or all, of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) being assessed.	**COURSEWORK: COMMON LEVEL** • The time period to complete the coursework project will be increased to 12 school weeks with the brief being released in December 2026, and a completion date of March 2027. • Teachers will be informed which two of the four Applied Learning Tasks (ALTs) will be the primary focus of the coursework for 2026/27. This will allow teachers to focus primarily on these two ALTs between September 2026 and the release of the coursework brief in December 2026. Candidates would still be permitted to use the skills they have acquired from the remaining two ALTs, if they have been studied, but could adequately complete the coursework project if they have only completed the two listed ALTs.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A – complete all 12 short questions Section B – complete all 3 long questions Section C – complete 1 programming question Javascript, HTML and Python programming languages are assessed.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A – complete 9 of 12 short questions Section B – complete 2 of 3 long questions Section C – there will only be 2 parts to the question, rather than 3 that appeared in the sample paper. Part (b) will be an open-ended question with candidates enabled to design their own solution to a programming task. Python is the only programming language to be assessed in the written examination.

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SENIOR CYCLE

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (60 marks) and four other questions from 9 (60 marks each). **PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)** Candidates are required to complete a 4 hour practical skill test in the first week of May. **COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)** Candidates must submit an artefact, design folio and three experiments as part of their coursework. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Increased choice in written examination. Candidates to answer any five from 10 questions. **PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)** No adjustment. **COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)** • The experiments requirement will be removed for the 2027 examinations. The marks will be reallocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme for the artefact (50%) and design folio (50%). • 'Instructions to candidates' on coursework to issue in early September instead of November 2026. • The 'Instructions to candidates' document to include the revised marking scheme highlighting the coursework requirements and mark allocations for 2027.

SENIOR CYCLE

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates must answer Question 1 (compulsory) (50 marks) and three other questions from eight (50 marks each). **PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)** Candidates are required to complete a 4 hour practical skill test in the first week of May. **COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)** Candidates must submit an artefact, design folio and three experiments as part of their coursework. Coursework must be complete by the last Friday in April.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Increased choice in written examination. Candidates to answer any four from nine questions. **PRACTICAL SKILLS TEST (COMMON LEVEL)** No adjustment. **COMPONENT: COURSEWORK (COMMON LEVEL)** • The experiments requirement will be removed for the 2027 examinations. The marks will be reallocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme for the artefact (50%) and design folio (50%). • 'Instruction to candidates' on coursework to issue in early September instead of November 2026. • The 'Instructions to candidates' document to include the revised marking scheme highlighting the coursework requirements and mark allocations for 2027.

SENIOR CYCLE

DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**STUDENT ASSIGNMENT** Output 1: Suggested one to two pages. Output 2: Suggested two to three pages. Output 3: Suggested one page. 50 marks. Output 4: One electronic assembly file, plus unlimited part files. eDrawing file. Output 5: SolidWorks hardcopies – Suggested two to four pages. Output 6: One page. 50 marks. Output 7: Suggested two to four pages. Output 8: Suggested one page. Output 9: Suggested two to four pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files. 60 marks. No restriction on parts created. Total Portfolio: Max fourteen pages. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each. Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 45 marks each. Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any two of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 45 marks each.	**STUDENT ASSIGNMENT** Combine Output 1 & Output 2: Suggested max of three pages. Output 2 (was Output 3): Suggested max of one page. 50 marks. Output 3 (was Output 4): Max one electronic assembly file, plus a max of ten part files (but no less than five). eDrawing file. Output 4 (was Output 5): SolidWorks hardcopies – Suggested max of two pages. Photorealistic representation (was Output 6) is no longer required. 50 marks. Output 5 (was Output 7): Suggested max of three pages. Output 6 (was Output 8): Suggested one page. Output 7 (was Output 9): Suggested max of three page plus Electronic SolidWorks files. 60 marks. No less than five parts and no more than ten parts. Total Portfolio: Max ten pages. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each. Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 60 marks each. Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any one of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 60 marks.

SENIOR CYCLE

DESIGN AND COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS

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Ordinary	**STUDENT ASSIGNMENT** Output 1: Suggested one to two pages. Output 2: Suggested two to three pages. Output 3: Suggested one page. 50 marks. Output 4: One electronic assembly file, plus unlimited part files. eDrawing file. Output 5: SolidWorks hardcopies – suggested one to three pages. Output 6: One page. 60 marks. Output 7: Suggested one to two pages. Output 8: Suggested one page. Output 9: Suggested one to three pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files. 50 marks. No restriction on parts created. Total Portfolio: Max twelve pages. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each. Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 45 marks each. Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any two of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 45 marks each.	**STUDENT ASSIGNMENT** Combine Output 1 & Output 2: Suggested max of two pages. Output 2 (was Output 3): Suggested max of one page. 50 marks. Output 3 (was Output 4): Max one electronic assembly file, plus a max of six part files, (but no less than three). eDrawing file. Output 4 (was Output 5): SolidWorks hardcopies – suggested max of two pages. Photorealistic representation (was Output 6) is no longer required. 60 marks Output 5 (was Output 7): Suggested max of two pages Output 6 (was Output 8): Suggested one page. Output 7 (was Output 9): Suggested max of two pages plus Electronic SolidWorks files. 50 marks. No less than three parts and no more than six parts. Total Portfolio: Max eight pages. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A (Core): Four questions, answer any three. All questions in Section A carry 20 marks each. Section B (Core): Three questions, answer any two. All questions in Section B carry 60 marks each. Section C (Optional): Five questions, candidates answer any one of the options studied. All questions in Section C carry 60 marks each.

SENIOR CYCLE

DRAMA, FILM AND THEATRE STUDIES

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Creativity in Practice Project 50% 300 marks A 2027 coursework brief for the Creativity in Practice Project can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 50% 300 marks Section A 100 marks Section B 160 marks Section C 40 marks Sample examination papers can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE

ECONOMICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT** Brief to issue to schools in September. Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Short Response Questions Answer eight questions (internal choice within two questions). Extended Response Questions Answer four out of five extended response questions.	**STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT** Brief to issue to schools in September 2026. Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Answer eight Short Response Questions out of 10. Internal choice within three questions at HL – answer (a) and either (b) or (c). Answer four out of six Extended Response Questions.

SENIOR CYCLE

ECONOMICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT** Brief to issue to schools in September. Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Short Response Questions Answer eight questions with choice in two questions. Extended Response Questions Answer four out of five extended response questions.	**STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECT** Brief to issue to schools in September 2026. Further information in relation to completion and submission of the coursework and the digital Student Research Project reporting booklet are available on the SEC website. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Answer eight Short Response Questions from 10 with choice in three at OL – answer either (a) or (b). Answer four out of six Extended Response Questions.

SENIOR CYCLE

ENGINEERING

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates answer Section A (50 marks) and Section B (50 marks) of Question 1 and four other questions (50 marks each). Total: 300 marks. **DESIGN PROJECT** **PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION** Candidates are required to prepare materials and make components according to the materials list and drawing shown in M74A (ML2) by late April, in advance of the three-day Engineering Practical Examination schedule. M74A (ML2) issues from SEC from mid- October of 6th year.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Increased (Open) choice in written examination. Question 1, Section A (50 marks) and Question 1, Section B (50 marks) each become standalone questions. Candidates now asked to answer any six from nine questions (50 marks each). Total: 300 marks. **DESIGN PROJECT** Early release of project September 2026. **PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION** Candidates not required to prepare any of the material for this examination component. The Engineering teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in M74A(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work. The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will not be awarded any marks for prepared work. These marks will be allocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme.

