



**Stratford College**  
Co-educational Secondary School



# **Webinar on Proposed Senior Cycle Redevelopment April 2022** Patricia Gordon

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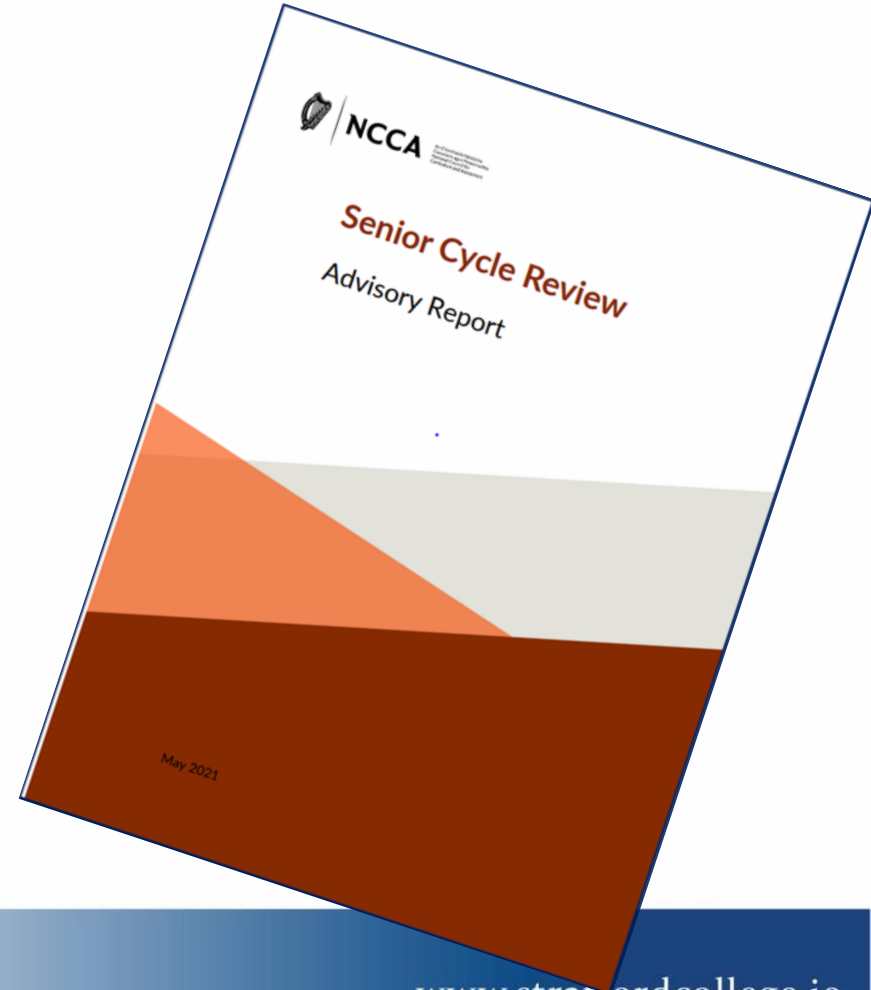
# The redevelopment of senior cycle is timely. Here's a brief explanation of why the review was undertaken



# Senior Cycle Redevelopment

**Student Well Being as a Catalyst for change and some of the measures to address it.**

# SC Review was carried out in partnership with schools and stakeholders over 4 years. This video shows how this work was carried out



# More integrated pathways

Explore follow on opportunities for students taking L1 and L2 Learning Programmes at junior cycle

Exploration of LCVP and LCA structures

**More integrated pathways**

Explore off-site, blended, online learning opportunities

Conduct audit of the current senior cycle programmes



# Minister's response

- Introduce follow-on programmes for students studying L1 and L2 Learning Programmes in first year
- All students to have option of taking TY from September 2024 - resources for schools to facilitate this
- Revised TY Programme Guide developed with schools and available to all schools from Sept 2024
- Over time, remove barriers between Established LC, LCA and LCVP to offer better match between individual strengths and interests of students and their learning experiences
- LCA Tourism and LCVP Link Modules on *World of Work* and *Enterprise* available more generally
- All students in schools with LCVP will be able to access LCVP link modules without meeting subject criteria from 2022/23
- Students following the LCA Programme will be able to access LC Maths and Modern Foreign Language from 2022/23
- SEC will integrate LCA and LCE certification
- LCA progression issues will be addressed with employers and others
- NCCA will assist in ensuring availability of appropriate and flexible progression routes into education, training and work

# Greater variety of curriculum components

Review current list of curriculum components and subjects

Consider aspects of specification design and curriculum support materials

**Greater variety of curriculum components**

Scope the possibility of new subjects and components

Consider provision of areas to support 'Learning for Life'





