

Second Year

TEACHER HANDBOOK

Second Year

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Introduction

Student Learning

While this is a handbook for teachers, it must be emphasised that student learning and the process of mathematical thinking and building understanding are the main focus of this document.

Information and Communications Technologies are used whenever and wherever appropriate to help to support student learning. In this document the  symbol appears at the corresponding position of the content to indicate that an interactive IT module is available on the Project Maths Student's CD.

Students with mild general learning disabilities

Teachers are reminded that the NCCA Guidelines on mathematics for students with mild general learning disabilities can be accessed at

http://www.ncca.ie/uploadedfiles/PP_Maths.pdf

This document includes

- ❖ Approaches and Methodologies (from Page 4)
- ❖ Exemplars (from page 20).

Note on the Common Introductory Course

This first year handbook contains a suggested sequence for teaching First Year students. It includes the material in the Common Introductory Course which is a minimum course for first year students and also some other sections of the Junior Certificate syllabus which teachers may wish to deal with in first year.

Higher level material

Material which is higher level only is shown in bold typeface.

Note on timeline for examinations for national roll-out:

Strands 1 and 2 will be examined the first time in the Junior Certificate Mathematics Examination of 2013 and the Leaving Certificate Mathematics Examination of 2012.

Strands 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be examined in the Junior Certificate Mathematics Examination in 2014 and the Leaving Certificate Mathematics Examination in 2013.

Strands 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be examined in the Junior Certificate Mathematics Examination in 2015 and Leaving Certificate Mathematics Examination in 2014.

Note: Synthesis and problem solving listed below must be incorporated into all of the Strands.

The list of skills below is taken from Strand 1 of the syllabus but, an identical list is given at the end of each Strand in the syllabus i.e. 2.5, 3.5, 4.5, 5.3,

Students learn about	Students should be able to
1.8 Synthesis and problem-solving skills	– explore patterns and formulate conjectures – explain findings – justify conclusions – communicate mathematics verbally and in written form – apply their knowledge and skills to solve problems in familiar and unfamiliar contexts – analyse information presented verbally and translate it into mathematical form – devise, select and use appropriate mathematical models, formulae or techniques to process information and to draw relevant conclusions.

Colour coding used in the suggested sequence below:

Strand 1 Statistics and probability	Strand 2 Synthetic, coordinate & transformation geometry & trigonometry	Strand 3 Number	Strand 4 Algebra	Strand 5 Functions

Suggested sequence of topics

Section number	Strand	Lesson Idea	Title of lesson idea	Suggested number of class periods	Total class periods
Section 1	3.4 Applied measure	2.1	Applied measure1	5	5
Section 2	4.1,4.2,4.3,4.4	2.2	Linear and quadratic relationships: multi - representational approach	10	15
Section 3	3.3	2.3	Applied arithmetic - financial maths	10	25
	3.4	2.4	Applied measure 2 - area and volume	6	31
	3.2	2.5	Investigating rules for indices	3	34
Section 4	4.	2.6	Revision 1 st year Algebra	4	38
	4.6	2.7	Factors	8	46
	4.6	2.8	Adding algebraic fractions	2	48
	4.7	2.9	Linear equations, linear inequalities and simultaneous linear equations	8	56
	4.7	2.10	Solve quadratic equations	5	61
Section 5	2.1	2.11	Introduction to Pythagoras' Theorem (Theorem 14)	2	63

Section number	Strand	Lesson Idea	Title of lesson idea	Suggested number of class periods	Total class periods
Section 6	2.3	2.12	Revise first year coordinate geometry	1	64
		2.13	Midpoint of a line segment	2	66
		2.14	Length of a line segment	2	68
		2.15	Slope of a line	2	70
		2.16	Equation of a line	4	74
		2.17	Intersection of lines	3	77
Section 7	3.5	2.18	Sets	4	81
Section 8	1.1, 1.2, 1.3	2.19	Probability - revision of first year material	3	84
		2.20	2 events - tossing 2 dice (2 way tables)	3	87
		2.21	2 events - tossing 2 coins (2 way tables + tree diagrams) Other similar scenarios	3	90
		2.22	Probability using playing cards, spinners etc.	2	92
	1.4 & 1.5	2.23	Statistics - building on first year Stats	5	97
		2.24	Data handling cycle using categorical data	4	101
		2.25	Data handling cycle using numeric data	5	106

Section number	Strand	Lesson Idea	Title of lesson idea	Suggested number of class periods	Total class periods
		2.26	Evaluate the effectiveness of and interpreting different graphical displays of data	2	108
Section 9	2.1 Synthetic geometry1	2.27 (1.12 & 1.13)	T&L 5 and 6 Planes and points and introduction to angles (Revision)	1	109
		2.28 (1.14 & 1.15)	Measuring angles, Theorem 1 (Revision)	1	110
		2.29 (1.16 and 1.17)	Use of the compass, Constructions 8 & 9 (Revision)	1	111
		2.30 (1.18)	Constructions 5 & 6 (Revision) and Construction 7 (H.L. only)	2	113
		2.31 (1.26)	Constructions 10 and 11 (Revision)	2	115
		2.32 (1.27 & 1.28)	Construction 12 & Theorem 2 (Revision)	2	117
		2.33 (1.29 & 1.30)	Theorems 3,4,5,&6 (Revision)	2	119
		2.34 (1.31)	Constructions 1 ,2,3 & 4 (Revision)	1	120

Section number	Strand	Lesson Idea	Title of lesson idea	Suggested number of class periods	Total class periods
Section 10	2.2 Transformation geometry	2.35	Translations	2	122
		2.36 (1.19)	Axial Symmetry (part revision)	2	124
		2.37 (1.20)	Central symmetry (part revision)	2	126
Section 11	2.1 Synthetic geometry 2	2.38	Parallelograms and Theorem 9	2	128
		2.39	Parallelograms, Theorem 10	2	130
		2.40	Investigating quadrilaterals	2	132
Section 12	3.3	2.41	Ratio and proportion	5	137
Section 13	2.4	2.42	Revision of Pythagoras' Theorem 14	1	138
		2.43	Scaled diagrams (T& L 8 Introduction to trigonometry)	2	140
		2.44	Trigonometric ratios (T& L 8 Introduction to trigonometry)	5	145

Section 1 Strand 3

Lesson Idea 2.1

Five class periods

Title

Applied measure 1

Resources

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to calculate, interpret and apply units of measure and time in context
- How to solve problems involving average speed, distance and time

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Section 2 Strand 4

Lesson Idea 2.2

Ten class periods

Title

Representing and examining linear and quadratic relations using tables, diagrams, graphs and formulae

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Introduction to Patterns

Patterns: A Relations Approach to Algebra

Workshop 4 booklet (unifix cubes and money box problems)

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The use of tables, diagrams, physical models, graphs and formulae as tools for representing and analysing linear patterns and relations in order to
 - Identify variables and constants and point out how they appear in the different representations
 - Use the representations to reason about the situation from which the relationship is derived and communicate their thinking to others
 - Discuss rate of change and the y - intercept
 - Generalise and explain patterns and relationships in words and numbers
 - Recognise that the distinguishing of a linear relationship is a constant rate of change
 - Decide if two linear relations have a common value (decide if two lines intersect and where the intersection occurs).
 - Distinguish relations of the form $y = mx$ (proportional relationships) as distinct from relationships of the form $y = mx + c$ (non - proportional relationships)

- The concept of a quadratic function as a relationship between a set of inputs and a set of outputs where each input is related to only one output
- The use of tables, diagrams, graphs and formulae as tools for representing and analysing quadratic patterns and relations in order to:
 - Recognise that a distinguishing feature of quadratic relations is the way change varies i.e. the rate of change of the rate of change is constant
 - The concept of a quadratic function as a relationship between a set of inputs and a set of outputs where each input is related to only one output

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 3 Strand 3

Lesson Idea 2.3

Ten class periods

Title

Applied Arithmetic

Resources

Fractions diagnostic test (See Workshop 3 in www.projectmaths.ie)