SENIOR CYCLE

ENGINEERING

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates answer Section A (30 marks) and Section B (35marks) of Question 1 and three other questions (45 marks each). Total: 200 marks. Within Section A of Question 1, candidates are asked to answer six from eight parts and in Section B candidates are asked to answer three from five parts.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** In Question 1 combine Sections A and Section B to form a standalone question now worth 50 marks. In this new Question 1 candidates are asked to answer any eight from 13 parts. Mark totals for remaining questions will be increased from 45 to 50 marks. Candidates will be asked to answer any four from seven questions (50 marks each). Total: 200 marks.
	DESIGN PROJECT	**DESIGN PROJECT** Early release of project September 2026.
	PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION Candidates are required to prepare materials and make components according to the materials list and drawing shown in M74A (ML2) by late April, in advance of the three-day Engineering Practical Examination schedule. M74A (ML2) issues from SEC from mid- October of 6th year.	**PRACTICAL SKILLS EXAMINATION** Candidates not to be involved in preparing material for this examination component. The Engineering teacher may prepare the materials and make the components required for the examination, according to the materials list and drawings that will issue from the SEC in M74A(ML1). Alternatively, the school may outsource this preparatory work. The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will not be awarded any marks for prepared work. These marks will be allocated across the remaining sections of the marking scheme

SENIOR CYCLE ENGLISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1** Section I, Comprehending: Three texts on a general theme appear on the examination paper. Two questions, A and B, follow each text. Candidates must answer a Question A on one text and a Question B on a different text. Candidates must answer only one Question A and only one Question B. Candidates may **not** answer a Question A and a Question B on the same text. Section II, Composing: Candidates must answer on one of the seven compositions set. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2** Section I: Single Text Candidates are required to answer one of two questions. Section II: Comparative Studies Candidates have a choice of questions (one of two questions) on each of two of the three modes prescribed for study in a given year. Candidates are required to answer on a question on Shakespearean drama. They may do so may do so in Section I, The Single Text, or in Section II, Comparative Studies. Section III: Poetry Part A: Unseen poetry – Candidates are required to answer one of two questions. Part B: Prescribed poetry – Candidates are required to answer one of four questions.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1** Section I, Comprehending: No adjustment. Section II, Composing: No adjustment **WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2** Section I, Single Text: No Adjustment Section II, Comparative Studies: Questions on all three modes prescribed for examination in 2027 will be included. Candidates will be required to answer on one mode. The internal question choice within modes will remain the same. Single questions (marked out of 70) will require candidates to refer to **at least two** texts in their response. The same criteria for assessment will apply to candidates irrespective of whether they refer to two texts or to three texts when responding to 70 mark questions in Section II of Leaving Certificate Higher Level English Paper 2, The Comparative Study. Two-part questions (marked out of 30 and 40) will require candidates to refer to one text in answer to part (a) and to **two other** texts in answer to part (b). The reference requirements outlined above are exemplified in Section II of the 2013 examination paper. As usual candidates must answer on Shakespearean Drama. They may do so in Section I, The Single Text (*Othello*) or in Section II, The Comparative Study (*Othello, Macbeth*). Section III, Poetry: Part A: Unseen Poetry – No adjustment. Part B: Prescribed Poetry – One additional poetry question to be included, i.e. candidates will be required to answer one of five questions.

SENIOR CYCLE ENGLISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1** Section I, Comprehending: Three texts on a general theme appear on the examination paper. Two questions, A and B, follow each text. Candidates must answer a Question A on one text and a Question B on a different text. Candidates must answer only one Question A and only one Question B. Candidates may **not** answer a Question A and a Question B on the same text. Section II, Composing: Candidates must answer on one of the seven compositions set. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2** Section I: Single Text – Candidates are required to answer three questions. Question 1 (10 marks x 2) and Question 2 (10 marks) are compulsory. Candidates have a choice of three test items to answer one in Question 3 (30 marks each). Section II: Comparative Studies Candidates have a choice of questions (one of two questions) on each of two of the three modes prescribed for study in a given year. Section III: Poetry Part A: Unseen Poetry – Candidates are required to answer all questions Part B: Prescribed poetry – Candidates are required to answer on one of four poems. Two questions are based on the list of poems by poets common to both Higher and Ordinary Level, and two from the list of poems prescribed for study at Ordinary Level only. Candidates are required to answer Question 1 and one test item from a choice of three in Question 2.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 1** Section I, Comprehending: No adjustment Section II II, Composing: No adjustment **WRITTEN EXAMINATION PAPER 2** Section I, Single Text: There will be no compulsory question. Candidates will be required to answer any two of the four questions on the paper. Each question will be worth 30 marks. This change will be achieved by amalgamating the current Question 1 and Question 2 into one three-part question (10 marks x 3) and designating each part of the current Question 3 as three individual 30 mark questions. This change will widen candidate choice. Section II, Comparative Studies: The examination paper will include questions on all three modes prescribed for examination in 2027. The internal choice will remain the same. Section III, Poetry Question A: Unseen poem – No adjustment. Question B, Prescribed Poetry: The examination paper will include two additional poems – one from the list of poems by poets common to both Higher and Ordinary Levels, and one from the list of poems prescribed for study at Ordinary Level only. Candidates will be required to answer on one of six poems. The internal choice will remain the same.

SENIOR CYCLE FRENCH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve-minute general conversation including discussion of optional "Document".	**ORAL EXAMINATION** All candidates will be asked questions on three set topics and also on a wider variety of themes/topics as part of the general conversation. The "document" will remain optional. The three themes/topics and the set of illustrative type questions are the same as for 2026 and are published on the SEC website here.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A Two reading comprehensions (120 marks) One journalistic piece and one literary piece, 60 marks each. Section B Written production (100 marks) Question 1 is compulsory. It uses the reading comprehensions as a springboard. Answer (a) or (b) – 40 marks (90 words approx.) Answer two other questions from Questions 2, 3 and 4. Each question has a choice of two parts, (a) or (b) – 30 marks each (75 words each approx.) (Questions may include diary entry, email, opinion pieces etc....).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A – no adjustment Section B Written production (100 marks), candidates will be required to answer TWO questions. Question 1 is still compulsory and uses the reading comprehensions as a springboard. Candidates will now have three options. Answer (a) or (b) or (c) – 60 marks (90 words approx.). Candidates answer one other question from questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 40 marks (75 words approx.). There will be no internal choice in questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve minute general conversation including discussion of optional "Document".	**ORAL EXAMINATION** All candidates will be asked questions on three set topics and also on a wider variety of themes/ topics as part of the general conversation. The "document" will remain optional. The three themes/topics and the set of illustrative type questions are the same as for 2026 and are published on the SEC website here.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A – four reading comprehensions (160 marks). Section B Written production Answer two questions from Question 1(a) or (b) or Question 2(a) or (b) (Candidates are given three points to respond to all three) or Questions 3(a) or (b) (Candidates are given three points to respond to all three).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A – no adjustment Section B Written production, candidates will be required to answer any TWO questions from questions 1(a), 1(b) 2(a), 2(b), 3(a) and 3(b). Question 1(a) – cloze test is unchanged. Questions 1(b) – Form – candidates will answer parts one to five and three of the four remaining parts. Questions 2(a), 2(b) 3(a) and 3(b) internal choice will be introduced – Candidates will respond to three of the five points in the question(s) they choose. Each question will be marked out of 30.

SENIOR CYCLE GEOGRAPHY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**COURSEWORK** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Part One – Short Questions – 80 marks – There are 12 short questions on the paper and candidates attempt 10 (each question is worth eight marks). Part Two – Structured and Essay Questions – 320 marks. Candidates attempt four questions (each question is worth 80 marks) as follows: • One question from patterns and processes in the physical environment (Question 1-3) • One question from regional geography (Questions 4-6) • One question from their chosen elective unit (Questions 7-12) • One question from their chosen optional unit (Questions 13-24).	**COURSEWORK** There is no adjustment to the geographical investigation. One topic is to be chosen from the list of six topics that was circulated to schools in Autumn 2025. The list can be found here. As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Time and mark allocation stays the same. No adjustment. Part Two – Structured and Essay Questions – 320 marks. Candidates must attempt four questions. This must include one question from three of the sections below: • Section 1: Patterns and Processes in the Physical Environment (Questions 1-3) • Section 2: Regional Geography (Questions 4-6) • Section 3: Electives (Questions 7-12) • Section 4: Options (Questions 13-24) • The fourth question can be from any section.

