



An Roinn Oideachais
Department of Education

Senior Cycle Redevelopment

Schools Information Note

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Senior Cycle Redevelopment Information and Updates

Introduction

This is the ninth edition in a series of Department of Education Senior Cycle Redevelopment information notes. These notes provide updates to school communities on the roll-out of the Senior Cycle Redevelopment programme. The Department has issued this note to all post-primary schools and requests that it be circulated to students, parents and staff in each school. The information note will also be available online and schools are welcome to provide links from their websites and other digital presences to it.

Main updates

Consultations on Tranche 3 Background Papers, and Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programme Modules are now open. Closing date is 28 February 2025.

The Department is asking **ALL** post-primary and special schools to provide information on the numbers of current Senior Cycle L1/L2 students. A survey has been sent to your inbox.

The second Senior Cycle Redevelopment Conference will take place 5th February 2025 in Croke Park Meeting + Events.

Useful links and further reading

- **Minister Foley welcomes the strong participation in the Road Safety Matters TY Programme. Read [here](#).**
- **Senior Cycle SPHE Toolkit now available [here](#)**



Members of the Senior Cycle Redevelopment Programme Management Office with Minister Foley and Departmental colleagues at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition

Have your say

Consultations now open



The consultation on the background paper and brief for Tranche 3 subjects is now open.

- Agricultural Science
- Computer Science
- Design and Communications Graphics
- History
- Home Economics
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physics and Chemistry

The consultation on Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programme Modules is now open. These modules are:

L1:

- Looking after my Environment
- Physical Education

L2:

- Looking after my Environment
- Physical Education
- My Life My Finance
- Drama
- Literature

All consultations will involve in-depth engagement with a wide variety of stakeholders across Ireland.

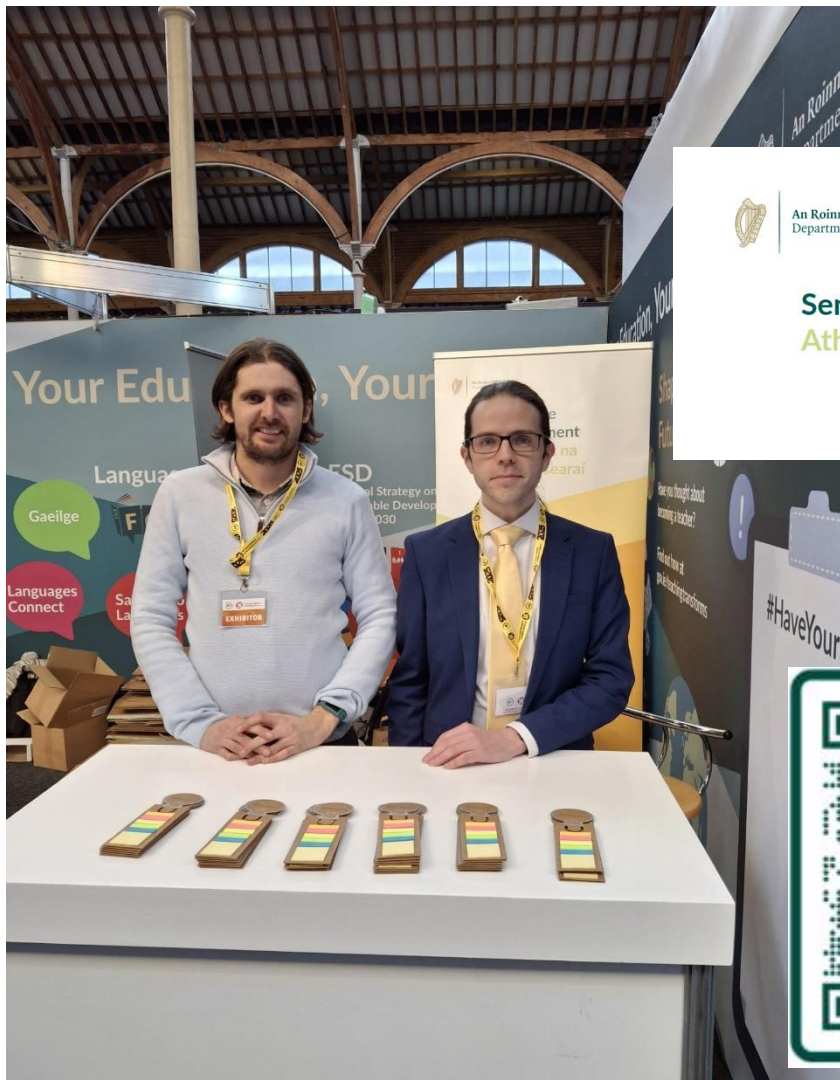
**Visit [NCCA.ie](https://www.ncca.ie) now and
“Have Your Say” before 28
February**

