

# Junior Cert 2015 Easter Revision Course Topics

## J'15 Higher Level English

- This revision course is intended to focus students on what areas of the English syllabus they need to concentrate on/study and to provide students with concise notes in order to gain maximum marks in the Junior Certificate English Exam.
- All areas of the exam will be looked at during this course. However, there are certain areas of the course that students find more difficult than others. This course will focus as much as possible on these particularly difficult areas.
- Some students will have studied different poems and different plays. We will study and analyse one poem in each class, and notes will be supplied for each poem. In total, five poems will be analysed during this course. In-depth study of these five poems should equip students perfectly for answering the studied poetry section of the exam.
- Notes will also be supplied for *The Merchant of Venice* and *Romeo and Juliet* as these are frequently the most popular plays chosen by teachers.
- 75% of the exam is based on unseen material, while just 25% is based on material that students need to have studied. (Fiction, Drama, Poetry) Therefore, only one quarter of the exam is testing students on what they have studied. The rest is testing them on their skills. In short, more marks are awarded for how students write than for what they write. This course is tailored with this in mind. Throughout the course, students will learn how to think more carefully about the words they write in order to improve the quality of their written expression.

### Areas of study:

1. Reading
2. Functional Writing (Reports, Reviews, Speeches, Formality)
3. Media Studies (Newspapers, Internet, Advertising, etc.)
4. Personal Writing (Narrative, Discursive, Informative writing)
5. Drama (Shakespeare and modern; Studied and unstudied)
6. Poetry (Studied)
7. Fiction (Unstudied)

## J'15 Higher Level French

### Function of course is:

To focus students' attention on the areas of the exam which are frequently cause for concern for students.

- To provide students with simplified, concise notes to help them revise effectively for all areas of the exam.
- To breakdown the structure of the exam in order to provide students with the ability to confidently and efficiently answer what is being asked.
- Intensive exam practice and writing evaluation will be at the core of this course.
- Tips and advice on how to revise and study efficiently and effectively in the days leading up to the exam will also be provided.

### Areas to be covered:

#### Grammar

- Basic breakdown and analysis of the main tenses in French (Present, Past, Imperfect and Future)
- Other areas of frequent concern for students such as the negative and possessive pronouns/masculine and feminine will also be analysed.

#### Reading Comprehensions

- How to approach the comprehensions and their questions in order to maximise marks
- Terminology Breakdown

#### Listening Comprehensions

- By far the most significant section of the exam (counting for 44%), this section will be broken down and practiced thoroughly throughout the duration of this course.

#### Written Sections

- Tips on best practice for achieving the best marks for writing letters (formal and informal), notes and postcards, as well as useful phrases that can be integrated into many exam questions will be provided.

## J'15 Higher Level Irish

- Treoirínte don scrúdú, Gramadach agus cleachtaí gramadaí (Guidelines for the exam, A look at grammar through the use of grammar activities)
- An Léamhthuiscint agus an litir fhoirmeálta (Reading comprehension and the formal letter)
- Prós, ceisteanna agus freagraí samplach (Prose - A look at past exam questions and sample answers)
- An filíocht An Cluastuscint (Poetry and the listening comprehension)
- An Scéal agus An Díospóireacht (Essay Writing - Stories and debates)

## J'15 Higher Level Mathematics

- Statistics
- Functions & Graphs
- Algebra
- Geometry including Transformation Geometry
- Co-Ordinate Geometry of the Line

*(Students are advised to bring along the latest Exam Papers to each class)*

## J'15 Higher Business Studies

### (Provisional Topics Only)

- Books of First Entry (Paper 2 Q.1)
- Club Accounts (Paper 1 Q.2)
- Final Accounts (Paper 2 Q.4)
- Household Budgets (Paper 1 Q.1)
- Theory – Topics of Key Focus
- Exam Technique (Paper 1 and 2)

## J'15 Higher Level Science

1. **Physics** (2 Days)
  - a. Force & Work
  - b. Moments & Centre of Gravity
  - c. Heat, Light & Sound
  - d. Electricity
2. **Chemistry** (2 Days)
  - a. Elements, Compounds & Mixtures
  - b. Atomic Structure & Bonding
  - c. Acids & Bases
  - d. Air, Carbon Dioxide & Water
3. **Biology** (1 Day)
  - a. Ecology
  - b. Circulation
  - c. Reproduction
  - d. The Plant