Teaching and Learning Plans:

Partitioning
Equivalent fractions
Addition and subtraction of fractions
Multiplication of fractions
Division of fractions
Decimals
Percentages
Ratio and proportion

Student's CD

**Content**

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Number systems $\mathbb{N}$, $\mathbb{Z}$, $\mathbb{Q}$ (progression from first year)
- Fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio and proportion in context involving:
 - o Solving problems e.g. mobile phone tariffs, currency transactions, shopping, VAT and meter readings
 - o Profit or loss, % profit or loss (on the cost price), discount and % discount, selling price
 - o Compound interest for not more than three years
 - o Income tax (standard rate only),
 - o Net pay (including other deductions of specified amounts)
 - o Making value- for- money calculations and judgments

Useful websites

	http://www.projectmaths.ie/ http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.4

Six class periods

Title

Applied measure 2

Resources

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Problems involving perimeter and area of the following plane figures: disc, triangle, rectangle, square and figures made from combinations of these (revision and extension from first year)
- The relationship between the circumference of a circle, its diameter and π
- the nets of rectangular solids (revision from first year)
- The surface area of rectangular solids (revision from first year)
- The volume of rectangular solids and cylinders

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-
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	Primary Education/Project Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.5

Three class periods

Title

Rules for indices

Resources

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The rules for indices $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \neq 0$, $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$a^p a^q = a^{p+q}$$

$$\frac{a^p}{a^q} = a^{p-q}$$

$$(a^p)^q = a^{pq}$$

Use the notation $a^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $a \in \mathbb{N}$

- How express non -zero positive rational numbers in the form $a \times 10^n$, where $n = 0$ or $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $1 \leq a < 10$ to include real world contexts
- How to compute reciprocals

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 4 Strand 4

Lesson Idea 2.6

Four class periods

Title

Revision and extension of algebraic expressions and simple linear equations from first year

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Equations

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Indices in algebra (indices $\in \mathbb{N}$)
- Terms, coefficients and expressions

- Adding terms: $(ax + by + c) \pm (dx + ey + f)$
 $(ax^2 + bx + c) \pm (dx^2 + ex + f)$

$$(ax + by + c) \pm \dots \pm (dx + ey + f)$$

$$(ax^2 + bx + c) \pm \dots \pm (dx^2 + ex + f) \text{ where } a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{N}$$

- Generating algebraic expressions from simple contexts
- Evaluating expressions of the form

$$ax + by$$

$$a(x + y)$$

$$x^2 + bx + c$$

$$\frac{ax + by}{cx + dy}$$

$$axy$$

where $a, b, c, d, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ (ordinary level)

$$ax^2 + bx + c$$

where $a, b, c, d, x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ (higher level)

- Multiplying terms and expressions including use of brackets, the associative and the distributive laws (e.g. using a model such as the array model):

- $a(bx + cy + d) + e(fx + gy + h)$

$$a(bx + cy + d) + \dots + e(fx + gy + h)$$

$$a(bx^2 + cx + d)$$

$$ax(bx^2 + c) \text{ where } a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(x + y)(x + y)$$

$$(x - y)(x - y)$$

$$(ax + b)(cx + d)$$

Higher level material:

$$(x + y)(x + y)$$

$$(x - y)(x - y)$$

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Lesson Idea 2.7

Eight class periods

Title

Algebraic factors

Resources

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Use of the distributive law to multiply expressions
- Factorising expressions such as:
 ax, axy where $a \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $abxy + ay$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $ax^2 + bx$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $sx - ty + tx - sy$ where s, t, x, y are variable
 $x^2 + bx + c$, where $b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $x^2 - a^2$
Higher level material:
 $ax^2 + bx + c, a \in \mathbb{N}, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a^2x^2 - b^2y^2$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.8

Two class periods

Title

Adding algebraic fractions

Resources

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The addition of expressions such as:
- $\frac{ax+b}{c} \pm \frac{dx+e}{f}$ where $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Z}$

 $\frac{ax+b}{c} \pm \dots \pm \frac{dx+e}{f}$ where $a, b, c, d, e, f \in \mathbb{Z}$

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.9

Eight class periods

Title

Linear equations in one and two variables and linear inequalities in one variable

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Equations

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The concept of equality and what is meant by an equation
- The use of suitable strategies (graphic, numeric and algebraic) in the solution of first degree equations in one variable, with coefficients elements of $\mathbb{Z}$ and solutions in $\mathbb{Z}$ including equations of the form $\frac{ax+b}{c} \pm \frac{dx+e}{f} = \frac{g}{h}$ where $a, b, c, e, f, g, h \in \mathbb{Z}$
- The use of suitable strategies (graphic, numeric and algebraic) in the solution of first degree equations in two variables, with coefficients elements of $\mathbb{Z}$ and solutions in $\mathbb{Z}$
- The solution of linear inequalities in one variable of the form $g(x) \leq k$ where $g(x) = ax + b, a \in \mathbb{N}$ and $b, k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Graph solution sets on the number line for linear inequalities in one variable

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.10

Five class periods

Title

Solve quadratic equations

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Equations

Quadratic equations

Student's CD



Dynamic software package

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The use of suitable strategies (graphic, numeric and algebraic) in the solution of quadratic equations of the form $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ where $b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x^2 + bx + c$ is factorisable
- Solve simple problems leading to quadratic equations

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 5 Introduction to Pythagoras' Theorem

Lesson Idea 2.11

Two class periods

Title

Pythagoras' Theorem

Resources

Mathematical set

Graph paper

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Pythagoras' Theorem using models and using algebra to generalise findings
- That there are an infinite number of Pythagorean triples

Useful websites

	http://www.projectmaths.ie/ http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum and Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 6 Coordinate Geometry of the line

Lesson Idea 2.12

One class period

Title

Revision of first year material on the coordinate plane

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Plan 6: Planes and Points

Introducing the Cartesian plane with a variety of student activities

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Plane, points, lines, line segments, rays, collinear points, length of a line segment
- Coordinating the plane
- Locating points on the plane using coordinates

Useful websites

	http://www.projectmaths.ie/ http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum and Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.13

Two class periods

Title

Mid-point of a line segment

Resources

Mathematical set

Graph paper

Dynamic software package

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The concept of midpoint of a line segment making connections with the concept of the mean from statistics
- How to generalise from this concept to the midpoint formula in coordinate geometry

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Lesson Idea 2.14

Two class periods

Title

Length of a line segment

Resources

Scientific graph paper, mathematical set

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Distance formula

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Instruments and units used to measure distance
- How Pythagoras' Theorem can be used to measure distance
- The distance formula in coordinate geometry and its connection to Pythagoras' Theorem
- The relationship between the midpoint and the length of a line segment

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.15

Two class periods

Title

The slope of a line

Resources

Graph paper, mathematical set, dynamic software package

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Links between slope and rate of growth
- Links to real life context (e.g. growth of plant with a constant growth rate)
- How to generalise to the slope of a line formula

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.16

Four class periods

Title

The equation of a line

Resources

Graph paper, mathematical set

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Links to real life context (e.g. growth of plant with a constant growth rate)
- Using tables, graphs and diagrams in relation to the equation of a line
- The connection between the y-intercept, slope and the equation of a line
- The equation of line in the forms:
 - o $y = mx + c$
 - o $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
 - o $ax + by + c = 0$ (HL only)
- The connection between the x and y intercepts and the equation of a line from a graphical and algebraic perspective
- Points on a line (and not on a line) from a graphical and algebraic perspective
- Properties of the equation of a line

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.17

Three class periods

Title

Intersection of lines

Resources

Graph paper, mathematical set

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to use tables, graphs and algebra in relation to the intersection of lines
- Links to real life context (e.g. comparing plants with varying constant growth rates and starting heights)

