

3rd Year Parents Welcome

JUNIOR CYCLE
INFORMATION EVENING
SEPTEMBER 29TH 2020



Management and Support team

- Principal – Ms Lorraine Mynes
- Deputy Principal – Mr Neal Martin
- Year Head – Ms Mary Gaffney
- Guidance Counsellor – Ms Lisa O'Shaughnessy

Everyday Reminders

- 8.50 Registration with Year Head/Prefects
- Mon, Thurs, Fri (finish 3.15) / Tues, Wed (finish 3.55)
- Notes when absent
- Appointments outside school time
- No calls / text messages from student to parent
 - * illness - must involve an adult in school
- Sign out – ring door bell and someone will bring your daughter out
- Comply with uniform - including P.E.
- No driving on school campus

Covid 19

- ▶ DES Guidelines
- ▶ Year Hubs
- ▶ Masks & Social distancing
- ▶ Covid 19 - Symptoms
- ▶ Illness – err on the side of caution
- ▶ Communication

Junior Cycle Framework

- **8 PRINCIPLES**
- **24 STATEMENTS OF LEARNING**
- **8 KEY SKILLS**

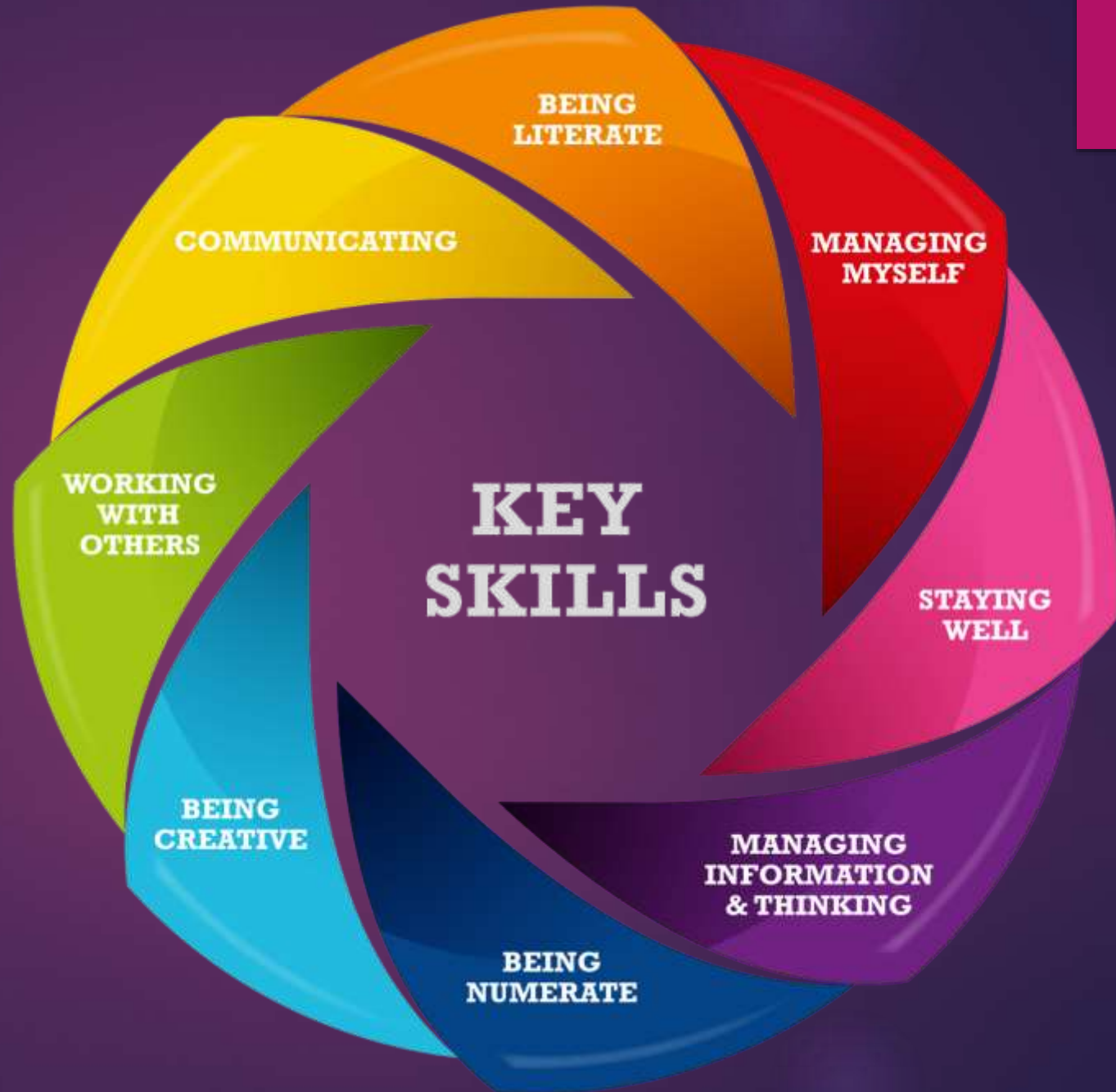
8 Key Skills

Be more actively engaged with learning

Take greater ownership of their learning

Have a critical engagement with digital technology

Be encouraged to problem solve and think creatively



24 STATEMENTS OF LEARNING

These describe what your daughter should know, understand and value having participated in Junior Cycle. Such as create and present artistic works and appreciate the process and skills involved, take initiative , be innovative and develop entrepreneurial skills.

Wellbeing

A positive school climate and culture is fundamental to staff and student wellbeing

Wellbeing is central to all aspects of Junior Cycle reform

Whole school endeavour



Grading System

Instead of A,B,Cs the following descriptors will be used:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------|
| ▶ Distinction | 90-100% |
| ▶ Higher Merit | 75-89% |
| ▶ Merit | 55-74% |
| ▶ Achieved | 40-54% |
| ▶ Partially Achieved | 20-39% |
| ▶ Not Graded | 0-19% |

Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs)

Students are awarded grades by their teachers in line with the features of quality as provided by the SEC and are awarded In consultation with subject department colleagues