Senior Cycle Redevelopment Outreach



Thank you – Senior Cycle Redevelopment Programme Management Office at the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2025

The BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 2025 took place on 9 – 11 January 2025. The Senior Cycle Redevelopment Programme Management Office would like to thank everyone – students, teachers and parents - who took the time to speak to us about Senior Cycle Redevelopment.



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REMINDER: Sample Assessment Materials Timelines for Tranche 1



Now available

Guidelines to support the AACs are available to schools. These will be utilised by Oide in their SCR Professional Learning programmes.



April 2025

Four sample examination papers - two Higher Level and two Ordinary Level - for each subject in Tranche 1 will issue to schools. This is a total of 36 sample papers across the nine subjects – 72 papers in total when Irish versions are included.



September 2025

Specifications in new and revised subjects introduced in schools. A sample brief for the AAC in each subject will be in schools at the same time.



January 2026

A live brief for AACs for all subjects will be issued.

REMINDER: Schedule of subject and module tranches published

New and revised subject specifications, incorporating the revised assessment arrangements will be rolled out in tranches on an annual basis. By 2029, all subjects will be revised. This means that all those entering fifth year as a Leaving Certificate established student in 2029 will be following revised curricula and assessment arrangements in all subjects.

**Tranche 1
starts 2025**

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Arabic, Latin, Ancient Greek, Business, Climate Action and Sustainable Development, Drama, Film and Theatre Studies

**Tranche 2
starts 2026**

Accounting, Construction Studies, Engineering, English, Geography, LCVP Modules, Physical Education

**Tranche 3
starts 2027**

Agricultural Science, Computer Science, Design and Communications Graphics, History, Home Economics, Mathematics, Music, Physics and Chemistry

**Tranche 4
starts 2028**

Art, Economics, French, Gaeilge, German, Italian, Politics and Society, Spanish, Technology.

**Tranche 5
starts 2029**

Applied Mathematics, Classical Studies, Japanese, Lithuanian, Mandarin Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, Religious Education, Russian.

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Reflection and Renewal: Engaging with a TY Audit Evening Collaborative for TY Coordinators

This one-hour online collaborative will facilitate TY Coordinators to come together to share their experiences of reflection and renewal with the new TY Programme Statement to date, creating an environment where participants can share ideas and problem solve together around the TY auditing process.



This Evening Collaborative will provide a space for participants to:

- Explore opportunities for auditing their TY programme
- Share auditing strategies and processes
- Create actions to support the auditing process.



Key Details

Monday, 27th January 2025 - Online: 18:00 - 19:00.

Leagan Gaeilge: Tuesday, 4th March 2025 - Online: 17:30 - 18:30.

Thursday 6 March 2025 - Online: 16:30 - 17:30.

Note: the content of each collaborative is the same (offered at different times and one through the medium of Gaeilge).

To register for a place, please click: <https://oide.ie/teachers/> or scan the QR code on the left and search for 'Reflection and Renewal: Engaging with a TY Audit'. Please also download a copy of the NCCA Supports to audit TY programmes in advance by scanning the QR code on the right.