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Section 7 Sets

Lesson Idea 2.18

Four class periods

Title

Sets -revision of first year material plus set difference and complement

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The concept of a set as being a collection of well defined objects, equality of sets
- Venn diagrams, universal set, null set, sub-set, cardinal number, set builder notation
- Union and intersection as operators on two sets
- Set difference
- Complement of a set
- Investigate the commutative property for intersection and union
- Solve problems involving sets

Useful websites

	http://www.projectmaths.ie/ http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 8 Probability and Statistics

Lesson Idea 2.19

Three class periods

Title

Revision of fundamental principle of counting and first year probability

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plans:

Plan1: Introduction to Probability

Plan2: Probability and Relative Frequency

NCCA Student Resources

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to list all possible outcomes of an experiment
- How to apply the fundamental principle of counting
- How to distinguish certain from uncertain events
- How to describe events as being more or less likely from experience
- How to order events from least likely to most likely and be able to justify their choice
- How to use the scale from 0 to 1 to informally place everyday chance-related events
- How to represent and interpret probabilities as fractions, decimals and percentages
- How to represent the probability of an event as a fraction or decimal between 0 and 1 or as a percentage
- Equally likely outcomes
- How to list all possible outcomes for practical experiments such as rolling a fair die
- That the outcomes on successive throws of a die are independent of each other
- How to calculate the relative frequency for each outcome by experiment and note how it approaches the theoretical probability as the number of trials increases
- The principle that, in the case of equally likely outcomes, the probability is given by the number of outcomes of interest divided by the total number of outcomes
- The following terminology: trial, outcome, set of all possible outcomes, relative frequency, event, theoretical probability, equally likely outcomes
- How to estimate probabilities from experimental data

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie http://www.cso.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.20

Three class periods

Title

Fair trials with two dice

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Plan3: Fair Trials with Two Dice

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Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to list all the possible outcomes for throwing 2 dice using a two way table
- How to relate the number of outcomes to the fundamental principle of counting
- What the concept of *fairness* means in a game with 2 dice
- How to come up with rules for a game which make it fair/unfair
- How to construct a probability table
- The relationship between an event and its complement
- How to determine the probability of an event using the results of an experiment and use this to predict the result of a repetition of the experiment, for equally likely outcomes

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie
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Lesson Idea 2.21

Three class periods

Title

Outcomes of “two coin” tosses including tree diagrams and tossing one coin and 1 die

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Plan4: Outcomes of two coin tosses

NCCA Student Resources

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to list the possible outcomes when tossing a coin and calculate the probability of getting a head or a tail
- How to list all the possible outcomes when tossing 2 coins
- How to use a tree diagram and two way table to list all the possible outcomes when tossing a coin
- How to relate the number of outcomes to the fundamental principle of counting
- How to determine the probability of an event using the results of an experiment and use this to predict the result of a repetition of the experiment, for equally likely outcomes.
- The use of the term “independent events”
- How to use tree diagrams and two way tables in other scenarios

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie http://www.cso.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.22

Two class periods

Title

Probability with playing cards, spinners, urns with different coloured objects

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Plan 5: Introduction to Playing Cards

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Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- A standard deck of playing cards, knowing the names of the 4 suits, how many cards in a pack, how many in each suit, and the names of the cards in each suit
- How to calculate the theoretical probability of picking different cards from the pack
- Probabilities with spinners or urns with different coloured objects

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie http://www.cso.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.23

Five class periods

Title

Statistics - Revising and building on first year material using a statistical investigation

Resources

The Data Handling Cycle (available at www.projectmaths.ie)

NCE-MSTL 2009 Summer Course in Statistics and Probability

Statistics and Probability PMDT evening course 2010 modules 1 -5 (see www.projectmaths.ie)

NCCA Student Resources

Appendix C of this document “How to use *CensusAtSchool*”



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The purpose of statistics
- The use of statistics to gather information from a sample of the population with the intention of making generalisations about the whole population
- Misconceptions and misuses of statistics
- How to formulate one (or more) questions that can be answered with data
- How to plan an investigation involving statistics and conduct the investigation using the data handling cycle:
 - Pose one (or more) questions that can be answered with data
 - Collect data
 - Analyse the data
 - Interpret the results
 - Refine the question if necessary
- The different ways of collecting data, e.g. *CensusAtSchool* questionnaire
- **How to select a sample (simple random sample)**
- **The importance of representativeness so as to avoid biased samples**
- The different types of data:
 - category (nominal and ordinal)
 - numeric (discrete or continuous)
- How to summarise data in diagrammatic form including spreadsheets
- How to use bar charts, line plots, stem and leaf plots to display data
- How to select appropriate graphical methods to describe the sample
- Measures of central tendency: mean, mode, median
- Range as a measure of spread

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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	www.CensusAtSchool.ie http://www.cso.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.24

Four class periods

Title

Data handling cycle for categorical data

Resources

The Data Handling Cycle (available at www.projectmaths.ie)

NCE-MSTL 2009 Summer Course in Statistics and Probability

Statistics and Probability PMDT evening course 2010 modules 1 -5 (see www.projectmaths.ie)

NCCA Student Resources

Appendix C of this document “How to use *CensusAtSchool*”

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to pose a question yielding categorical data (possibly from census at school questionnaire)
- How to collect categorical data (possibly from census at school questionnaire)
- How to use bar charts as a graphical representation of the categorical data using frequency on the y-axis
- How to use bar charts as a graphical representation of the categorical data using relative frequency(percentages) on the y-axis
- How to use a line plot as a graphical representation of categorical data
- How to use pie charts to compare “part to whole” with reference to previous work on ratio and proportion
- The effectiveness of the different graphical representations for categorical data
- How to use the mode as a measure of central tendency
- How to draw conclusions related to the original question

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie
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	http://www.cso.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.25

Five class periods

Title

Data handling cycle for continuous numeric data

Resources

The Data Handling Cycle (available at www.projectmaths.ie)

NCE-MSTL 2009 Summer Course in Statistics and Probability

Statistics and Probability PMDT evening course 2010 modules 1 -5 (see www.projectmaths.ie)

NCCA Student Resources

Appendix C of this document “How to use *CensusAtSchool*”

Student’s CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to pose a question yielding numeric continuous data (possibly from census at school questionnaire)
- How to collect numeric continuous data (possibly from census at school questionnaire)
- How to use a line plot, if feasible, as a graphical representation of the ungrouped continuous numeric data
- How to use a stem and leaf plot as a graphical representation of the ungrouped continuous numeric data
- The effect of splitting stems in a stem and leaf plot if data is suitable
- Range as a measure of spread
- How to group data into equal class intervals in a grouped frequency table
- Histograms with equal class intervals for numeric continuous data and relationship with stem and leaf plots
- Histograms with relative frequency (percentages) on the y - axis
- The effect of interval width on the information conveyed by the histogram
- The effectiveness of the different graphical representations for numeric continuous data
- How to use the various graphical representations to describe what is typical in the data using concepts of shape and measures of central tendency: mean, mode, median
- **Mean of a grouped frequency distribution (HL only)**
- How to relate the interpretation to the original question posed

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie http://www.cso.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.26

Two class periods

Title

Evaluate the effectiveness of different displays in representing the findings of a statistical investigation conducted by others

Resources

The Data Handling Cycle (available at www.projectmaths.ie)

NCE-MSTL 2009 Summer Course in Statistics and Probability

Statistics and Probability PMDT evening course 2010 modules 1 -5 (see www.projectmaths.ie)

NCCA Student Resources

Graphical representations of data from media sources

Appendix C of this document “How to use *CensusAtSchool*”

Student’s CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- How to evaluate the effectiveness of different displays in representing the findings of a statistical investigation conducted by others

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/ www.CensusAtSchool.ie http://www.cso.ie/
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Section 9 Synthetic Geometry 1

A possible sequence for teaching second year students

While proofs are not the issue as regards informal introduction, it is important that students are kept aware that the theorems build logically.

