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STATE EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS 2011

Almost 57,000 students to receive Junior Certificate Results

14th September 2011

Statements of provisional Junior Certificate examination results for 56,930 candidates will be in all post-primary schools today, Wednesday 14th September 2011. Over half a million individual grades in 26 different subjects are being delivered to the 27,678 female and 29,252 male candidates in this year's examination. Students can also access their results through the on-line examination results service on www.examinations.ie from 4 PM today.

The Chairman of the State Examinations Commission (SEC), Mr. Richard Langford, sent his congratulations to all of the students receiving results today and to their parents and teachers. He expressed the hope that they would continue with their studies and that the Junior Certificate outcomes would assist them in making informed future choices. Mr. Langford sent special congratulations to the 1,070 re-entrants to education that entered for this year's Junior Certificate examination through various educational support schemes including the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme and Back to Education Initiative.

The Chairman commended examination superintendents, examiners, school authorities and staff, teachers, the staff of the SEC and all others involved in the examination process on their hard work and commitment in the conduct of the 2011 examinations.

The overall numbers sitting the examination has increased by 1.5% on last year and the proportion of candidates who are re-entrants to education has fallen marginally from 2% of the cohort in 2010 to 1.9% in 2011.

Appeals

Applications for review of Junior Certificate examination results, which must be made through the candidate's school, should be made so as to arrive in the State Examinations Commission no later than 5 PM on Friday, September 30th 2011. The fee for this service is €32.00 per subject which will be refunded in the event that a result is upgraded. Applications are accepted only from a school authority which must confirm that the result obtained is at variance with the result expected. It is planned to post the results of the appeals in the week ending 11th November 2011.

Marking Schemes

The official marking schemes for all subjects will be published on the website, www.examinations.ie, in the coming days.

Chief Examiners' Reports

Chief Examiners' Reports provide a review of the performance of candidates in the examinations and contain detailed analysis of all aspects of the examining process. They also contain recommendations for teachers and students and generally include examples of candidates' answers. Reports are published in a selected number of subjects and programmes each year. Following the 2011 Junior Certificate examinations, Chief Examiners' Reports will be published in Geography and Italian. The reports will be published in 2012.

On-Line Results Service

Candidates will be able to access their results on the Internet from 4 PM today, Wednesday 14th September 2011. Access to the service, which requires the use of an examination number and a unique candidate Personal Identification Number, is through www.examinations.ie. This service is not intended to replace the valuable results service and advice provided to students by schools at results issue time. The PIN and Examinations numbers required to access the service have already been issued.

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Notes for Editors

Note on Statistics

All statistics provided in this press release and in the accompanying documentation are provisional for 2011 and as such are subject to enquiry and appeal.

The accompanying statistical documentation provides details of the results of the 2011 Junior Certificate examinations for all subject levels with more than 10 candidates and the results in 2009 and 2010. For reasons of candidate confidentiality, we only make public the details of subject levels with results for more than 10 candidates. Results are also being issued to candidates in Ordinary Level Ancient Greek.

	School Candidates	Re-entrants to Education*	Total
2008	54,651	1,289	55,940
2009	54,290	1,267	55,557
2010	54,951	1,135	56,086
2011	55,860	1,070	56,930

Table 1: Breakdown classification of candidates in Junior Certificate

*Re-entrants to Education: Candidates in this classification are those that entered for the examination through education schemes such as the Vocational Training Opportunities Scheme and Back to Education Initiative.

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