



# New Junior Cycle Short Courses

In addition to the normal subjects which were part of the Junior Certificate programme, the new Junior Cycle saw the introduction of short courses.

These short courses are not intended to replace existing subjects but their inclusion will allow schools to broaden the range of learning experiences for students, address the interests of students and encompass areas of learning not covered by the combination of curricular subjects available to schools.

Schools may include a maximum of four short courses in their Junior Cycle programme. Pupils following short courses from Junior Cycle year 1 are not permitted to change them – they must follow the same courses to the end of Junior Cycle year 3.

Schools may opt to include short courses developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA), or alternatively, short courses which have been developed either by the school or another organisation in accordance with a template and guidelines set out by the NCCA.

A list of the currently available short courses is outlined below at Appendix A.

The procedure for adding short courses on PPOD is broadly similar to that for adding subjects; however courses offered are linked to the academic year. Courses added to an academic year will span the three-year Junior Cycle of pupils entering school in that academic year, so:

- the school's list of short courses for 2014/15 will cover JC1 (2014/15), JC2 (2015/16) and JC3 (2016/17);
- the school's list of short courses for 2015/16 will cover JC1 (2015/16), JC2 (2016/17) and JC3 (2017/18);
- and the school's list of short courses for 2016/17 will cover JC1 (2016/17), JC2 (2017/18) and JC3 (2018/19).

More information is available from <http://www.juniorcycle.ie/Curriculum/Short-Courses>.

## Appendix A

<b>CODE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>LEVEL 2</b>	<b>LEVEL 3</b>
900	CSPE (Civic, Social, Political Education)		✓
901	SPHE (Social, Personal, Health Education)		✓
902	PE (Physical Education)		✓
903	Digital Media Literacy		✓
904	Programming and Coding		✓
905	Artistic Performance		✓
906	Chinese Language and Culture		✓
907	Personal Project: Caring for Animals	✓	
908	CSI: Forensic Science	✓	
909	Irish (NCCA & COGG)	Currently unavailable	
910	Philosophy (NCCA & COGG)	Currently unavailable	
911	Wellbeing 1	✓	✓
912	Wellbeing 2	✓	✓
913	Wellbeing 3	✓	✓
914	Wellbeing 4	✓	✓
915	Language 1	✓	✓
916	Language 2	✓	✓
917	Language 3	✓	✓
918	Language 4	✓	✓
919	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 1	✓	✓
920	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 2	✓	✓
921	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 3	✓	✓
922	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 4	✓	✓
923	Humanities 1	✓	✓
924	Humanities 2	✓	✓
925	Humanities 3	✓	✓
926	Humanities 4	✓	✓
927	Arts Education 1	✓	✓
928	Arts Education 2	✓	✓
929	Arts Education 3	✓	✓
930	Arts Education 4	✓	✓