



Leaving Cert - Additional Assessment Components (AACs)

The following table outlines the revised assessment arrangements for subjects included in Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the Senior Cycle redevelopment. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review the information carefully and discuss the implications of these assessment components with their son/daughter.

Subject teachers will also explain the requirements, timelines and expectations in greater detail with students during class. Please note that the exact submission dates will vary each year as they are set by the SEC, but the timelines below reflect the current implementation schedule for the first cohort of students studying the revised specifications.

Subject	Assessment Breakdown	Additional Assessment Component (AAC)	Timeline
Biology	Written Examination: 60% Biology in Practice Investigation: 40%	Individual scientific investigation based on a common SEC brief. Students research, plan, carry out an experiment, analyse data and submit a report.	Brief introduced during the two-year course. Investigation completed across 5th and 6th Year (approx. 20 hours). Final report submitted during 6th Year.
Business	Written Examination: 60% Business Alive Investigative Study: 40%	Individual investigative study based on a theme issued by the SEC. Students conduct research, analyse findings and prepare a report.	Brief issued during Term 2 of 5th Year. Research completed over approximately 20 hours. Final report submitted in 6th Year.
Chemistry	Written Examination: 60% Chemistry in Practice Investigation: 40%	Individual laboratory investigation involving experimental design, data collection, analysis and evaluation.	Live brief issued in 6th Year. Investigation completed under teacher supervision and submitted to the SEC during 6th Year.

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Physics	Written Examination: 60% Physics in Practice Investigation: 40%	Individual practical investigation based on an SEC-issued brief. Students plan, investigate, analyse and communicate findings in a report.	Live brief issued in 6th Year. Investigation completed and submitted during 6th Year.
Physical Education	Written Examination 50% Physical Education Project 50%	Students complete a Physical Education Project based on performance improvement in a chosen activity.	The brief will be issued by the SEC in Term 2 of Year 1 of the course
Construction Studies	Written Examination 60% Exploring the Constructed Environment and Craft Skills Assessment 40%	Students complete a design-and-make/project component which contributes to the final grade under the revised specification.	Work is completed over the two-year course, with specific milestones and submissions scheduled by the SEC.
Engineering	Written Examination 60% Design and Manufacture Project 40%	Students complete a project involving design, planning, manufacture, testing and evaluation of an engineered artefact or solution.	Project work takes place throughout the two-year programme, with SEC submission deadlines in Sixth Year.
Geography	Written Examination 60% Applied Geography Project 40%	Students conduct a geographical investigation involving fieldwork, data collection, analysis and evaluation relating to a geographical issue or theme.	Project completed during Fifth and Sixth Year, with final submission in line with SEC deadlines.

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Drama, Film and Theatre Studies	Written Examination 60% Additional Assessment Component 40%	Students engage in research, creative exploration, reflection and practical/theoretical work related to drama, film and theatre studies.	Work is undertaken across Fifth and Sixth Year, with submission dates issued by the SEC

Further information is available from the subject specifications below. Click on the link attached.

Subject	Link to
Biology	Guidance to Support the Biology in Practice Investigation
Business	Guidance to Completing the Business Alive Investigative Study
Chemistry	Guidance to Support the Chemistry in Practice Investigation
Construction Studies	Guidance to Support Exploring the Constructed Environment and Craft Skills Assessment
Drama, Film and Theatre Studies	Guidance to Support DFTS AAC
Engineering	Guidance to Support Design and Manufacture project
Geography	Guidance to Support Applied Geography Project
Physical Education (Exam PE)	Guidance to Completing the Physical Education Project
Physics	Guidance to Support the Physics in Practice Investigation