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Introduction to the Transition Year Programme Statement for Transition Year Teachers

This webinar is aimed at Transition Year teachers in advance of the implementation of the new TY Programme Statement during the 2025 / 2026 school year. It will support teachers in developing an understanding of the purpose, rationale, aims and dimensions of the TY Programme Statement, explore the role of the Transition Year teacher and consider the characteristics of teaching and assessment in the Transition Year classroom.

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 24th February 2025 (English-medium PLE)	19:00 - 20:00	Oide Online Event
Wednesday, 5th March 2025 (Leagan Gaeilge)	16:30 - 17:30	Oide Online Event

To register for a place on this webinar, please click: <https://oide.ie/apply-book-now/teachers/> or scan the QR code and search for 'Introduction to the TY Programme Statement for TY Teachers' online event.



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Updates from Oide - Senior Cycle Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programmes

Professional Learning for Special Schools

Oide emailed all principals of special schools in January with details of the professional learning supports available during two school closure days this year for Senior Cycle Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programmes. If you did not receive this email, please email info@oide.ie with your school roll number.

In addition to the school closure professional learning, Oide will host an online information session for school leaders and teachers from special schools on Senior Cycle L1LPs L2LPs in February and May. Participants will have opportunities to engage with and explore the published Programme Statement and curriculum areas of Communication and Literacy and Numeracy through discussion and activities. To book your place please visit [Teachers - Oide](#) and search Senior Cycle L1LPs L2LPs. Oide hosted an introductory webinar for special schools on Senior Cycle L1LPs L2LPs in October, a recording of the hour-long webinar can be found on our website [here](#).

Professional Learning for Post-primary Schools

Senior Cycle formed part of the L1LPs L2LPs workshop offered to schools as part of the Oide cluster workshops this year. To date, 937 teachers have attended these workshops.

In addition to the cluster workshops, Oide will host online information sessions for school leaders and teachers on Senior Cycle L1LPs L2LPs in February and May. These live workshops will give participants opportunities to explore and discuss the Programme Statement and the curriculum areas of Communication and Literacy. To book your place please visit [Teachers - Oide](#) and search Senior Cycle L1LPs L2LPs. Oide hosted an introductory webinar for Post-primary schools on Senior Cycle L1LPs L2LPs in October, a recording of the hour-long webinar can be found on our website [here](#)

Amendments to the Social Education Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Module Descriptor

Circular 0012/2025 recently issued to the Boards of Management, Principal Teachers and Teaching Staff of Post Primary Schools, Special Schools and Chief Executives of Education and Training Boards (ETBs) regarding the amendments to the Social Education Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Module Descriptor for the 2025/2026 school year.

The purpose of this circular is to inform post-primary schools, and settings where the LCA Programme is delivered, of amendments to the Social Education Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA) Module Descriptor.

These changes will take effect for all LCA students entering 5th year/year one of the LCA Programme in the 2025/2026 academic year.

Boards of Management, principal teachers of all second-level schools, special schools, and the Chief Executives (CE) of all Education and Training Boards (ETBs) are asked to ensure that this circular is brought to the immediate attention of all teachers and relevant staff.

Please see the below link to Circular 0012/2025:

[gov.ie - Amendments to the Social Education Leaving Certificate Applied \(LCA\) Module Descriptor](#)

