



CLONAKILTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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SCHOOL SELF –EVALUATION REPORT ON

Teaching & Learning

EVALUATION PERIOD: Sept 2015 – May 2016

REPORT ISSUE DATE: May 2016

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1.1 THE FOCUS OF THE EVALUATION:

A college self-evaluation of Teaching and Learning was carried out in term 3 of 2016. This was in the context of **Circular Letter 0024/2016** on the implementation of the new Junior Cycle Award. This is a report on the findings of the evaluation.

1.2 SCHOOL CONTEXT:

Clonakilty Community College is a co-educational multi-denominational post-primary school under the joint patronage of Cork Education and Training Board, CETB, and the Diocese of Cork. Established in 1980, the school now comprises a mainstream post-primary school, an Aonad Lán Ghaelach (an All-Irish unit), a Mixed Class programme, (Rang Pádraig), an ASD programme (Rang Saoirse) and a Further Education College, giving it a total student population of 578. A voluntary staff representative sub group on Curriculum Development was set up in November 2015. Evidence was gathered from the following sources:

- Circular Letters 0024/2016,
- Staff Meetings
- Student Council meetings
- Parents Association Meetings
- New Junior Cycle Award in-services

- www.jct.ie

2. THE FINDINGS:

- Class length needs to be changed to 40 minutes per period.
- This has implications for starting & finishing times, length of school day(s), bus companies, neighbouring schools and length of lunchtime.
- This has curricular implications eg number of periods per subject, number of times a subject has in the week, number of periods for options, where the new Junior cycle subject specifications fit into the the overall [plan for curriculum in the college.

3. PROGRESS MADE ON PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENT NUMERACY TARGETS:

Student focus on mental arithmetic was increased by:

- Student class tests to be returned by teachers in fraction form and converted to a percentage by students themselves
- Administer 2 Maths Competency tests annually
- Using Estimate/Calculate/Check as a policy re use of calculator.

Student awareness of Numeracy was raised by:

- CPD for staff re. Numeracy awareness
- Designated Numeracy notice board eg problem of the week
- Use Maths Week (Oct 10th – 18th) to heighten student awareness of Numeracy
- Print rich environment in classrooms ie subject specific Numeracy terms on walls, student work displayed

The following areas are prioritised for improvement:

| TARGET | ACTION: |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with Circular Letter 0024/2016 | Change all class periods to 40 mins from September 2016 |