Concepts:

Set, plane, point, line, ray, angle, real number, length, degree. Triangle, right-angle, congruent triangles, parallel lines, area, line segment, collinear points, distance, reflex angle, ordinary angle, straight angle, null angle, full angle, supplementary angles, vertically-opposite angles, acute angle, obtuse angle, angle bisector, perpendicular lines, perpendicular bisector of a line segment, isosceles triangle, equilateral triangle, scalene triangle, right-angled triangle, exterior angles of a triangle, interior opposite angles, alternate angles, corresponding angles, transversal line, circle.

Refer to the syllabus for the “Geometry for Post - primary School Mathematics” which sets out the agreed course in geometry for both Junior Certificate Mathematics and Leaving Certificate Mathematics. Strand 2 of the relevant syllabus document specifies the learning outcomes at the different syllabus levels.

Refer to Appendix A: “Geometry - Thinking at different levels - The Van Hiele Theory”

Refer to Appendix B for the “Guide to Axioms, Theorems and Constructions for all Levels”

Information Technology is used whenever and wherever appropriate to help to present

mathematical concepts effectively to students. In this document the  symbol appears at the corresponding position of the content to indicate that an interactive IT module is available on the Project Maths Student’s CD.

Teachers are also strongly recommended to use the Geometry Lesson Ideas in the “Junior Certificate Guidelines for Teachers” (DES 2002, Government Publications Sales Office). It is also available to download at www.projectmaths.ie.

As outlined at the workshops, the use of manipulative products such as “geostrips”, “anglegs”, geo-boards etc. can make the learning so much more enjoyable for students of all perceived abilities.

Note on experimentation and experimental results:

With experimentation, when we measure, the results are only approximations and won’t agree exactly. It is important for students to report faithfully what they find e.g. for a triangle they could find that the sum of the angles to be 179^0 or 181 etc. The conclusion is that the angles appear to add up to 180^0 . This is a plausible working assumption. There is a distinction between what you can discover and what you can prove.

In first year we were experimenting and using words. In second year we start to problem solve in concrete situations and then in third year we prove things.

Lesson Idea 2.27

One class period

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lessons 1.12 and 1.13

Geometry: preliminary concepts

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Plan 6: Planes and points

Plan 7: Introduction to Angles

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Junior Certificate Guidelines for Teachers (DES 2002, Government Publications Sales Office). It is also available to download at www.projectmaths.ie.

Dynamic software package

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Plane, points, lines, line segments, rays, collinear points, length of a line segment
- **Axiom 1:** There is exactly one line through any two given points.
- **Axiom 2:** [Ruler Axiom]: The properties of the distance between points (*Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics* page 8)
- Angle as a rotation, angles in different orientations.
- How to estimate angles in degrees, naming angles
- Terms: Perpendicular, parallel, vertical, horizontal
- **Axiom 3:** Protractor Axiom (The properties of the degree measure of an angle).

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

http://www.examinations.ie/

Lesson Idea 2.28

One class period

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lessons 1.14 and 1.15
Measuring angles, Theorem 1

Resources

A mathematical instruments set, angle estimator

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

NCCA Student Resources

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Measuring of angles using the protractor
- Possible misconceptions: Students thinking that size of an angle varies with arm or arc-length; failure to recognise equal angles in different orientations
Common error: Reading from the incorrect scale on the protractor
- Addition of angles (**Axiom 3**: see *Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics* page 10)
- A straight angle has 180° (supplementary angles)
- Vertically opposite angles
- Theorem 1: Vertically opposite angles are equal in measure.

Suggested class activities

For students with mild general learning disabilities see the activities on pages 128 – 134 of the NCCA *Guidelines for Teachers of Students with Mild General Learning Disabilities* at http://www.ncca.ie/uploadedfiles/PP_Maths.pdf

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

	http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.29

One class period

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lessons 1.16 and 1.17

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Dynamic software package

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The use of the compass
- Construction 8: Line segment of a given length on a given ray
- Construction 9: Angle of a given number of degrees with a given ray as one arm

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Lesson Idea 2.30

Two class periods

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lessons 1.18 and **Construction 7 (higher level only)**

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Dynamic software package

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Construction 5: Line parallel to a given line, through a given point
- **Axiom 5**: Given any line l and a point P , there is exactly one line through P that is parallel to l .
- Construction 6: Division of a line segment into 2 or 3 equal segments without measuring it

Construction 7: **Division of a line segment into any number of equal segments without measuring it (Higher Level Only)**

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

[http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum and Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/](http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/)

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Lesson Idea 2.31

Two class periods

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on **Lesson Idea 1.26**

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Junior Certificate Guidelines for Teachers (DES 2002, Government Publications Sales Office €3.81).

It is also available to download at www.projectmaths.ie.

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Triangles: scalene, isosceles, equilateral, right-angled
- Construction 10: Triangle given SSS – Congruent triangles (Axiom 4)
- Construction 11: Triangle given SAS - Congruent triangles (Axiom 4)

Suggested class activities

Geometry Lesson Idea Ideas 1 and 14 in *Junior Certificate Guidelines for Teachers*

Lesson Idea 1 (pp. 58 - 59) aims to help students to recognise various types of triangles and provide them with concrete experience of dealing with triangles.

Lesson Idea 14 (pp. 72 – 73) introduces students to the idea of congruency with concrete materials

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.32

Two class periods

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lesson Ideas 1.27 and 1.28

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Dynamic software package

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Construction 12: Triangle given ASA - Congruent triangles (Axiom 4)
- More constructions of triangles with SSS, SAS and ASA
- By construction, show that AAA and AAS are not sufficient conditions for congruence.
- Theorem 2: (i) In an isosceles triangle the angles opposite the equal sides are equal.
(ii) Conversely, if two angles are equal, then the triangle is isosceles

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Lesson Idea 2.33

Two class periods

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lesson Ideas 1.29 and 1.30

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Junior Certificate Guidelines for Teachers (DES 2002, Government Publications Sales Office €3.81).

It is also available to download at www.projectmaths.ie.

Dynamic software package

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Alternate angles by examples and measuring
- Theorem 3: (i) If a transversal makes equal alternate angles on two lines, then the lines are parallel.
(ii) Conversely, if two lines are parallel, then any transversal will make equal alternate angles with them.
- *Theorem 4: The angles in any triangle add to 180° .
- Corresponding angles explained by examples and measuring
- Theorem 5: Two lines are parallel if and only if for any transversal, corresponding angles are equal.
- *Theorem 6: Each exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the interior opposite angles.

Suggested class activities

See Geometry Lesson Idea 4 in “Junior Certificate Guidelines for Teachers”, page 62. Available at www.projectmaths.ie

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.34

One class period

Title

Revision of first year material – a complete recap on Lesson Ideas 1.31 and 1.32

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Construction 1: Use of compass to bisect an angle
- Construction 2: Use of compass to draw the perpendicular bisector of a line segment
- Construction 3: Line perpendicular to a given line l , passing through a given point
- Construction 4: Line perpendicular to a given line l , passing through a given point on l

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum and Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 10 Transformation geometry

Lesson Idea 2.35

Two class periods

Title

Introduction to translations

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Translations- an intuitive approach using drawings
- Image of a line, of an angle, of a triangle

Suggested class activities

Students might engage in the following investigations:

Does a translation preserve length?

Does a translation preserve angle size?

Does a translation maps a line onto a parallel line?

Does a translation map a triangle onto a congruent triangle?

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.36

Two class periods

Title

Axial symmetry, axis of symmetry - revision of and building on Lesson Idea 1.19 from first year

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Axial symmetry- an intuitive approach using drawings
- Image of a line, of an angle, of a triangle
- Axis of symmetry

Suggested class activities

Students might engage in the following investigations:

Does an axial symmetry preserve length?

Does an axial symmetry preserve angle size?

Does an axial symmetry maps a line onto a parallel line?

Does an axial symmetry map a triangle onto a congruent triangle?

How many axes of symmetry does an isosceles triangle have?

How many axes of symmetry does an equilateral triangle have?

How many axes of symmetry does a circle have?