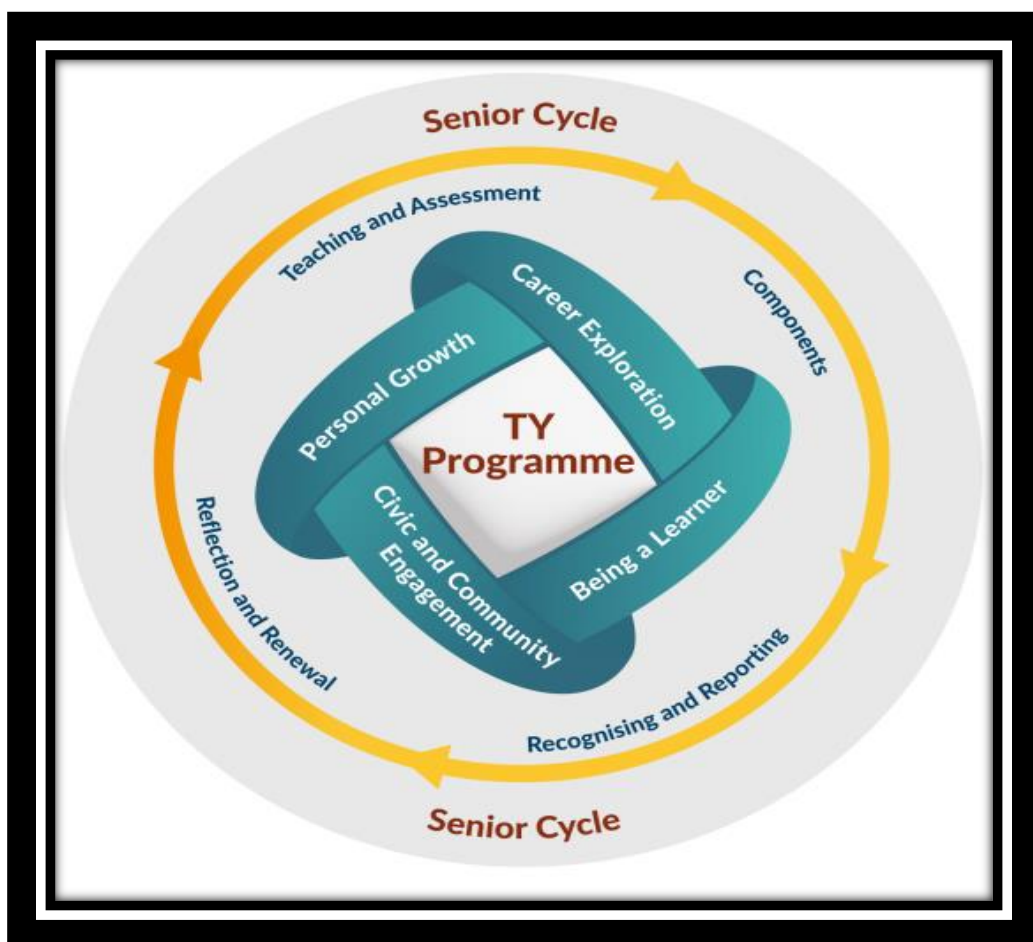
Resources to support the implementation of the revised TY Programme Statement – now available.

An effective TY programme, which will be unique to each school, is one where every aspect of the curriculum serves to develop the student in harmony with the Student Dimensions.' (TY Programme Statement, 2024)

NCCA has developed a suite of resources to support the implementation of the revised TY Programme Statement.

The resources, supplemented by exemplars, were designed by a team of TY coordinators and are available at

at: <https://www.curriculumonline.ie/senior-cycle/transition-year/>



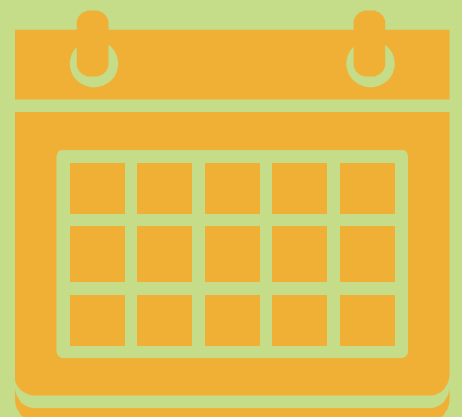
The Senior Cycle Redevelopment Conference for Schools Leaders



The **Senior Cycle Redevelopment Conference for School Leaders** will take place on **5 February 2025** in Croke Park Meeting + Events.

This event is now sold out. We look forward to meeting you all soon.

To read about last year's conference, visit [gov.ie - Senior Cycle Redevelopment Engagement](https://www.gov.ie/en/news/2024/01/senior-cycle-redevelopment-engagement-2024/)



Further information on Senior Cycle Redevelopment
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