SENIOR CYCLE GEOGRAPHY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**COURSEWORK**	**COURSEWORK**
		There is no adjustment to the geographical investigation. One topic is to be chosen from the list of six topics that was circulated to schools in Autumn 2025. The list can be found here. As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Part One – Short Questions – 100 marks – There are 12 short questions on the paper and candidates attempt 10 (each question is worth 10 marks). Part Two – Structured Questions – 300 marks Candidates attempt three questions (each question is worth 100 marks) as follows: • One question from patterns and processes in the physical environment (Questions 1-3) • One question from regional geography (Questions 4-6) • One question from their chosen elective unit (Questions 7-12).	Time and mark allocation stays the same. No adjustment. Part Two - Structured Questions – 300 marks Candidates must attempt three questions. This must include one question from two of the sections below: • Section 1: Patterns and Processes in the Physical Environment (Questions 1-3) • Section 2: Regional Geography (Questions 4-6) • Section 3: Electives (Questions 7-12) • The third question can be from any section.

SENIOR CYCLE GERMAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare five picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story. Candidates must prepare five role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates prepare three picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story. Candidates must prepare three role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play. The role-plays and picture sequences for 2027 are available here.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION The final question of the unseen literary passage is one of tone/theme of text where candidates are asked to find three to four examples of the tone/theme in the text. The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both. Written Production (Candidates answer Option a or b). Option (a): Candidates normally offered and answer four points. Option (b): Candidates normally answer five from five points.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates will be asked to find one to two examples of tone/theme in the text. Candidates will answer either Question 1 or Question 2 for full marks. Candidates will be offered five points – to answer four. Candidates will be offered six points – to answer five.

SENIOR CYCLE GERMAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Where the picture sequence option is chosen, candidates must prepare five picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story. Candidates must prepare five role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play. **LISTENING COMPREHENSION** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** The Applied Grammar section of the paper comprises Question 1 and Question 2 where candidates must answer both. Questions require candidates to (1) deconstruct compound nouns and examine their meaning and (2) select (from a given list) the correct preposition for the sentences. Written Production (Candidates answer Option a or b) Option (a): Candidates are offered and answer five points. Option (b): Candidates write three sentences on each of the five pictures [2-6].	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Where the picture sequence option is chosen - candidates prepare three picture stories and are examined, at random, on one picture story. Candidates must prepare three role plays and are examined, at random, on one role play. The role-plays and picture sequences for 2027 are available here. **LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates will answer either Question 1 or Question 2 for full marks. Option (a): candidates will be offered six points (excluding the closing sentence), candidates to answer five. Option (b): candidates will be expected to write three sentences on two of the pictures and two sentences on three of the pictures [2-6]. Candidates will be free to choose the pictures on which they will write the two or three sentences.

SENIOR CYCLE

HEBREW STUDIES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates must answer one of two questions from each of the four sections in the paper (A, B, C and D); each question is divided into three parts carrying 25, 25 and 50 marks respectively.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates will be required to answer one of two questions from three of the four sections in the paper (A, B, C and D); each question is divided into three parts carrying 25, 25 and 50 marks respectively. This will reduce the total marks for the examinations from 400 to 300.

SENIOR CYCLE HISTORY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section 1: Documents-Based Question (100 marks). Section 2: Answer one question from one topic on Irish History (100m). Section 3: Answer one question from each of two topics on Europe and the Wider World (2 x 100m).	**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)** No adjustment. As the briefs for this coursework issued in circular letter S09/24 in the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply. The relevant circular is available here. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates may answer the paper in the usual way, if they wish. OR Section 1: answer the DBQ as normal. Sections 2 and 3: answer three questions from two topics in Section 2: Ireland and Section 3: Europe and the Wider World, as set out below. This means that candidates would answer two questions from one of their chosen topics. A candidate could decide to answer one of the following combinations: • Two answers from one Irish topic and one answer from a topic in Europe and the Wider World. • One answer from one Irish topic and two answers from one topic in Europe and the Wider World. • All three answers from two topics in Europe and the Wider World.

SENIOR CYCLE HISTORY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**	**RSR (RESEARCH STUDY REPORT)**
		No adjustment. As the briefs for this coursework issued in circular letter S09/24 in the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply. The relevant circular is available here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Section 1: Documents-Based Question (100 marks). Section 2: Answer Part A, Part B and Part C from one topic on Irish History (100m). Section 3: Answer Part A, Part B and Part C from two topics on Europe and the Wider World (2 x 100m).	Candidates may answer the paper in the usual way, if they wish. Or Section 1: answer the DBQ as normal. Sections 2 and 3: answer three sets of questions from two topics from Section 2: Ireland and Section 3: Europe and the Wider World. This means that candidates would answer two questions from Part B and two questions from part C in one of their chosen topics. As the candidate would have already answered the Part A questions in that topic, an additional Part A (stimulus material with five questions) will be provided on p. 15 of the examination paper. A candidate could decide to work through the examination paper in one of the following ways: • Answer Parts A, B, and C from one Irish topic and one European and the Wider World topic. Answer a second question from Part B and Part C of the same Irish topic and the extra Part A on p. 15 of the exam paper. • Answer Parts A, B, and C from one Irish topic and one European and the Wider World topic. Answer a second question from Part B and Part C of the same European and the Wider World topic and the extra Part A on p. 15 of the exam paper. • Answer Parts A, B and C from two Europe and the Wider World topics. Answer a second question from Part B and Part C from one of these topics and the extra Part A on page 15 of the exam paper.

SENIOR CYCLE

HOME ECONOMICS SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COURSEWORK: FOOD STUDIES** Candidates are required to present and record a record of any four assignments from five assignments issued by the SEC. **COURSEWORK: TEXTILES FASHION AND DESIGN** Assignment brief issued to schools Marks = 100 – weighted to 10%. Three processes (i), (ii), (iii) outlined in assignment, two mandatory process required in completed garment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A – 60 marks Twelve questions, answer 10 questions. Section B (core) Section C Answer one elective question: 1 Home Design and Management 2 Textiles, Fashion and Design 3 Social Studies Answer part (a) and either part (b) or (c) in chosen elective. Electives 1 and 3 = 80 marks 1(a), 3(a) = 50 marks 1(b) or (c) 3(b) or (c) = 30 marks each. Elective 2 = 40 marks 2 (a) = 25 marks 2 (b) or (c) = 15 marks.	**COURSEWORK: FOOD STUDIES** Candidates present and record two assignments from five assignments issued by SEC here. Where candidates present more than two assignments they will be awarded marks for the two highest scoring assignments. **COURSEWORK: TEXTILES FASHION AND DESIGN** Completed garment to include one mandatory process from a choice of three processes as set out here. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Increased choice, 14 questions, answer 10 questions. No adjustment. An additional 80 mark question (Question 4) will be included in Section C. Question 4 will examine the core areas of the syllabus – Food Studies, Resource Management & Consumer Studies and Social Studies, using the same layout format and choice as in elective questions C1, C2 and C3. Candidates may answer one elective question from this Section or Question 4.