(Draw examples of the above)

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.37

Two class periods

Title

Introduction to Central symmetry, centre of symmetry - revision of and building on Lesson Idea 1.20 from first year

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Student's CD 

Dynamic software package

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Central symmetry- an intuitive approach using drawings
- Image of a line, of an angle, of a triangle
- Centre of symmetry

Suggested class activities

Students might engage in the following investigations:

Does a central symmetry preserve length?

Does a central symmetry preserve angle size?

Does a central symmetry map a line onto a parallel line?

Does a central symmetry map a triangle onto a congruent triangle?

Does an isosceles triangle have a centre of symmetry?

Does an equilateral triangle have a centre of symmetry?

Which types of triangle have a centre of symmetry?

Does a circle have a centre of symmetry?

Useful websites

www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Section 11 Synthetic Geometry 2

Lesson Idea 2.38

Two class periods

Title

Parallelograms and Theorem 9

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Student's CD 

Dynamic software package

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Properties of parallelograms
- ***Theorem 9:** In a parallelogram, opposite sides are equal, and opposite angles are equal. (**Proof required for Higher Level only**).
- Conversely, (1) if the opposite angles of a convex quadrilateral are equal, then it is a parallelogram; (2) if the opposite sides of a convex quadrilateral are equal, then it is a parallelogram.

Higher Level Only

Corollary 1: A diagonal divides a parallelogram into two congruent triangles.

- Remark 1 of *Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics*: Sometimes it happens that the converse of a true statement is false. For example, it is true that if a quadrilateral is a rhombus, then its diagonals are perpendicular. But it is not true that a quadrilateral whose diagonals are perpendicular is always a rhombus.
- Remark 2 of *Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics*: The converse of Corollary 1 is false: it may happen that a diagonal divides a convex quadrilateral into two congruent triangles, even though the quadrilateral is not a parallelogram.

Suggested class activities

Students might engage in the following investigations which lead to an informal proof of theorem 9:

Draw a parallelogram ABCD which is not a rectangle or a rhombus

Draw in one diagonal BD

Mark in all the alternate angles –you should have 2 pairs

Can you see why triangles ABD and BCD are congruent? (Give a reason)

What does this tell you about the opposite sides of ABCD?

What can you deduce about the opposite angles of ABCD?

Possible further investigations:

Does the diagonal bisect the angles at the vertex?

What is the sum of the four angles of parallelogram ABCD?

What would you get if you add two adjacent angles of the parallelogram? Why?

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.39

Two class periods

Title

More about parallelograms and Theorem 10

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Student's CD 

Dynamic software package

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Theorem 10: The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other.
- Conversely, if the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect one another, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.

Suggested class activities

Students might engage in the following investigations which lead to an informal proof of the theorem:

Draw a parallelogram ABCD which is not a rectangle or a rhombus

Draw in the two diagonals AC and BD intersecting at E

Are the two diagonals equal in length? (Measure)

Mark in all the equal sides and angles in the triangles AED and BEC

Can you see why triangles ADE and BEC are congruent? (Give a reason)

Possible further investigations:

Are the triangles AEB and DEC congruent? Give a reason.
 Are the diagonals perpendicular? Can you give a reason?
 Are there 4 congruent triangles in the parallelogram?
 Do the diagonals bisect the vertex angles of the parallelogram?
 How many axes of symmetry does the parallelogram have?
 Does the parallelogram have a centre of symmetry? If so, where is it located?

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.40

Two class periods

Title

Investigations of quadrilaterals: square, rhombus, parallelogram, rectangle.

Resources

A mathematical instruments set

Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics

Student's CD 

Dynamic software package

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The properties of different quadrilaterals

Suggested class activities

Students might engage in the following investigations about a square, rhombus, parallelogram and rectangle:

Describe each of these in words.

Draw 3 examples of each in different orientations.

Which sides are equal?

What is the sum of all the angles?

Are all angles equal? Which angles are equal?

What is the sum of 2 adjacent angles?

Does a diagonal bisect the angles it passes through?

Are the diagonals perpendicular?
Does a diagonal divide it into two congruent triangles?
Given the length of its sides, can you calculate the length of a diagonal?
Are the two diagonals equal in length?
Do the diagonals divide it into 4 congruent triangles?
Do the diagonals bisect each other?

How many axes of symmetry does a square have?
How many axes of symmetry does a rectangle (not a square) have?
How many axes of symmetry does a parallelogram (not a rectangle) have?
How many axes of symmetry does a rhombus have?
(Draw them in on your diagrams, cut out and fold).
In the case of each shape, does it have a centre of symmetry? If so, indicate them on your diagrams.

Option: do the above investigations on a KITE.

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Section 12 Ratio and proportion

Lesson Idea 2.41

Five class periods

Title

Ratio and proportion

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Ratio and proportion

Student's CD



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Distinguish between absolute comparison and relative comparison
- See ratios as comparing part to part and fractions as comparing part to whole, where the quantities being compared have the same units.
- See rates as the ratio of two quantities having different units
- Appreciate the importance of order when dealing with ratios
- Find equivalent ratios
- Divide a number into a given ratio
- Recognise a proportion as a statement of equivalent ratios $5:2 = 10:4$ or set up a proportion to find x as in $5:2 = 8:x$
- Distinguish between proportional and non proportional situations recognising the multiplicative relationship that exists between the quantities in proportional situations as seen in tables, graphs and algebraic expressions
- Use a variety of techniques including the unitary method, factor of scale and tables, to solve proportional tasks and to recognise that these techniques are all related
- Solve problems involving proportional reasoning in different contexts
- How to draw and interpret scaled diagrams

Useful websites



www.projectmaths.ie

http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/

http://www.examinations.ie/

Section 13 Trigonometry

Lesson Idea 2.42

One class period

Title

Revision of Pythagoras' Theorem (see Lesson Idea 2.10)

Resources

Mathematical set

Graph paper

NCCA Mathematics Resources for Students - Junior Certificate Strand 2

Dynamic software package

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- Pythagoras' Theorem using models and using algebra to generalise
- That there are an infinite number of Pythagorean triples
- How to apply the result of the theorem of Pythagoras to solve right - angled triangle problems of a simple nature involving heights and distances

Useful websites



<http://www.projectmaths.ie/>

[http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum and Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/](http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/)

<http://www.examinations.ie/>

Lesson Idea 2.43

Two class periods

Title

The application of scaled diagrams to trigonometry

Resources

Graph paper, mathematical set

Dynamic software package

Calculator

NCCA Mathematics Resources for Students – Junior Certificate Strand 2
Teaching and Learning Plan 8:
Introduction to Trigonometry



Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The use of diagrams drawn to scale to measure angles of elevation and depression and unknown lengths

Useful websites

	http://www.projectmaths.ie/ http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Lesson Idea 2.44

Five class periods

Title

Trigonometric ratios in right-angled triangles (sine, cosine, tangent)

Resources

Graph paper, mathematical set, dynamic software package, calculator, NCCA Mathematics Resources for Students – Junior Certificate Strand 2
Teaching and Learning Plan 8: *Introduction to Trigonometry*
Available at www.projectmaths.ie

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

- The labelling of the sides of a right-angled triangle (opposite, adjacent and hypotenuse)
- The meaning of complementary angles
- Understanding sine, cosine and tangent as the ratios between the sides of the triangle
- The use of these ratios in a practical way to solve unknowns in right-angled triangles
- The use of a clinometer in conjunction with trigonometry to solve practical problems

Useful websites

	http://www.projectmaths.ie/ http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Post-Primary_Education/Project_Maths/
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Appendix A Geometry: Thinking at Different Levels

The Van Hiele Theory

The **Van Hiele model** describes how students learn geometry. Pierre van Hiele and Dina van Hiele-Geldof, mathematics teachers from the Netherlands, observed their geometry students in the 1950's. The following is a brief summary of the Van Hiele theory. According to this theory, students progress through 5 levels of thinking starting from merely recognising a shape to being able to write a formal proof. The levels are as follows:

*Visualisation (Level 0)

The objects of thought are shapes and what they look like.

