

*Coláiste Éinde  
Bóthar na Mine,  
Bóthar na Trá,  
Gaillimh.*



*St. Enda's College  
Threadneedle Road,  
Salthill,  
Galway.*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter refers to the new Junior Cycle subject specification for English only and the examination your son/daughter will undertake in 2017 as part of the reformed Junior Cycle.

The **Junior Certificate** is being replaced by a new **Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA)**. The JCPA will be issued for the first time to students who sit for State examinations in June 2017. The ASTI and the Department of Education have yet to agree on certain aspects around the implementation of the JCPA including issues around assessment.

The JCPA will be issued for the first time to students who sit for State examinations in June 2017 and will report on a Classroom Based Assessments (or CBAs) and a final examination which is marked by the State Examinations Commission and will take place in June 2017. This examination will be based on the new subject specification and not the old syllabus. Students undertake a Classroom Based Assessment prior to the final assessment and it is worth 10% of the marks for the final examination.

The majority of staff in Coláiste Éinde are members of the ASTI. They have been directed by their union to teach the new specification for English but have been prohibited from engaging in Classroom Based Assessment.

While we await developments in this dispute between the ASTI and the Department of Education and Skills, we will, as a school community, continue to provide the best possible educational experience and outcomes for your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deirbhle Quinn', is written over a horizontal line.

Deirbhle Quinn

Principal