

Scoil Dara



8th September 2026

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Your son/daughter is participating in Tranche 1 of the new Senior Cycle 2026. This applies to biology, physics, chemistry and business.

Parents/Guardians who have children completing any of the aforementioned subjects must make themselves aware of all facets of the new assessment structure.

40% of the exam in these subjects will be allocated to an AAC – an Additional Assessment Component. These are underway and students have submitted their work to their teacher via Teams.

Our dates for completion of the AACs are as follows:

Physics – 23rd October 2026

Biology – 22nd December 2026

Business – 26th February 2027

Chemistry – 9th April 2027

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

Sample papers and briefs can be found on www.examinations.ie/scr

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

If your son/daughter is struggling with completion of their AAC or you have any further concerns or queries, please contact sarahbutler@scoildara.ie.

Regards,

Sarah Butler

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