Students have an overall impression of a shape. The appearance of a shape is what is important. They may think that a rotated square is a “diamond” and not a square because it is different from their visual image of a square. They will be able to distinguish shapes like triangles, squares, rectangles etc but will not be able to explain, for example, what makes a rectangle a rectangle. **Vocabulary:** Students use visual words like “pointy”, “curvy”, “corner” as well as correct language like angle, rectangle and parallelogram.

*Analysis (Level 1)

The objects of thought are “classes” of shapes rather than individual shapes.

- Students think about what makes a rectangle a rectangle and can separate the defining characteristics of a rectangle from irrelevant information like size and orientation. They recognize its parts (sides, diagonals and angles) and compare their properties (similar, congruent)
- They understand that if a shape belongs to a class like “rectangle”, then it has all the properties of that class (2 pairs of equal sides, right angles, 2 equal diagonals, 2 axes of symmetry).
- **Vocabulary:** words like parallel, perpendicular and congruent relating to properties within a figure and the words all, always, sometimes, never, alike, different.
- A concise definition of a figure, using a sufficient rather than an exhaustive list of properties is not possible at this level.
- They do not deal with questions like “Is a square a parallelogram?” but just look at the properties of each class of shape, without comparing the classes.

*Some visualisation and analysis is covered in Primary School.

Relational/ Ordering/Informal Deduction (Level 2)

The objects of thought are the properties of shapes.

- Students are ready to understand interrelationships of properties within figures and between figures. Opposite sides of a parallelogram are parallel and opposite angles are equal.
- A rectangle is a parallelogram since it has all the properties of a parallelogram as well as all 90° angles.
- Students can recognise the difference between a statement and its converse. All squares are rectangles (true) is different from all rectangles are squares (not true).
- Capable of “**if –then**” thinking – if a shape is a rectangle then all the angles in it are right angles. If $|\angle A| = |\angle B|$ and $|\angle B| = |\angle C|$ then $|\angle A| = |\angle C|$
- They can select one or two properties to define a figure rather than an exhaustive list. If a quadrilateral has 4 equal sides and one right angle it must be a square.
- Students can discover new properties by simple deduction. The 2 acute angles in a right angled triangle add to 90° because all the angles in a triangle add up to 180° . They can explain logically without having to measure everything.

Formal deduction (Level 3)

Students learn how to use an axiomatic system to establish geometric theory. This is the level at which proof of Theorems is learned. The sequence of theorems given in the appendix is arranged in such a manner that each theorem builds on the previous theorem(s).

Rigor (Level 4)

Comparing different axiomatic systems – not done at secondary level

Characteristics of these levels: Students cannot function at any particular level unless they are competent at all previous levels. The teacher’s role is crucial in structuring activities to bring students from one level to the next.

How does the teacher bring students from any one level to the next?

5 phases of learning:

1. In an informal discussion of the topic, students are asked to give their initial observations.
2. The teacher provides structured activities such as drawing, making and measuring.
3. The students then verbalise and write down what they have learned and report back in groups to the class, which leads to a class discussion.
4. The teacher then provides an activity which will require students to apply what they have discovered
5. In the last stage students are required to summarise all they have learned and should be able to remember it as they have discovered it through guidance.

A PowerPoint presentation of the Van Hiele theory can be got at www.projectmaths.ie

2 examples are given on the PowerPoint slides

- (1) Using similar triangles to show advancement between levels and
- (2) Using an investigation of the rhombus to show how to progress from level 0 to level 1 with this figure using the 5 teaching phases.

A mind map of Van Hiele can be found at

http://agutie.homestead.com/files/mindmap/van_hiele_geometry_level.html

Appendix B

Guide to Theorems, Axioms and Constructions at all Levels*

This is intended as a quick guide to the various axioms, theorems and constructions as set out in the *Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics*. You can get this from the project maths website: www.projectmaths.ie

It is not intended as a replacement for this document, merely as an aid to reading at a glance which material is required to be studied at various levels. The sequence of theorems as given must be followed.

As stated in the heading, these theorems and constructions are underpinned by 46 definitions and 20 propositions which are all set out in the *Geometry Course for Post-Primary School Mathematics*, along with many undefined terms and definable terms used without explicit definition.

*An **axiom** is a statement accepted without proof, as a basis for argument

*A **theorem** is a statement deduced from the axioms by logical argument. Theorems can also be deduced from previously established theorems.

* A **proposition** is a useful or interesting statement that could be proved at this point, but whose proof is not stipulated as an essential part of the programme. Teachers are free to deal with them as they see fit, but they should be mentioned, at least (Appendix p. 20, footnote).

*The instruments that may be used for **constructions** are listed and described on page 38 of the Appendix and are a straight edge, compass, ruler, protractor and set-square.

Terms	Students at Junior Certificate Higher level and Leaving Certificate Ordinary level will be expected to understand the meanings of the following terms related to logic and deductive reasoning: Theorem, proof, axiom, corollary, converse, implies. In addition, students at Leaving Certificate Higher level will be expected to understand the meanings of the following terms related to logic and deductive reasoning: Is equivalent to, if and only if, proof by contradiction.
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Synthetic Geometry

Guide to Axioms, Theorems and Constructions for all Levels

Information Technology is used whenever and wherever appropriate to help to present mathematical concepts

effectively to students. In this document the  symbol appears at the corresponding position of the content to indicate that an interactive IT module is available on the Project Maths Student's CD.

	Axioms and Theorems (supported by 46 definitions, 20 propositions) *proof required for JCHL and LCHL ** proof required for LCHL only	CMN Introd. Course	JC ORD	JC HR	LC FDN	LC ORD	LC HR
	Axiom 1: There is exactly one line through any two given points	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Axiom 2: [Ruler Axiom]: The properties of the distance between points.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	 Axiom 3: Protractor Axiom (The properties of the degree measure of an angle).	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	 Vertically opposite angles are equal in measure.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Axiom 4: Congruent triangles conditions (SSS, SAS, ASA)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	 In an isosceles triangle the angles opposite the equal sides are equal. Conversely, if two angles are equal, then the triangle is isosceles.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Axiom 5: Given any line l and a point P , there is exactly one line through P that is parallel to l .	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	 If a transversal makes equal alternate angles on two lines then the lines are parallel. Conversely, if two lines are parallel, then any transversal will make equal alternate angles with them.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4*	 The angles in any triangle add to 180° .	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	 Two lines are parallel if, and only if, for any transversal, the corresponding angles are equal.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6*	 Each exterior angle of a triangle is equal to the sum of the interior opposite angles.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	 The angle opposite the greater of two sides is greater than the angles opposite the lesser. Conversely, the side opposite the greater of two angles is greater than the side opposite the lesser angle.					✓	✓
8	 Two sides of a triangle are together greater than the third.					✓	✓
9*	 In a parallelogram, opposite sides are equal, and opposite angles are equal. Conversely, (1) if the opposite angles of a convex quadrilateral are equal, then it is a parallelogram; (2) if the opposite sides of a convex quadrilateral are equal, then it is a parallelogram.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Corollary 1. A diagonal divides a parallelogram into two congruent triangles.			✓			✓
10	 The diagonals of a parallelogram bisect each other. Conversely, if the diagonals of a quadrilateral bisect one another, then the quadrilateral is a parallelogram.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

