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Subject Learning and Review Meetings (SLARS)

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Discussions are ongoing between the parties to the Junior Cycle Implementation Committee (DES, ASTI, TUI) with a view to clarifying issues surrounding the implementation of SLAR meetings. Further guidance on this matter will issue in due course.



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Subject Learning and Review Meetings (SLARS)

For this December, no agreement has been reached.

Default position

- SLARS start within tuition time.
- This involves beginning during one class period at the end of the day and continuing outside tuition time.
- S&S can be used to meet any cover required



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Assessment at Junior Cycle

Caution schools against over assessing students

“there is a need to avoid ‘over-assessment’ and to minimise the cumulative burden on students and teachers of multiple assessments across the full range of subjects. In this context, the Classroom-Based Assessments will substitute for other assessments currently undertaken in the school such as in-house examinations”.

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Concerns of an emerging national drug culture

The role of wellbeing and SPHE

Connecting with local services

Vigilance and engagement with students and parents to ensure they understand the school Code of Behaviour



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Dedicated Health and Safety Day

- While clearly commendable the current requirement of 167 tuition days has currently been reduced by 2 days due to JCT.
- Consider the use of Croke Park Hours



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Senior Management Team Work Load

- Clear acknowledgement within the system of initiative overload.
- Sustainability of Senior Management positions
- Joint approach between management bodies and NAPD



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Teacher Supply

Initiatives:

- Increase in concurrent degrees
- Introduction of quotas in HEAs
- Promotion of positions in the Irish Education system
- Creation of a single recruitment portal
- The challenge of ever increasing leave entitlements.
- Scheduling of Inservice and recruitment



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Other Issues

- Assistive Technology
- SEN Inspections
- Admission Policy
- Can substitute teachers take more than 22 hours? On OLCS, no.
- Scheduling of wellbeing
- SCP referral programme
- Teachers leaving the country
- Chemical Disposal /Hazards ([Circular 14/2011](#))



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