# Minister's response

- Maintain our broad-based educational experience – range of subjects
- Combine with greater flexibility in learning and assessment opportunities
- Exploit ICT to broaden student subject choice
- NCCA to publish schedule of subject curriculum reviews in Sept 2023
- Deliver new and revised curricula (specifications) in annual blocks
- Introduce new LC subjects of *Drama, Film and Theatre Studies* and *Climate Action and Sustainable Development*
- First tranche of new and revised subject specifications commencing in Sept 2024 (Drama, Film and Theatre Studies, Climate Action and Sustainable Development, Business, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) in Network Schools
- Revised LC Arabic, Ancient Greek, and Latin specifications introduced in all schools in 2024
- NCCA to consider level of detail in curriculum documents to adequately support teachers

# Broader approach to assessment and reporting

Audit of assessment and reporting arrangements

Research and deliberation on weighting and timing assessment components

**Broader approach to assessment and reporting**

Research ways that technology can support assessment and reporting approaches

Explore ways to provide a fuller picture of student achievement



# Minister's response

- All Leaving Certificate subjects to have written exam and additional components
- Number and form of components considered on a subject-by-subject basis
- Additional components: teacher assessed and worth a minimum of 40% of total marks
- Written examination: worth maximum of 60% of total marks
- All new subjects and all revised specifications to be developed in this way
- NCCA and SEC to jointly examine how SEC externally moderated, teacher-based form of assessment could be used to assess components
- Spread assessment load
- Oral exams and Music practical performance in Easter vacation from Easter 2022
- Irish Paper 1 and English Paper 1 at end of 5<sup>th</sup> year, from 2023/24 school year
- Students who choose to repeat LC facilitated to take all components in one repeat year
- NCCA and SEC to research possible impact of weighting and timing of additional components by Q4 2022 to inform curriculum re-development
- Further research on weighting/ timing/ moderation
- In the medium term, examine potential use of ICT in examinations and assessment



# Conducive conditions

Shared vision  
and purpose

Research, data,  
information

Stakeholder  
engagement

Communication

Policy  
alignment

Securing  
resources

Enhanced  
professional  
support

Timing and  
pacing





# Senior Cycle Redevelopment Announcement: Timeline

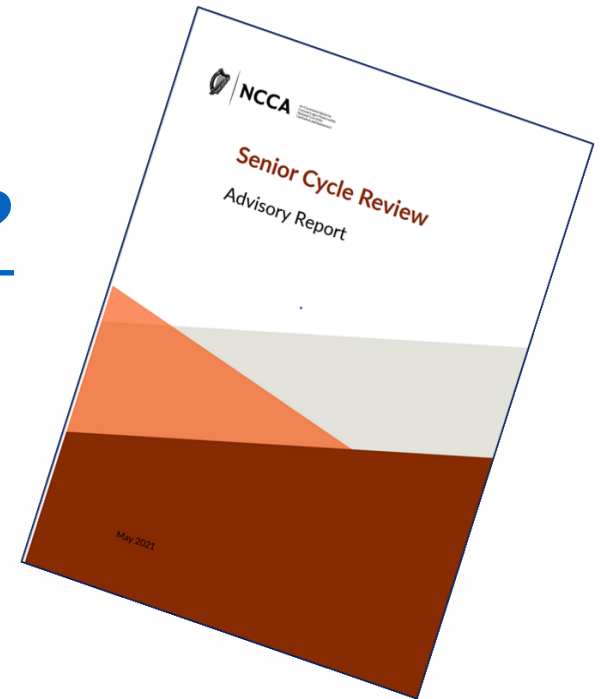
<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>	<b><u>Which class will this effect</u></b>
April 2022	Appointment of student nominee to incoming NCCA Council.	
From Sept 2022	<p><b>Leaving Certificate Applied and Leaving Certificate Vocational Programmes</b>            Students who take the LCA programme will have the opportunity to take Leaving Certificate Mathematics and, where possible, a Leaving Certificate Modern Language.</p>	TY 2021
Following review of orals 2022 Spring holidays 2023	Language orals and practicals.	5 <sup>th</sup> Year 2023
Sept 2023	Schedule of Subject Specification for redevelopment to be published by the NCCA.	
June 2024	Irish and English Paper 1 for 5th Year students.	Current 3 <sup>rd</sup> Years 2022
Spring 2024	Revised TY Statement published.	Current 2 <sup>nd</sup> Years 2022
Sept 2024	<p>Revised subjects commencing in <b>network</b> schools: Business Biology Chemistry Physics.</p> <p>New Subjects in <b>Network</b> schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama, Film and Theatre Studies</li> <li>• Climate Action and Sustainable Development</li> </ul> <p><b>REVISED/NEW SUBJECTS IN ALL SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arabic</li> <li>• Ancient Greek</li> <li>• Latin</li> <li>• Expand schools offering PE and Computer Studies</li> </ul>	
Sept 2026	Subsequent roll-out to all schools and further tranches of subjects in annual blocks.	Incoming 1 <sup>st</sup> Years 2022

# Next Steps

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# Future Developments?

*Devil in the details*



# Students of the Future



Early Childhood



Primary



Junior Cycle



Senior Cycle