SENIOR CYCLE IRISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ardleibhéal	**AN BHÉALTRIAIL CHOMÓNTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)** An Fáiltiú (5 mharc) Léamh na Filíochta (5 dhán ainmnithe) (35 marc) An Comhrá (120 marc) An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhaíonn gach iarrthóir 20 Sraith Pictiúr **PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)** An Chluastuiscint (60 marc) An Cheapadóireacht (100 marc) **PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)** Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc) Dhá phíosa léamhthuisceana le déanamh. An Litríocht1 (100 marc) Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc) Bíonn ceist éigeantach 2A ar shaothar ainmnithe amháin agus ceist éigeantach 2B ar shaothar roghnach amháin ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an cheist éigeantach 2A nó an cheist éigeantach 2B. Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc). Bíonn ceist éigeantach 3A ar dhán ainmnithe amháin agus ceist éigeantach 3B ar dhán roghnach amháin ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an cheist éigeantach 3A nó an cheist éigeantach 3B. Ceist 4: Litríocht Bhreise (40 marc) Ceist amháin le freagairt ar shaothar amháin as na sé shaothar ainmnithe.	**AN BHÉALTRIAIL CHOMÓNTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)** Gan leasú. Gan leasú. Gan leasú. An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhóidh gach iarrthóir 10 Sraith Pictiúr as 20 Sraith Pictiúr 2027. **PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)** Gan leasú. Gan leasú. **PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)** Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc) Gan leasú. An Litríocht1 (100 marc) Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc) Beidh dhá cheist 2A (a) agus 2A (b) ar dhá shaothar ainmnithe agus dhá cheist 2B (a) agus 2B (b) ar dhá shaothar roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir ceist amháin as a rogha de, 2A (a) nó 2A (b) nó ceist amháin as a rogha de, 2B (a) nó 2B (b). Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (30 marc). Beidh dhá cheist 3A (a) agus 3A (b) ar dhá dhán ainmnithe agus dhá cheist 3B (a) agus 3B (b) ar dhá dhán roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir ceist amháin as a rogha de, 3A (a) nó 3A (b) nó ceist amháin as a rogha de, 3B (a) nó 3B (b). Ceist 4: Litríocht Bhreise (40 marc) Gan leasú.

[1] Bíonn an rogha ag scoláirí staidéar a dhéanamh ar théacsanna ar an gcúrsa ainmnithe litríochta nó ar chúrsa roghnach. Roghnaítear na téacsanna roghnacha bunaithe ar an treoir a chuirtear ar fáil san Imlitir chéanna a leagann amach na téacsanna don chúrsa ainmnithe. Sa scrúdú, freagraíonn iarrthóirí ceisteanna ón gcúrsa ainmnite nó ón gcúrsa roghnach.

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LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Gnáthleibhéal	**AN BHÉALTRIAIL CHOMÓNTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)** An Fáiltiú (5 mharc) Léamh na Filíochta (5 dhán ainmnithe) (35 marc) An Comhrá (120 marc) An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhaíonn gach iarrthóir 20 Sraith Pictiúr **PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)** An Chluastuiscint (60 marc) An Cheapadóireacht (100 marc) **PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)** Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc) Dhá phíosa léamhthuisceana le déanamh. An Litríocht1 (100 marc) Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc) Bíonn dhá cheist éigeantacha 2A (a) agus 2A (b) ar dhá shaothar ainmnithe agus dhá cheist éigeantacha 2B (a) agus 2B (b) ar dhá shaothar roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an dá cheist éigeantacha 2A (a) agus 2A (b) nó an dá cheist éigeantacha 2B (a) agus 2B (b). Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc) Bíonn dhá cheist éigeantacha 3A (a) agus 3A (b) ar dhá dhán ainmnithe agus dhá cheist éigeantacha 3B (a) agus 3B (b) ar dhá dhán roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagraíonn an t-iarrthóir an dá cheist éigeantacha 3A (a) agus 3A (b) nó an dá cheist éigeantacha 3B (a) agus 3B (b).	**AN BHÉALTRIAIL CHOMÓNTA (ARDLEIBHÉAL AGUS GNÁTHLEIBHÉAL) (240 MARC)** Gan leasú. Gan leasú. Gan leasú. An tSraith Pictiúr (80 marc) – ullmhóidh gach iarrthóir 10 Sraith Pictiúr as 20 Sraith Pictiúr 2027. **PÁIPÉAR I (160 MARC)** Gan leasú. Gan leasú. **PÁIPÉAR 2 (200 MARC)** Ceist 1: An Léamhthuiscint (100 marc) Gan leasú. An Litríocht2 (100 marc) Ceist 2: Prós Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc) Beidh trí cheist 2A (a), 2A (b) agus 2A (c) ar thrí shaothar ainmnithe agus trí cheist 2B (a), 2B (b) agus 2B (c) ar thrí shaothar roghnacha ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir dhá cheist as a rogha de, 2A (a), 2A (b), nó 2A (c) nó dhá cheist as a rogha de, 2B (a), 2B (b), nó 2B (c). Ceist 3: Filíocht Ainmnithe nó Roghnach (50 marc) Beidh trí cheist ar thrí dhán ainmnithe, 3A (a), 3A (b) agus 3A (c) agus trí cheist ar thrí dhán roghnacha, 3B (a), 3B (b) agus 3B (c) ar an scrúdpháipéar. Freagróidh an t-iarrthóir dhá cheist as a rogha de, 3A (a), 3A (b), nó 3A (c) nó dhá cheist as a rogha de 3B (a), 3B (b), nó 3B (c).

[2] Bíonn an rogha ag scoláirí staidéar a dhéanamh Far théacsanna ar an gcúrsa ainmnithe litríochta nó ar chúrsa roghnach. Roghnaítear na téacsanna roghnacha bunaithe ar an treoir a chuirtear ar fáil san Imlitir chéanna a leagann amach na téacsanna don chúrsa ainmnithe. Sa scrúdú, freagraíonn iarrthóirí ceisteanna ón gcúrsa ainmnite nó ón gcúrsa roghnach.

SENIOR CYCLE IRISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Bonnleibhéal	**AN BHÉALTRIAIL (240 MARC)** Bloc 1 = An teaghlach agus áit chónaithe Bloc 2 = An scoil agus cúrsaí scoile Bloc 3 = Caitheamh aimsire Bloc 4 = Laethanta saoire, am agus aimsir, obair	**AN BHÉALTRIAIL (240 MARC)** Gan leasú
	PÁIPÉAR CLUASTUISCEANA, LÉAMHTHUISCEANA AGUS SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (360 MARC)	**PÁIPÉAR CLUASTUISCEANA, LÉAMHTHUISCEANA AGUS SCRÍBHNEOIREACHTA (360 MARC)**
	AN CHLUASTUISCINT (120 MARC)	**AN CHLUASTUISCINT (120 MARC)** Gan leasú.
	AN LÉAMHTHUISCINT (150 MARC) Ceist 1: Meaitseáil (40 marc) Ceist 2 : 2 cheann le freagairt as litir nó bróisiúr nó scéal nuachta (50 marc) Ceist 3: 2 cheann le freagairt as alt nó giota nó dán (60 marc)	**AN LÉAMHTHUISCINT (150 MARC)** Gan leasú.
	SCRÍOBH NA TEANGA (90 MARC) Déanann an t-iarrthóir dhá thasc scríbhneoireachta – ceann amháin as rogha de dhá thasc i gCeist 4 (40 marc) agus ceann amháin as rogha de dhá thasc i gCeist 5 (50 marc). Ceist 4: 2 thasc scríbhneoireachta (a) agus (b) as fógra nó freagra scríofa ar chuireadh nó litir nó foirm iarratais (CV). Ceist 5: (a) Cuntas leanúnach bunaithe ar phictiúr amháin nó (b) Cuntas leanúnach bunaithe ar phictiúir le stór focal treorach	**SCRÍOBH NA TEANGA (90 MARC)** Beidh dhá thasc scríbhneoireachta le déanamh ag an iarrthóir ach beidh rogha níos leithne aige/aici agus leasófar riar na marcanna i gcás an rannáin seo amháin. Beidh leagan amach na gceisteanna mar a bhíonn gach aon bhliain ach freagróidh an t-iarrthóir aon dá cheann as na ceithre cinn seo a leanas: 4 (a), 4 (b), 5 (a) nó 5 (b). Marcálfar 4 (a), 4 (b), 5 (a) agus 5 (b) as 45 marc an ceann. Ceist 4 (45 marc) agus Ceist 5 (45 marc) = 90 marc

