

If you are no longer the JCSP Co-ordinator for your school, please let us know and pass this email to the new Co-ordinator

2nd September 2021

Re: JCSP updates

Dear Coordinator

We hope you and your colleagues are safe and well as we start this new academic year.

The Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST) would like to inform you of the Junior Certificate School Programme (JCSP) professional development supports for the year ahead along with a number of relevant updates.

Autumn 2021 Programme of Professional Development

PDST's programme of customised school support and applications system is now open for 2021/2022 at this link <https://pdst.ie/schoolsupport>. The School Principal can apply for up to three areas of support using your school roll number and password (provided to them).

Autumn CPD 2021

The calendar is available here: [CPD calendar](#). This term all CPD will be facilitated online by the JCSP team. You can register online for these online CPD events at this link <http://www.pdst.ie/onlinebooking>. We will then send the Zoom link to attend the CPD.

New Co-ordinators and Principals please register with JCSP

Congratulations on your new position! As part of your role within the school and JCSP, you will need accounts created on the website www.jcsp.ie and the JCSP resource ordering website <https://orders.pnpaq.com/>

You are therefore requested to register with the JCSP office. We ask that you read and complete this form [2020/2021 Update register for JCSP services](#).

GDPR – Register with JCSP

All JCSP Coordinators, Principals and JCSP Librarians are requested to register for JCSP services each academic year which can be done so by completing this form [2020/2021 Update register for JCSP services](#).

JCT and the PDST JCSP team

The PDST JCSP team and the JCT team continue to collaborate with teachers on developing new Junior Cycle statements. An updated visual guide for each subject will be available shortly.

We are looking to engage with 1st year JCSP Technology teachers and would be obliged if you would let them know we intend to host an online review of draft statements in November. Interested teachers should register [here](#).

Please remember to provide feedback on the current DRAFT Religious Education Statements [here](#). Feedback is always most welcome.

Programme Updates

We would be grateful if you could bring the following updates and resources to the attention of your colleagues. Further information on these and other areas will be provided to you throughout the year.

Initiatives

We recognise it has been a challenging year to date with fewer and more limited opportunities to complete JCSP initiatives. We would ask that where Initiatives have been completed, please evaluate these initiatives by the 30th of September.

- Initiatives from 2020 should be evaluated using this [google form link](#)
- Initiatives from 2019 should be evaluated using the [jcsp.ie](#) website

If you wish to carry over initiatives to this current academic year, please email jcspresources@pdst.ie with details of the same. You will receive confirmation by return.

A separate email will be sent with details of 2021/2022 Initiatives.

Free Membership of the PDST/ JCSP Library Project Digital Library

Membership of the JCSP Library Project Digital Library is free for all JCSP/DEIS schools. Existing member schools have received an updated set of Digital Library logins which includes a set of logins for incoming 1st Year students.

Non-member schools should register at this link: <https://jcsplibraries.com/jcsp-digital-library/> following which a full set of student and staff logins will be emailed to you.

With over 8,700 unique e-book and e-audiobook titles in the collection (with multiple copies of many of these bringing the overall total to over 26,000 titles) and with new titles being added on a continuous basis, all schools are encouraged to avail of this fantastic free library service.

New Competition – the JCSP Kitchen

We are launching the latest JCSP competition – the JCSP Kitchen! It is an opportunity for JCSP students to showcase their favourite family/cultural/traditional recipe for inclusion in a Recipe Booklet. Further details [here](#) with the entry template available to download from the homepage of www.jcsp.ie

New Resources

A number of new resources are available to order and include:

- French Bloom's Taxonomy bookcard (pack of 20)
- Billet de Sortie (French Exit Card - pack of 20)
- French Group Feedback Resource A2 Poster (Pack of 5)
- French Group Feedback Resource and Target Language Mat - A4 (Pack of 20)
- T1 Gaeilge statements A2 poster (pack of 5)
- T2 Gaeilge statements A2 poster (pack of 4)
- Home Economics statements A2 poster (pack of 5)

- Geography statements A2 poster (pack of 5)
- History statements A2 poster (pack of 5)
- Maths statements A2 poster (pack of 3)
- Modern Foreign Languages statements A2 poster (pack of 3)
- Music statements A2 poster (pack of 3)
- Visual Art statements A2 poster (pack of 4)
- Building on your child's strengths – Irish
- Building on your child's strengths – Polish
- Building on your child's strengths – Lithuanian

Ordering Resources – 4 orders per year without mailing/delivery costs

Orders are placed through this website: <https://orders.pnpaq.com/Login.aspx> by the JCSP Coordinator (login and password required).

There is no charge for JCSP resources for JCSP students. Four orders will be provided to schools during the 2021-2022 academic year (in addition to the ordering of initiative materials) at no cost. However, additional orders will incur a delivery cost of €30.

Update of school records

We would be much obliged if you would complete the [Update of School Records Form](#) detailing JCSP student numbers and how JCSP is organised in your school.

Once again, sincere thanks for your continued cooperation and for your support of JCSP students.

We look forward to supporting you and working with you and wish you, your staff and school community the very best for a safe year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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PDST - JCSP Team: Patrick Whitlow (Team Leader), Lorraine Counihan, Louise Kenny, Siobhán Daly. Senior Librarian: Kathleen Moran. Administrators: Elaine Flynn, Jill Byrne, Dorota Ruszczak.

This email has been sent to all registered JCSP contacts (Principal, JCSP Co-ordinator, JCSP Librarian). A copy of this email is available to view on www.jcsp.ie