- ▶ Exceptional
- ▶ Above expectations
- ▶ In line with expectations
- ▶ Yet to meet expectations

We got to
choose the
subject of
our CBA

I could be
more
creative

I enjoyed doing
projects in class
other than
normal work

Student Voice



learning
new
skills

I liked working
individually
and
in groups

I like
doing the
research

Presenting
the ones
we had to
out loud

How close
all the
CBAs were
together

Student Voice



They were
very stressful

The
amount of
work

there was a lot
of writing and
time spent on
them

Follow
instructions

Stay on top of
work and
make time at
home for the
CBAs

Pick a topic
that interests
you and that
you would like
to work on

Student Advice

Start
working
early

Be confident
in your orals
and do not
overthink it

Don't
stress over
them

Profile of achievement (JCPA)

The JCPA will be issued in the autumn after third year and will include the following:

- State certified final examinations results
- Classroom based assessments – subjects
- Other areas of learning

Junior Certificate changes for 2020

- ▶ No changes to examination papers
- ▶ Only complete 1 CBA, not 2
- ▶ Irish, Home Ec., Visual Art, Music must complete CBA 2
- ▶ MFL, must complete CBA 1
- ▶ Do not have to complete the 'Assessment Tasks'

VS Ware

- ▶ School's management system – replacing E Portal
- ▶ Login on the school website
- ▶ View the student's timetable, attendance, and assessment reports. This will be expanded to include behaviour over the coming months.
- ▶ <https://support.vsware.ie/parent-profiles>
- ▶ Text message or document with your login details
- ▶ VS Ware App – will be coming online

Schoolwise

- ▶ Educational Platform
- ▶ Login using school email
- ▶ Controlled learning environment
- ▶ Contains all the students classes
- ▶ Access to notes, homework, online classes
- ▶ Communicate with teachers, other students

Twitter

@DCWschool

School Website

www.dominicanwicklow.net



Parents Association

Chairperson: Ms Hilary Bunce (outgoing)

AGM: Wednesday Sept. 30th, 19:30

Fundraise / school policies / parent's voice



Questions