SENIOR CYCLE ITALIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** General conversation Role-plays Prepare five role-plays, one examined Picture sequence – Prepare five picture sequences, one examined	**ORAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Prepare three role-plays, one examined. The role-plays for 2027 are available here. Picture sequence- Prepare three picture sequences, one examined The picture sequences for 2027 are available here.
	AURAL EXAMINATION	**AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A: Reading Section Journalistic passage No choice in questions provided. Section B: Literary Section Choice of one question out of five questions provided. Section C Answer all three questions, no choice. Question 1: Composition linked to the journalistic passage. Three or four questions (based on theme of journalistic passage) asked depending on year. All must be answered. Question 2: A guided composition. Eight points mentioned and candidate uses six points. Question 3: Formal letter. Answer (a) or (b)	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. No adjustment. Increased internal choice. Five questions will be provided to answer three. Increased internal choice. List 10 points and candidates choose six points. No adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE ITALIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** General conversation Role-plays Prepare five role-plays, one examined Picture sequence – Prepare five picture sequences, one examined	**ORAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Prepare three role-plays, one examined. The role-plays for 2027 are available here. Picture sequence- Prepare three picture sequences, one examined. The picture sequences for 2027 are available here.
	AURAL EXAMINATION	**AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A: Reading Comprehension Section B: Publicity Pieces/Advertisements. Section C: Written Section Question 1: answer (a) Informal Letter – write on four points or (b) Dialogue – write on four points. Question 2: Questionnaire Approx. 15 questions however, the number of questions varies from year to year. Question 3: Order sentences, total of eight.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. No adjustment. Increase internal choice. (a) or (b) write on any four points from six provided Choice will be provided by increasing the number of questions so that two more will be provided than required to be answered. No adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE JAPANESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL** 100 marks approx. 15 mins: General conversation: approx. 4 – 4½ mins Topic cards: approx. 4½ – 5 mins: Prepare three topics Three cards presented with three topics on each. Candidate picks one card and chooses one topic Picture sequence: 4½ – 5 mins Prepare four picture sequences, examined on one. **AURAL EXAMINATION** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Reading Comprehension 120 marks (30%) Question 1: Reading comprehension, Katakana based. Question 2: Part A: Reading comprehension, questions in English and Japanese Part B: Kanji, Ten questions in Kanji, no choice. Part C: Grammar, Ten questions on forms of verbs nouns and adjectives, no choice.	**ORAL** No adjustment. Prepare two topics. Two cards presented with three topics on each. Candidate picks one card and chooses one topic. The topics for 2027 are available here. Prepare three picture sequences, examined on one. The picture sequences for 2027 are available here. **AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No Adjustment. No adjustment. Answer 10 from 12 questions Answer 10 from 12 questions

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LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Question 3: Reading comprehension, Part A and B reading comprehension questions in English and Japanese.	No Adjustment.
	Part C: Kanji, answer five questions, no choice.	Part C: Kanji, answer five from six questions.
	Part D: Grammar (particles), answer 10 questions, no choice	Part D Grammar (particles), Answer 10 from 12 questions.
	Written Production 100 marks (25%)	
	Question 4: Presentation / diary entry / article to include answers to two questions. Choice of (a) or (b) of two presentations / diary entries / articles.	Increased choice by allowing a choice of 1 out of 3. Answer part (a), (b) or (c).
	Question 5: 60 mark (15%). Guided composition / email. Six points given, and candidates choose any four points.	Question 5: 60 mark (15%). Increased choice with eight points given, and candidates choose any four.

SENIOR CYCLE JAPANESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Current arrangement: 100 marks approx. 15 mins: General conversation: approx. 4 – 4½ mins Topic cards: approx. 4½ – 5 mins: Prepare 3 topics 3 cards presented with 3 topics on each. Candidate picks 1 card and chooses 1 topic Picture sequence: 4½ – 5 mins Prepare 4 picture sequences, examined on 1	**ORAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Prepare 2 topics. 2 cards presented with 3 topics on each. Candidate picks 1 card and chooses 1 topic. The topics for 2027 are available here. Prepare 3 picture sequences, examined on one. The picture sequences for 2027 are available here.
	AURAL EXAMINATION	**AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading Comprehension 120 marks (30%) Question 1 Reading comprehension, Katakana based. Question 2 Part A reading comprehension in Japanese, questions, and answers in English. Part B True or false, answer five, no choice Part C Kanji Answer 10 multiple choice type questions, no choice. Part D Japanese culture.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. No Adjustment. Allow answer five from six. Answer 10 questions from 13. No adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE JAPANESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Question 3 Reading comprehension.	
	Part A, question 5 has 3 questions posed in Japanese and answered in Japanese, no choice.	Part A, question 5 Answer three questions from four
	Part B Grammar Tense or negative and particles	
	Part B (1) five questions, no choice. Part B (2) five questions, no choice.	Answer five questions from six. Answer five questions from six.
	Written Production 80 marks (20%)	
	Question 4 Insert the correct word from the box below form. Answer all 10, no choice.	Answer 10 questions from 12
	Question 5: 50 mark (15%) Choose five out of seven questions.	Question 5: 50 mark (15%) Choose five out of eight questions.

SENIOR CYCLE LATIN

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT HIGHER & ORDINARY** Research Study - Text in Context 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for the Research Study can be found here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 60% 300 marks Section A Capstone text 100 marks Section B Unseen Texts 200 marks Sample examination papers can be found here.

SENIOR CYCLE LITHUANIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Two reading comprehensions. Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Written production: Candidates will answer three questions. Each question will have internal choice (a) or (b) or (c)

SENIOR CYCLE LITHUANIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION No adjustment.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Three reading comprehensions. Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) of the first question and part (a) or (b) of the second question.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) or (c) of the first question and part (a) or (b) or (c) of the second question.

SENIOR CYCLE

MANDARIN CHINESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces and associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Four Reading Comprehensions. Written production: Two questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Reading comprehensions: No adjustment. Written production: Two questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).

SENIOR CYCLE

MANDARIN CHINESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces and associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Four Reading Comprehensions. Written production: Two questions to be answered. Each question has some internal choice (e.g. complete 5 of the 7 parts).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Reading comprehensions: No adjustment. Written production: Two questions to be answered. Internal choice will be increased in each question (e.g. complete 5 of the 9 parts).

SENIOR CYCLE

MATHEMATICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Two sections do all questions Section A (150 marks) Concepts and Skills • No choice • Six questions x 25 marks • 150 marks. Section B (150 marks) Contexts and Applications • No choice • Two or three or four questions • Marks per question may vary • 150 marks	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Two sections with limited choice in each section Section A (150 marks) Concepts and Skills • Six questions x 30 marks • Do five questions • 150 marks. The questions in Section A of the paper will be similar in content and length to those that the candidates will be familiar with from previous years, but they will be required to attempt one less question. Section B (150 marks) Contexts and Applications • Four questions x 50 marks • Do three questions • 150 marks In Section B, where candidates may choose to answer any 3 of the 4 questions, it is intended that the amount of material presented in each question will be reduced somewhat from what might be typically expected in a 50-mark question at this level.

SENIOR CYCLE

MATHEMATICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Two sections do all questions Section A (150 marks) Concepts and Skills • No choice • Six Questions x 25 marks • 150 marks. Section B (150 marks) Contexts and Applications • No choice • Two or three or four questions • Marks per question may vary • 150 marks.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Two sections with limited choice in each section Section A (150 Marks) Concepts and Skills • Six Questions x 30 marks • Do five questions • 150 marks. The questions in Section A of the paper will be similar in content and length to those that the candidates will be familiar with from previous years, but they will be required to attempt one less question. Section B (150 marks) Contexts and Applications • Four questions x 50 marks • Do three questions • 150 marks. In Section B, where candidates may choose to answer any 3 of the 4 questions, it is intended that the amount of material presented in each question will be reduced somewhat from what might be typically expected in a 50-mark question at this level.

