

Re: JCSP updates

Dear Co-ordinator

We hope you and your colleagues are refreshed 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 along with a number of relevant updates.

Autumn 2022 Programme of Professional Development

PDST's programme of customised school support and applications system is now open for 2022/2023 at this link <https://pdst.ie/schoolsupport>. Your Principal can apply for up to three areas of support using your school roll number and password.

Autumn CPD 2022

This term will see a blended approach to delivering CPD – Seminars for those new to JCSP and DEIS Action Planning will be delivered face to face with Existing Coordinators and DEIS Workshops being delivered online as evening workshops. The full calendar is [here](#). You can register online for these online CPD events at this link <http://www.pdst.ie/onlinebooking>.

New Co-ordinators and Principals please register with JCSP

Congratulations on your new position! Seminars specifically tailored for those new to JCSP are being held in Dublin and Cork in mid-September. Please reserve your place as soon as possible at this link: <http://www.pdst.ie/onlinebooking>.

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 requested to register with the JCSP office. We ask that you read and complete this form [2022/2023 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 [2022/2023 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 and finalising new Junior Cycle statements.

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.

School Based Statements

Some schools choose to create their own school based statements which are sent to the PDST JCSP Office for approval prior to being used with students. These statements must be in line with Junior Cycle, reflect a learning outcome approach and a continuum of learning with a focus on learner progression. Previously approved school based statements will now be archived and can't be used with 1st year students. Should you wish to continue using these statements with your current 2nd and 3rd years, please contact Dorota Ruszczak, Profiling Administrator by email at dorotaruszczak@pdst.ie

Statement Visual Guide

An updated visual guide for each subject is available [here](#).

Initiatives

We recognise that 2021/22 has once again been a challenging year to complete JCSP initiatives. We would ask that where Initiatives have been completed, please evaluate these initiatives by the 30th of September.

If you wish to carry over initiatives to this current academic year, please email icspresources@pdst.ie with details of the same. You will receive confirmation by return. A separate email will be sent with details of 2022/2023 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://icsplibraries.com/jcsp-digital-library/> following which a full set of student and staff logins will be emailed to you.

With over 9,500 unique e-book and e-audiobook titles in the collection (with multiple copies of many of these bringing the overall total to over 32,300 titles) and with new titles being added on a continuous basis, all schools are encouraged to avail of this fantastic free library service.

New Resources

A number of new resources are available to order with others in the final stages of design to include:

- Action Verbs for Learning Intentions (pack of 30)
- Language Learning Journal
- Religious Education statements A2 poster (pack of 3)
- Building on your child's strengths – Ukrainian
- Building on your child's strengths – Arabic
- Building on your child's strengths – Romanian
- Stone Cold workbook updated ([PDF version](#) available here & on the website)
- Email and letterwriting booklet (*coming soon!*)
- Peer and Self Assessment Booklet (*coming soon!*)
- EAL resources (*coming soon!*)

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 2022-2023 academic year (in addition to the ordering of initiative materials) at no cost. However, additional orders will incur a delivery cost of €30.

Resources to support Ukrainian Students and Families

JCSP Librarians have worked to gather lists of [appropriate resources for supporting Ukrainian students](#). These resources reflect the need for materials to support their initial entry into the Irish education system, as well as providing ongoing support. These include academic and educational, cultural and wellbeing resources, and there are a wide variety of items that can support students, families and educators. Link available on www.jcsplibraries.com and www.jcsp.ie

Your JCSP Postcard Competition

Details of the latest JCSP student competition are available [here](#). An entry template is available to download on the homepage of www.jcsp.ie

Circulars

The current Circulars governing the Programme are:

- [Circular cl0024/2022](#): 'Staffing arrangements in Education and Training Boards for the 2022/2023 school year'
- [Circular cl0023/2022](#): 'Staffing arrangements in Community and Comprehensive Schools for the 2022/2023 school year'
- [Circular cl0022/2022](#): 'Staffing arrangements in Voluntary Secondary Schools for the 2022/2023 school year'
- In the above circulars, for allocations please read page 5, point 1.7 and for coordination time, page 6, point 1.17 which also references the current circular on Posts of Responsibility [Circular 0003/2018](#)
- The capitation grant details: [Circular 0052/2020](#)

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.

PDST Recruitment Opportunities

A number of full-time positions are available to teachers. Details here: [Recruitment | PDST](#)

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 fruitful year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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