



October Returns Highlights & Developments - 2016/17

- (1) The main development for 2016/17 is that P-POD has been developed to allow schools who are offering new Junior Cycle short courses to their Junior Cycle pupils to record this data on P-POD.

Please see the separate enclosure titled “New Junior Cycle Short Courses – User Guide” which outlines in some detail the processes involved in recording these short courses on P-POD.

- (2) As part of the new Junior Cycle Programme, new subject specifications are being introduced in 2016/17 for Business and Science which be examinable in 2018/19 at common level only.
- (3) New subject which was introduced in 2015/16 for Leaving Certificate level will be examinable in 2016/17 -

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- (4) New checkbox on the October Returns Generation to ask schools to confirm if Book Rental Details are same as previous year.
- (5) The Department no longer requires PLC students to be recorded on P-POD. Even if they are recorded on P-POD they will NOT be included in the October Returns generated from P-POD. A separate PLC October is to be generated from the Programme and Learner Support System 9PLSS). Please see separate enclosure “*PLC students and October Returns*”.