SENIOR CYCLE

MATHEMATICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Foundation	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Two sections do all questions Section A (200 marks) Contexts and Applications • No choice • Eight Questions x 25 marks • 200 marks Section B (100 marks) Contexts and Applications • No choice • Two or three questions • Marks per question may vary • 100 marks	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Two sections with limited choice in each section Section A (210 marks) Concepts and Skills • Eight Questions x 30 marks • Do seven questions • 210 marks. The questions in Section A of the paper will be similar in content and length to those that the candidates will be familiar with from previous years, but they will be required to attempt one less question. Section B (90 marks) Contexts and Applications • Three questions x 45 marks • Do two questions • 90 marks. In Section B, where candidates may choose to answer any 2 of the 3 questions presented, it is intended that the amount of material presented in each question will be reduced somewhat from what might be typically expected in a 45- mark question at this level.

SENIOR CYCLE MUSIC

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**PERFORMING**	**PERFORMING**
		No adjustment.
	COMPOSING	**COMPOSING**
	Answer two questions, one from each section: (Melody writing & Harmony) Questions will be set in major and minor keys of up to four sharps and four flats.	Number and choice of questions to remain the same. Questions will be set in major and minor keys of up to three sharps and three flats.
	COMPOSING ELECTIVE	**COMPOSING ELECTIVE**
	Normal completion timeline.	No adjustment.
	LISTENING	**LISTENING**
	Six questions – all to be answered. • One question on each of four set works; • One two-part question on Irish music. In the second part (Q5B), candidates choose one out of four topics on which to respond. • One question on general aural skills.	Number of questions to remain the same. 1 Reduction in content in set works: • Piano Concerto K.488 by Mozart: Questions will not be set on 3rd movement (Allegro assai) • Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz: Questions will not be set on 2nd movement (Un Bal). 2 Extra choice in Irish music: • Question 5B Candidates choose one out of five topics on which to respond.
	LISTENING ELECTIVE	**LISTENING ELECTIVE**
	Candidates sit a paper of 45 minutes duration on a special study topic of the candidate's own choice.	No Adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE MUSIC

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**PERFORMING**	**PERFORMING**
		No adjustment.
	COMPOSING	**COMPOSING**
	Answer two questions, one from each section: (Melody writing & Harmony).	Number and choice of questions to remain the same. The opening phrase for continuation in questions 1-3 will start on the downbeat, i.e. melodies will not start on the upbeat.
	LISTENING	**LISTENING**
	Six questions on paper no choice. • One question on each of four set works • One question on Irish music • One question on general aural skills	Number of questions to remain the same. Reduction in content in set works • Piano Concerto K.488 by Mozart: Questions will not be set on 3rd movement (Allegro assai) • Symphonie Fantastique by Berlioz: Questions will not be set on 2nd movement (Un Bal).

SENIOR CYCLE

PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Answer any three questions from Section I and any three questions from Section II. In Question 1 and in Question 7 answer 11 items from 15.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Answer at least two questions from Section I, at least two questions from Section II and any 2 other questions. In Question 1 and in Question 7 answer 11 items from 18.

SENIOR CYCLE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT** Candidates are required to complete a Physical Activity Project. Candidates are required to complete a performance analysis of the physical activity in its entirety, based on that analysis formulate four distinct performance goals, design and implement ongoing training/practice programmes which address the performance goals identified, provide evidence of engaging with these programmes, engage in ongoing reflection for each performance goal, and complete a concluding analysis. Candidates can undertake the Physical Activity Project in an out of school setting with the co-operation of their school and teacher, if the physical activity concerned complies with the definition of competitive sport as outlined in the Irish Sports Council Act, 1999, and has a national governing body (NGB) affiliated to Sport Ireland. Candidates must complete the Physical Activity Project in a different physical activity area to the one selected by them for Performance Assessment. Projects must be completed by mid-December.	**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROJECT** Candidates are required to complete a performance analysis of the physical activity in its entirety, based on that analysis formulate three distinct performance goals, design and implement ongoing training/practice programmes which address the performance goals identified, provide evidence of engaging with these programmes, engage in ongoing reflection for each performance goal, and complete a concluding analysis. The marking scheme for this component will be adjusted as candidates will only address three performance goals. Marks will be reallocated across the marking scheme. In line with previous agreed criteria, candidates have the opportunity to undertake the Physical Activity Project in an out of school setting with the co-operation of their school and teacher if the physical activity concerned complies with the definition of competitive sport as outlined in the Irish Sports Council Act, 1999, and has a national governing body (NGB) affiliated to Sport Ireland. Candidates must complete the Physical Project in a different physical activity area to the one selected by them for Performance Assessment. The timeline for completion will remain unchanged.

SENIOR CYCLE

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT** Candidates are required to complete a performance assessment between January and March. Candidates are required to complete the Performance Assessment in one of the three physical activities as selected by their school. The information for the Performance Assessment issues from SEC from mid-December. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates answer all questions in Section A (80 marks) and all questions in Section B – Case Study (50 marks) and answer any three of the five questions in Section C (120 marks - 40 marks each question). Total: 250 marks.	**PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT** No adjustments. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Increased (Open) choice in Section A written examination. Candidates to answer any 10 of 12 questions in Section A. Section B: Answer all questions related to case study. The questions will draw general skills acquired across the specification. Any questions that springboard from the information provided in the stimulus case study will be such as to allow adequate opportunities for candidates to display their broader knowledge and understanding. Section C: Answer any three of the five questions in this section.

SENIOR CYCLE

PHYSICS

LEVEL	ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPONENT COMMON BRIEF** Physics in Practice Investigation 40% 200 marks The 2027 coursework brief for the Physics in Practice Investigation is available here.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION HIGHER & ORDINARY Written examination 60% 300 marks 7 questions Answer Question 1 and any five other questions. Each question carries 50 marks Sample examination papers are available here.

SENIOR CYCLE

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**	**CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**
		No adjustment. The coursework brief is available here. As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Section A: Q.1 Twelve questions of which candidates are asked to attempt 10. Section B: Q.2 Section B – Short answer and extended response questions on data-based case studies. All questions are compulsory. This section tests candidates on the analysis and interpretation of qualitative and/or quantitative social and political data. Data analysis is core to the teaching and learning in Politics and Society. The last question in this section asks candidates to draw on their wider knowledge of the theme presented in the data based documents to write a short discursive piece. Section C: Q.3, 4, 5 and 6 Candidates have to answer two questions out of four. These questions focus on four of the eight topics from the specification. Two of these four questions offer an (a) or (b) choice. These two options offer candidates different questions on broadly similar themes from the same topic. Due to the breadth of the course, this restricted choice means that candidates cannot present two essays on a similar theme.	Section A: Q.1 Fifteen questions of which candidates will be asked to attempt 10. Section B: Q.2 The focus of the last question in this section will be narrowed to the information presented in the data based documents. This question will now ask candidates to analyse / compare / critique / discuss / evaluate / justify / comment on the given data pieces. Consequently, all candidates will be able to answer the question without drawing on further knowledge or information. There will be no advantage to candidates who will have previously studied the theme. Section C: Q.3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Candidates will be asked to answer two questions out of five where only one question will have a restricted choice.

SENIOR CYCLE

POLITICS AND SOCIETY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**	**CITIZENSHIP PROJECT REPORT**
		No adjustment. The coursework brief is available here. As the briefs for this coursework issued in the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Section A: Q.1 There are 20 short answer questions in this section of which candidates are asked to attempt 15. Section B: Q.2, 3 and 4 This section consists of short answer and extended response questions on data-based case studies. All questions are compulsory. Section C: Q.5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Candidates have to answer 3 questions out of 6. These questions focus on a selection from the eight topics from across the specification.	Section A: Q.1 Candidates will be asked to attempt 10 of the 20 questions. Section B: Q.2, 3 and 4 No adjustment. Section C: Q.5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 Candidates have to answer 3 questions out of 6. All essay questions in this section to have cues and prompts to scaffold candidates' responses.

