

Scoil Dara



8th September 2026

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Your son/daughter is participating in Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the new Senior Cycle 2026. This applies to (Tranche 1) biology, physics, chemistry and business; and (Tranche 2) engineering, construction, P.E., LCVP and geography.

It is imperative that parents/guardians familiarise themselves with the AAC system and seek support from the school or from NCCA website if there are queries.

At least 40% of the exam in these subjects will be allocated to an AAC – an Additional Assessment Component. Sample briefs for the Tranche 1 subjects are available to view on www.examinations.ie > Senior Cycle. Sample briefs for Tranche 2 should be shared on the same website in September. Sample examination papers for all subjects are also available on this website. The briefs are expected to be released in January 2027 on www.examinations.ie. The AACs are divided into stages and teachers will give students deadlines for each stage. Students will submit their work to their teacher for each stage via Teams.

Our dates for completion of the AACs will be decided once the briefs are released. These will be communicated with parents in due course.

Guidance on the submission of AACs can be found on www.curriculumonline.ie> Senior Cycle> Subjects

Guidelines on use of AI can be found in examinations.ie> senior cycle > Coursework Rules and Procedures. A student-friendly version of this document will be shared with students.

If you have any further concerns or queries relating to Senior Cycle, please contact sarahbutler@scoildara.ie.

Regards,

Sarah Butler

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