	Axioms and Theorems (supported by 46 definitions, 20 propositions) *proof required for JCHL and LCHL ** proof required for LCHL only	CMN Introd. Course	JC ORD	JC HR	LC FDN	LC ORD	LC HR
11**	 If three parallel lines cut off equal segments on some transversal line, then they will cut off equal segments on any other transversal.			✓		✓	✓
12**	 Let ABC be a triangle. If a line l is parallel to BC and cuts [AB] in the ratio m:n, then it also cuts [AC] in the same ratio. Conversely, if the sides of two triangles are in proportion, then the two triangles are similar.			✓		✓	✓
13**	 If two triangles are similar, then their sides are proportional, in order (and converse)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14*	 [Theorem of Pythagoras] In a right-angled triangle the square of the hypotenuse is the sum of the squares of the other two sides.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	 [Converse to Pythagoras]. If the square of one side of a triangle is the sum of the squares of the other two, then the angle opposite the first side is a right angle.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Proposition 9: (RHS). If two right-angled triangles have hypotenuse and another side equal in length respectively, then they are congruent.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	 For a triangle, base x height does not depend on the choice of base.					✓	✓
	Definition 38: The area of a triangle is half the base by the height.					✓	✓
17	 A diagonal of a parallelogram bisects the area.					✓	✓
18	 The area of a parallelogram is the base x height.					✓	✓
19*	 The angle at the centre of a circle standing on a given arc is twice the angle at any point of the circle standing on the same arc.			✓			✓
	Corollary 2†: All angles at points of a circle, standing on the same arc are equal (and converse).			✓			✓
	Corollary 3: Each angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Corollary 4: If the angle standing on a chord [BC] at some point of the circle is a right-angle, then [BC] is a diameter.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Corollary 5: If ABCD is a cyclic quadrilateral, then opposite angles sum to 180°.			✓			✓
20	 (i) Each tangent is perpendicular to the radius that goes to the point of contact. (ii) If P lies on the circle S, and a line l is perpendicular to the radius to P, then l is a tangent to S.					✓	✓
	Corollary 6: If two circles intersect at one point only, then the two centres and the point of contact are collinear.					✓	✓
21	 (i) The perpendicular from the centre to a chord bisects the chord. (ii) The perpendicular bisector of a chord passes through the centre.					✓	✓

† The corollaries are numbered as in the *Geometry for Post-primary School Mathematics*; corollary 2 is the first one relating to theorem 19

	Constructions (Supported by 46 definitions, 20 propositions, 5 axioms and 21 theorems)	CMN Introd. Course	JC ORD	JC HR	LC FN	LC ORD	LC HR
1	 Bisector of an angle, using only compass and straight edge.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	 Perpendicular bisector of a segment, using only compass and straight edge.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	 Line perpendicular to a given line l , passing through a given point not on l .		✓	✓			✓
4	 Line perpendicular to a given line l , passing through a given point on l .	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	 Line parallel to given line, through a given point.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	 Division of a line segment into 2 or 3 equal segments without measuring it.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Division of a line segment into any number of equal segments, without measuring it.			✓			✓
8	 Line segment of a given length on a given ray.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	 Angle of a given number of degrees with a given ray as one arm.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	 Triangle, given lengths of 3 sides.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	 Triangle, given SAS data.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	 Triangle, given ASA data		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	 Right-angled triangle, given length of hypotenuse and one other side		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	 Right-angled triangle, given one side and one of the acute angles.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	 Rectangle given side lengths.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	 Circumcentre and circumcircle of a given triangle, using only straight edge and compass.					✓	✓
17	 Incentre and incircle of a triangle of a given triangle, using only straight edge and compass.					✓	✓
18	 Angle of 60° without using a protractor or set square.				✓	✓	✓
19	 Tangent to a given circle at a given point on it.				✓	✓	✓
20	 Parallelogram, given the length of the sides and the measure of the angles.				✓	✓	✓
21	 Centroid of a triangle.					✓	✓
22	 Orthocentre of a triangle.						✓

Lesson Idea 1.x(CIC)

6/7 class periods

Title

Number system $\mathbb{Z}$

Resources

Teaching and Learning Plan:

Integers

Student's CD 

Content

These lessons will involve the students in investigating and understanding:

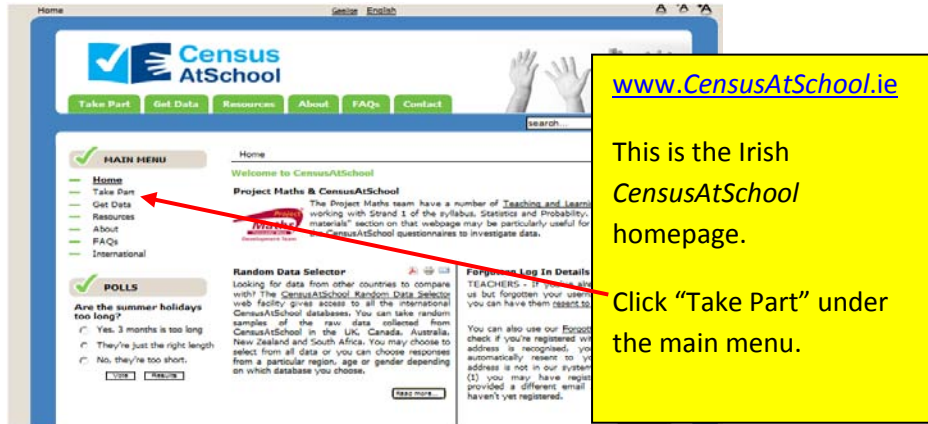
- The operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division for $\mathbb{Z}$ using models such as the number line

Useful websites

	www.projectmaths.ie http://ncca.ie/en/Curriculum and Assessment/Post-Primary Education/Project Maths/ http://www.examinations.ie/
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Appendix C

How to register for *CensusAtSchool*, complete online questionnaires and retrieve class data



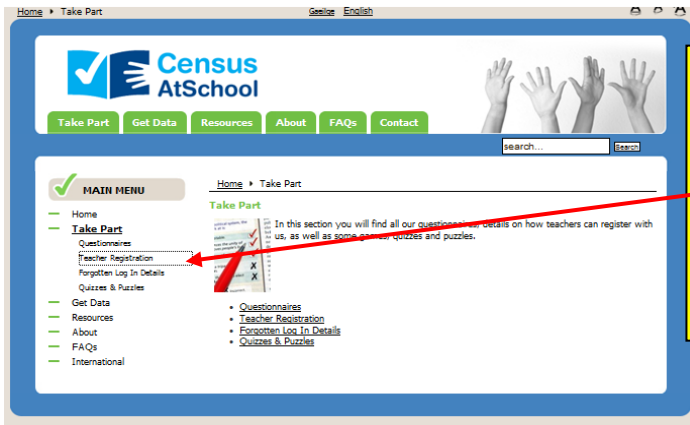
www.CensusAtSchool.ie

This is the Irish *CensusAtSchool* homepage.

Click "Take Part" under the main menu.

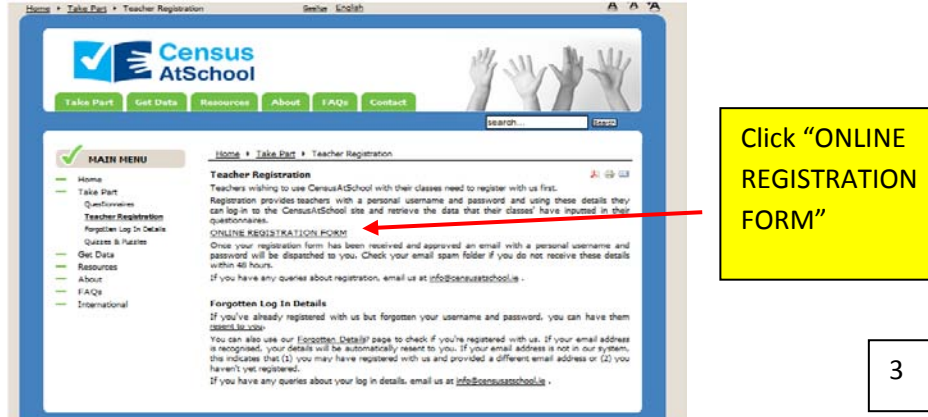
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Part 1: Registration



Click "Teacher Registration" under "Take Part" in the main menu

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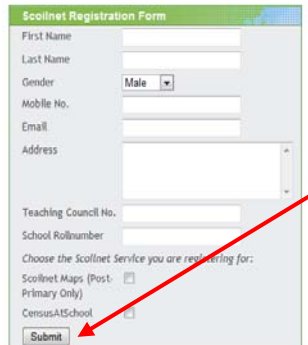


Click "ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM"

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Scoilnet Registration Form

Please fill out the registration form completely.