SENIOR CYCLE POLISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Two reading comprehensions. Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Written production: Candidates will answer three questions. Each question will have internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).

SENIOR CYCLE POLISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Three reading comprehensions. Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) of the first question and part (a) or (b) of the second question.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) or (c) of the first question and part (a) or (b) or (c) of the second question.

SENIOR CYCLE

PORTUGUESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Two reading comprehensions. Written production: Three questions to be answered. Each question has internal choice (a) or (b).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Written production: Candidates will answer three questions. Each question will have internal choice (a) or (b) or (c).

SENIOR CYCLE PORTUGUESE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute general conversation including discussion on a sample of texts from candidate's Language Portfolio.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** As part of the twelve to fifteen minute interview, candidates will be asked questions on three set topics for 2027 and also on a wider variety of themes/topics. The three set topics will be published on the SEC website. Candidates will also discuss a sample of texts from their Language Portfolio.
	LISTENING COMPREHENSION A selection of aural pieces with associated questions.	**LISTENING COMPREHENSION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Reading comprehensions: Three reading comprehensions. Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) of the first question and part (a) or (b) of the second question.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Written production: Candidates answer two questions, part (a) or (b) or (c) of the first question and part (a) or (b) or (c) of the second question.

SENIOR CYCLE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**COURSEWORK**	**COURSEWORK**
		No adjustment. As the briefs for this coursework issued in circular S75/25 during the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**
	Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows: Unit one — one question from a choice of two must be answered; each question involves two or more parts and carries a total of 80 marks. Unit two — questions from two of three sections must be answered and carry a total of 160 marks; each section contains two or more questions/parts and carries a sub-total of 80 marks. Unit three — questions from one of four sections must be answered; each section comprises one or more questions/parts and carries a total of 80 marks.	Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows: Unit one — No adjustment. Unit two — questions from two of three sections as currently given must be answered carrying a total of 160 marks; each section will contain a choice of three questions/parts, two of which must be answered and carry a sub-total of 80 marks. Unit three — questions from one of four sections as currently given must be answered; each section would contain a choice of two or more questions/parts and carry a total of 80 marks.

SENIOR CYCLE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**COURSEWORK** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates must answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows: Unit one — two questions from a choice of three must be answered and carries a total of 80 marks; each question involves two or more parts and carries a sub-total of 40 marks. Unit two — questions from two of three sections must be answered and carry a total of 160 marks; each section contains two or more questions/parts and carries a sub-total of 80 marks. Unit three — questions from one of four sections must be answered; each section comprises one or more questions/parts and carries a total of 80 marks.	**COURSEWORK** No adjustment. As the briefs for this coursework issued in circular S75/25 during the 2025/26 school year, the normal timelines for completion apply. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Candidates will be required to answer questions from the three units of the papers as follows: Unit one — one question from the choice of three as currently given; each question will involve two or more parts and carry a total of 80 marks. Unit two — questions from two of three sections as currently given must be answered carrying a total of 160 marks; each section will contain a choice of three questions/parts, two of which must be answered and carry a sub-total of 80 marks. Unit three — questions from one of four sections as currently given must be answered; each section will contain a choice of two or more questions/parts and carry a total of 80 marks.

SENIOR CYCLE RUSSIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute oral examination with three sections given equal time General conversation (narrative) candidates talk about themselves and their lives (40 marks) General conversation (discursive) candidates talk about an aspect of life or culture in one of the communities associated with the Russian language (30 marks). Five picture sequences prepared of which one will be asked in the examination OR Prepared project on which questions will be asked during the examination (30 marks).	**ORAL EXAMINATION** General conversation – discursive. Reduce the cultural awareness topics from five to three identified topics (see below). • Everyday life in Ireland and one of the communities associated with the Russian language • Aspects of culture in one of the communities associated with the Russian language • Aspects of contemporary life in one of the communities associated with the Russian language Picture sequences: Three picture sequences to be prepared of which one will be asked in the examination. The picture sequences for 2027 are available here.
	AURAL EXAMINATION	**AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section I Two reading comprehensions (100 marks) each with compulsory questions concluding with language and/or cultural awareness questions. Structuring Discourse – compulsory (20 marks) Section II Written expression with grammar (30 marks), a short essay based on Russian culture (30 marks) and guided writing with an option to choose between writing a letter, a narrative or a discussion. There are no choices within this choice (40 marks).	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Comprehensions: Choice will be built into the language and/or cultural awareness questions at the end of the two comprehensions. Guided writing – increased choice. Choice between two letters, two narratives, two discussions – candidates attempt one only.

SENIOR CYCLE RUSSIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** Twelve to fifteen minute oral examination with three sections given equal time General conversation (narrative) candidates talk about themselves and their lives (40 marks) General conversation (discursive) candidates talk about an aspect of life or culture in one of the communities associated with the Russian language (30 marks). Five picture sequences prepared of which one will be asked in the examination OR Prepared project on which questions will be asked during the examination (30 marks). **AURAL EXAMINATION** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section I Two reading comprehensions (60 marks) each with compulsory questions concluding with language and/or cultural awareness questions followed by a Mix and match exercise (40 marks); structuring discourse (20 marks) and a comprehension (40 marks) – all of which are compulsory. Section II Short answers: Two three-five sentence answers from a choice of five topics based on candidates' cultural awareness of Russia (30 marks). Extended writing: (30 marks) candidates are directed to use the prompts given in the question.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** General conversation – discursive. Reduce the cultural awareness topics from five to three identified topics (see below). • Everyday life in Ireland and one of the communities associated with the Russian language • Aspects of culture in one of the communities associated with the Russian language • Aspects of contemporary life in one of the communities associated with the Russian language Picture sequences: Three picture sequences to be prepared of which one will be asked in the examination. The picture sequences for 2027 are available here. **AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Comprehensions: Choice will be built into the language and/or cultural awareness questions at the end of the two comprehensions. Structuring discourse: offer a choice between the two exercises here. Candidates will write about one topic instead of two. It is proposed to insert a clause in the instructions for candidates (see below) in order to provide flexibility in answering this question, 'You may use the following prompts.'

SENIOR CYCLE SPANISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**ORAL EXAMINATION** General Conversation – 10 minutes Role play (one of five) – approx. 3-5 minutes **AURAL EXAMINATION** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A = 70 marks (choice of (a) Prescribed literature or (b) Journalistic text = 50 marks) and two short comprehensions = 20 marks. Section B Question five, candidates write one opinion piece out of a choice of two. Section C 1 Candidates complete (a) Dialogue construction or (b) Formal Letter = 30 marks. Both have five points to be completed in Spanish. 2 Candidates complete (a) Diary entry or (b) Note in Spanish = 20 marks. Both have four points to be completed in Spanish.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Candidates prepare three role plays instead of five and will be examined on one role play. The role-plays for 2027 are available here. **AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Section B, Question five, candidates write one opinion piece out of a choice of three. Section C 1 Candidates will be given a choice of completing any five of the following six 'turns' in Spanish in (a) Dialogue and the 'turns' to be shortened in length to two sentences each. In (b) Formal letter, candidates can do any five out of a possible eight points, allowing greater choice. 2 Candidates to be given a choice of completing any four of the following five points in Spanish in either (a) or (b), allowing greater choice.

SENIOR CYCLE SPANISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**ORAL EXAMINATION** General Conversation = 70 marks, 10 minutes Role play (one of five) = 30 marks, approx. 3-5 minutes. **AURAL EXAMINATION** **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** Section A (Five reading comprehensions) Section B 1 Candidates complete an informal letter in Spanish. This has five points to be completed. 2 Candidates complete (a) Diary entry or (b) Note in Spanish. Both have four points to be completed in Spanish.	**ORAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Candidates prepare three role plays instead of five and are examined on one role play. The role-plays for 2027 are available here. **AURAL EXAMINATION** No adjustment. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment. Candidates to be given a choice of completing five out of eight points in Spanish on the letter, giving greater choice. Candidates will be given a choice of completing four out of five points in Spanish in either (a) or (b) giving greater choice.

