

New Junior Cycle

English

Breakdown of English marking scheme for Junior Certificate 2017 onwards.

Year	Method of Assessment	Level	Grading
1 st Year	School Assessments: as normal	Common	As Normal
2 nd Year	School Assessments: as normal	Higher/ Ordinary	As Normal
1.	New Junior Cycle (Part 1) Oral Communication Presentation (Students are required to give a three minute Presentation on a topic of their choice)	Common Level	“Feature of Quality” Grading System *See attached sheet
3 rd Year	School Assessments: as normal	Higher/Ordinary	As Normal
2.	New Junior Cycle (Part 2,3,4) Collection of Student Texts (Teachers will take 2 pieces a student’s classroom written work for assessment)	Common Level	“Feature of Quality” Grading System
3.	Written Assessment Task (This is a written task based on the collection of student texts which is completed during class time. Assessed by the State Exam Commission	Higher/ Ordinary	10% of overall JC
4.	Final Exam Assessed by the State Exam Commission as normal	Higher/ Ordinary	90% of overall JC

In Summary:

- The assessment tasks and the final exam make up 100%.
- Students have been assessed this summer for Part 1: Oral Communication Task.
- The new grading system for this is called “Features of Quality” which you will find enclosed.
- Next year students will be assessed in parts 2, 3 and 4 throughout the year.