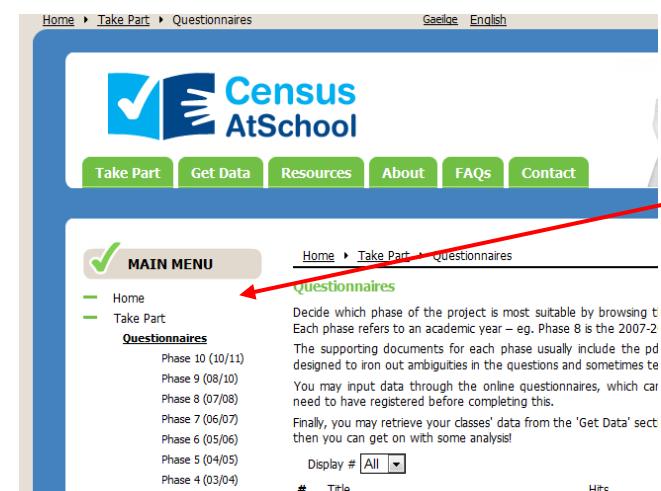
Fill out and click on "Submit"

Once your registration form has been received and approved an email with a personal username and password will be dispatched to you.

Check your email spam folder if you do not receive these details within 48 hours.

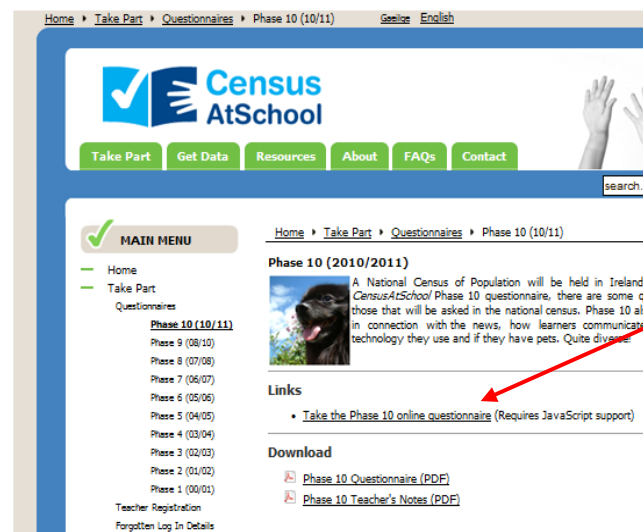
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Part 2: Accessing the questionnaires -use the highest phase available



Click "Take Part",
"Questionnaires"
and then click
"Phase 10" or
highest phase.

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Click "Take the
Phase 10
questionnaire"

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Part 3: Filling out the questionnaire

The screenshot shows the PHPSURVEYOR security question page. It asks the user to confirm access to the survey by answering a security question. The security question is '4 + 75 ='. There is a text input field for the answer and a 'Continue' button. A red arrow points to the 'Continue' button.

Fill in and
click on
"Continue"

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The screenshot shows the 'A Note On Privacy' page. It explains that the survey is anonymous and that the record kept of responses does not contain any identifying information. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Exit and Clear Survey', 'Load Unfinished Survey', and 'Next >>'. A red arrow points to the 'Next >>' button.

Ensure you
have your
teacher's
username
and the
school roll
number.

click on
"Next"

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CensusAtSchool Phase 10 Questionnaire

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English

School Details

*Please enter your School Roll Number

? If you do not know your school Roll Number please ask your teacher

*Please enter your Teacher's Username

? Eg., mkelly4416. If you do not know this, please ask your teacher

*Please enter the name of your School

*Please enter your class or year

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PHPSURVEYOR

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About You

*8. a) How tall are you without shoes? (Answer in centimetres)

Only numbers may be entered in this field

? Enter your height in centimetres (cm) in the box provided. This must be in the range 90cm-205

*8. b) What is the length of your right foot to the nearest tenth of a centimetre?

Only numbers may be entered in this field

? Enter your foot length in centimetres (cm) in the box provided. This must be in the range 12cm

*8. c) What is your open arm span? (Answer in centimetres)

Only numbers may be entered in this field

? Enter the length of your arm span in centimetres (cm) in the box provided. This must be in the

*8. d) Which hand do you write with?

Choose one of the following answers

Left

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Part 4 Now that my students have filled in the data – What next?

Home > Get Data

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 - DataTool
 - Random Data Selector
 - Results
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Get Data

In this section you can view results from previous classes' data or use the Random Data Selector

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Logging in to retrieve data

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Home > Login

To access the private area of this site, please log in.

Username

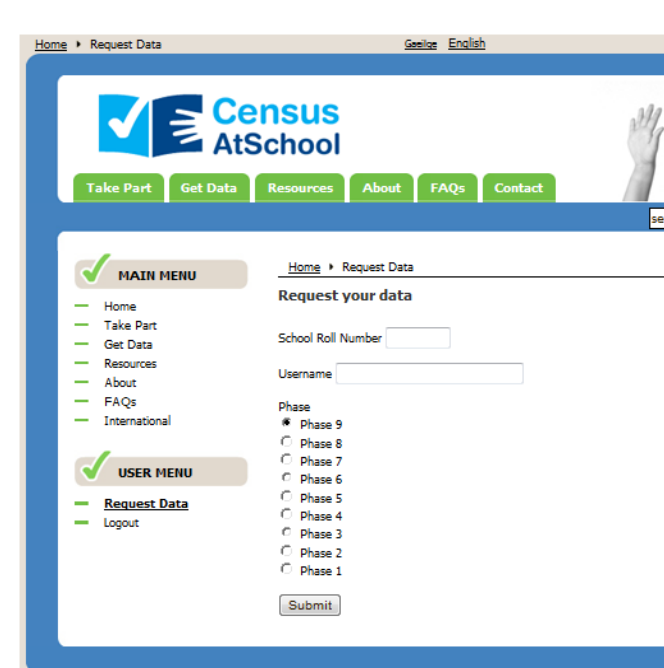
Password

Remember Me

Login

Forgot your username or password?

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Once logged in you will be asked for your school roll number and username.

Select whichever phase your students have completed. Click on "Submit" and your data will be returned to you immediately in spreadsheet form.

Your data will look similar to the spreadsheet below.

Sex	BrthMnth	BrthYear	BrthPlce	BedRms	PeoplHm	InetAxs	NumPts	PtsNone	PtsDog	PtsCat	PtsMouse	PtsRabt
Female	July	1992	New Sout	4	5	Yes - broa	4	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Female	February	1996	Australian	4	5	Yes - broa	4	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Male	September	1994	Victoria	4	5	Yes - dial-	5	No	Yes	No	No	No
Female	September	1991	Fiji	4	4	No - Inter	0	Yes	No	No	No	No
Male	August	1993	Queensla	3	4	No - Inter	0	No	No	No	No	No
Female	December	1993	Tasmania	3	5	Yes - dial-	3	No	No	Yes	No	No
Female	August	1990	Queensla	4	5	Yes - broa	3	No	Yes	No	No	No
Female	November	1991	New Sout	11	5	Yes - dial-	4	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Male	June	1995	Victoria	3	5	Yes - othe	6	No	Yes	No	No	No
Female	March	1993	Western A	30	122	No - Inter	2	No	Yes	No	No	No
Female	December	1989	Queensla	3	3	Yes - broa	2	No	No	No	No	No
Female	April	1993	South Aus	3	5	No - Inter	4	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Male	March	1996	New Sout	3	2	No - Inter	0	Yes	No	No	No	No
Male	September	1993	Queensla	4	4	Yes - dial-	18	No	Yes	No	No	No
Male	May	1995	Tasmania	3	4	Yes - broa	2	No	No	No	No	Yes
Female	Marrrh	1994	Western A	4	4	Yes - dial-	4	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

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Students can now begin numerical and graphical analysis of their own class data and make interpretations based on the results.