SENIOR CYCLE TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**COURSEWORK** Briefs issue 1st October approx. Completion date 30th March approx.	**COURSEWORK** Early release of coursework briefs September 2026.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A (core – compulsory) Answer 12 of 15 short questions	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.
	Section B (core – compulsory) Answer 2 long questions.	No adjustment.
	Section C (optional topics) Answer two of five long questions	Answer one of five long questions.

SENIOR CYCLE TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Ordinary	**COURSEWORK** Briefs issue 1st October approx. Completion date 30th March approx.	**COURSEWORK** Early release of coursework briefs September 2026.
	WRITTEN EXAMINATION Section A (core – compulsory) Answer 9 of 12 short questions	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.
	Section B (core - compulsory) Answer 2 long questions	No adjustment.
	Section C (optional topics) Answer two of five long questions.	Answer one of five long questions.

SENIOR CYCLE

NON-CURRICULAR LANGUAGES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** General information on the assessment of non-curricular EU languages can be accessed at https://examinations.ie/?l=en&mc=ex&sc=eu.	**WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

SENIOR CYCLE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE APPLIED PROGRAMME

LEVEL

ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027

Advice on the curriculum and assessment arrangements for the LCA Year 1 and Year 2 students for the academic year 2026/27 is set out in Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA): Updated advice for management and teachers of LCA 2026/27 in Second-Level Schools and Centres for Education available here.

Additional information on the adjustments to the assessment arrangements for students entering Year 2 of LCA 2026/27 are set out below.

PRACTICAL COURSEWORK BRIEFS

All briefs that do not already issue at the start of the year, will be issued to schools earlier than normal.

ORAL TESTS

Oral tests in English and Communications, Gaeilge and Modern European Languages will transact as normal. However, allowances will be made in the assessment of, and the marking of the oral test as required. The same arrangements will apply for students in Year 2 in cases where a school has opted to study Gaeilge or a Modern European Language over the two years of the programme rather than completing it in either year one or year two.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

There will be no adjustment to the final examination papers but a scaling, by a factor of 1.15 will be applied to the mark awarded. For example, if a candidate is awarded a mark of 200 out of a total of 300 marks, this mark will be scaled by 1.15 so that the mark awarded for grading purposes will be 230 marks out of 300. The scaling will be implemented up to the total mark for the examination and capped at that total.

SENIOR CYCLE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

1 PORTFOLIO (60%)
2 EXAMINATION PAPER (40%)

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (140 MARKS)

Four Core compulsory items with marks distributed as follows:

- CV (25 marks)
- Career Investigation (40 marks)
- Summary report (40 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (35 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (100 MARKS)

Two out of four to be completed with marks allocated as follows:

- Diary of work experience (50 marks)
- Enterprise report (50 marks)
- Recorded interview/presentation (50 marks)
- Report on 'My Own Place' (50 marks)

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - CORE (170 MARKS)

The CV remains compulsory with an adjusted mark of 40 while candidates can choose to submit any two of the remaining three items:

- Career Investigation (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Summary Report (adjusted to 65 marks)
- Enterprise/Action plan (adjusted to 65 marks)

In the event that a candidate has completed all three of the remaining items, the three items may be submitted and marks will be awarded for the highest scoring two of these optional three items.

COMPONENT: PORTFOLIO - OPTIONAL (70 MARKS)

Candidates submit one of the four optional items for assessment. The marks for this item will be adjusted from 50 to 70.

In the event that a candidate has completed two of these items, both may be submitted and marks will be awarded for the highest scoring one.

SENIOR CYCLE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME

1 PORTFOLIO (60%)
2 EXAMINATION PAPER (40%)

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common Level	**EXAMINATION PAPER – (160 MARKS)** All sections to be attempted • Audio visual – all questions to be answered • Case study – all questions to be answered • General questions – six questions of which four must be answered. Case study issues to schools four school weeks prior to the examination.	Explanatory note: The weighting assigned to the Portfolio (60%) and the Written Paper (40%) needs to remain in place. In order: (a) to preserve the current balance between the core and optional elements of the Portfolio; and (b) to provide an equitable choice between the core Portfolio items. Maintaining the 60% weighting of the Portfolio means that the marks awarded to each Portfolio item needs to be adjusted up to the total of 240 marks. Optional Items – 1 item only • Diary of Work Experience (70 marks) • Enterprise Report (70 marks) • Recorded Interview (70 marks) • My Own Place (70 marks) **EXAMINATION PAPER – (160 MARKS)** Increase the number of questions to seven of which four must be answered. Issue the case study to schools six-school weeks prior to the examination.

JUNIOR CYCLE

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.	**COURSEWORK** The Junior Cycle Applied Technology Coursework briefs document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2. Candidates will be required to complete and present three specified headings only, of the six headings in the Design Folio, for 2027. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

JUNIOR CYCLE VISUAL ART

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COURSEWORK** Based on a brief issued by the SEC in Sept. Each candidate must research, develop and execute two artefacts during a coursework period. This work is based on initial research which results in CBA2.	**COURSEWORK** Based on a brief issued by the SEC in September 2026, each candidate will research, develop and execute one artefact during a shorter coursework period. The artefact will have to be submitted three weeks in advance of the usual timeline. As it is linked to the final assessment, students must complete CBA2.

JUNIOR CYCLE BUSINESS STUDIES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE CLASSICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE ENGINEERING

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.	**COURSEWORK** The Junior Cycle Engineering project document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2. The 'Design Element' of the Coursework will not have to be completed and presented for 2027. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

JUNIOR CYCLE ENGLISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE FRENCH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE GERMAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted

JUNIOR CYCLE GEOGRAPHY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE GRAPHICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.	**COURSEWORK** The Junior Cycle Graphics Student Project document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2. The 'Sheet 3 – CAD Presentation' element of the Student Project will not have to be completed and presented for 2027. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

JUNIOR CYCLE HISTORY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE

HOME ECONOMICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COURSEWORK** Food Literacy Skills practical Examination: 1 hour and 30 minutes. An individual based examination. Based on a Food Literacy Skills brief issued by the SEC in December. The candidate will use the design brief process to research the elements of the brief which will result in CBA2. The chosen solution will be what the candidate will prepare, cook and serve in their Food Literacy skills Examination. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION**	**COURSEWORK** No adjustment. Briefs to be issued earlier at the beginning of November 2026 to allow extra time for the completion of CBA2. A reduction in the amount of items to be prepared and cooked in the Food Literacy Skills Examination. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

JUNIOR CYCLE IRISH (T1 & T2)

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE ITALIAN

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE JEWISH STUDIES

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE MATHEMATICS

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Higher & Ordinary	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE MUSIC

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**PRACTICAL** Perform three pieces/songs Unprepared test. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION**	**PRACTICAL** Perform two pieces/songs Unprepared test. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

JUNIOR CYCLE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE SCIENCE

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE SPANISH

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** All have an externally marked Assessment Task and Written Examination (which includes a listening component).	**COMPONENTS** The Assessment Task will not be examined in 2027. The Written Examination will not be adjusted.

JUNIOR CYCLE

WOOD TECHNOLOGY

LEVEL	PRE-ADJUSTED ARRANGEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS FOR 2027
Common	**COMPONENTS** Assessment includes an externally marked coursework and written examination.	**COMPONENTS** The Junior Cycle Wood Technology Coursework briefs document will issue immediately after the completion date for CBA 2. Candidates will be required to complete and present two specified headings only, of the six headings in the Design Folio, for 2027. **WRITTEN EXAMINATION** No adjustment.

