





Ireland Curriculum Strands Alignment (A-D)

The presentations offered by The Educated Choices Program provide support for teaching and learning of the following standards:

Applied Technology, Junior Cycle (Ages 12-15)		Environment and Modern Agriculture	Healthful Eating
Junior cycle Strand 1: Principles & Practice 1. Analysis and problem solving 2. Design and innovation 3. Planning, managing, creating	1.1 develop a design solution drawing on experience and using evidence, reasoning, and decision making 1.2 analyse problems using a systematic approach 1.3 refine ideas through the use of prototyping 1.4 review planning decisions throughout 1.5 consider the end-user experience at each stage of the design process 1.6 understand the role, impact and potential of existing and emerging technologies 1.7 apply innovative approaches in design solutions 1.8 develop a plan for the realisation of a solution		

4. Communicating	<p>1.9 select appropriate materials, equipment and processes in solving a problem</p> <p>1.10 execute a plan using appropriate tools, materials and processes</p> <p>1.11 demonstrate adherence to recognised health and safety standards</p> <p>1.12 document progression from concept to realisation</p> <p>1.13 communicate evidence of the iterative process of design</p>		
<p>Strand 2: Energy & Control</p> <p>1. Analysis and problem solving</p> <p>2. Design and innovation</p> <p>3. Planning, managing, creating</p>	<p>2.1 investigate relationships between the inputs, transformations, and outputs occurring within simple control systems</p> <p>2.2 evaluate ideas through the use of simulation</p> <p>2.3 recognise the principles of control systems when developing their solution</p> <p>2.4 design a logical sequence of instructions to control a device or system</p> <p>2.5 apply innovative approaches to designing control system solutions</p> <p>2.6 explore energy conservation and efficiency</p> <p>2.7 identify appropriate energy and control systems for design solutions</p> <p>2.8 create control solutions to identified problems</p> <p>2.9 communicate technical information in appropriate forms</p>	✓	✓

4. Communicating	clipboard 2.10 explain the transformation of inputs to outputs		
Strand 3: Technology & Society 1. Analysis and problem solving 2. Design and innovation 3. Planning, managing, creating 4. Communicating	3.1 analyse the impact of constraints on the design of solutions 3.2 evaluate the effectiveness of solutions 3.3 explain how human, societal and environmental considerations affect solutions and outcomes 3.4 explore applications of technology in local contexts 3.5 justify their selection of materials and processes based on factors such as environmental, economic and ethical considerations 3.6 consider user needs at all stages of design 3.7 recognise their responsibility for ensuring security and privacy of personal data 3.8 evaluate the impact of technologies on their lives, society and the environment 3.9 discuss the potential of technology to affect society and the environment	✓	✓

Around the world in 80 days, Junior Cycle (Ages 12-15)		Environment and Modern Agriculture	Healthful Eating
Junior Cycle Strand 1: My home and my family	1.1 identify members of their family, using any form of expression 1.2 recognise and/or respond to photographs of their family as opposed to photographs of strangers 1.3 list the rooms in their homes and link rooms in their home to activities that occur there 1.4 identify familiar objects from their home 1.5 construct a 2D/3D image of the external features of their home	✓	✓
Strand 2: My school	1.6 list the different areas of the school/classroom and link them with activities that occur there 1.7 separate activities that happen at home from those that happen at school 1.8 identify familiar objects associated with the school 1.9 show recognition of staff and students at school through any form of expression 1.10 navigate the route to their classroom and other areas of the school, by any chosen means	✓	✓


<p>Strand 3: My community and local amenities</p>	<p>1.11 show recognition of places and people in the community</p> <p>1.12 invite a member of the local community to come and speak at their school</p> <p>1.13 observe and participate in the collection and recording of data of the amenities that students in their school use</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p>Strand 4: Local places of interest/famous landmarks</p>	<p>1.14 identify the local attractions and famous landmarks in their home county</p> <p>1.15 choose an area of interest in the locality and participate in discussions about it and/or visit that area</p> <p>1.16 participate in an artistic piece of work relating to the chosen landmark</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>


<p>Business Studies, Junior Cycle (Ages 12-15)</p>	<p>Environment and Modern Agriculture</p>	<p>Healthful Eating</p>
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<p>Junior Cycle Strand 1: Personal Finance</p> <p>1. Managing my resources</p>	<p>1.1 Review the personal resources available to them to realise their needs and wants and analyse the extent to which realising their needs and wants may impact on individuals and society</p> <p>clipboard</p> <p>1.2 Identify and classify sources of income and expenditure, compare options available to best manage financial resources, evaluating the risks associated with each option and making informed and responsible judgements</p> <p>clipboard</p> <p>1.3 Construct a personal financial lifecycle to identify financial needs at different life stages</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
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	<p>product or service clipboard</p> <p>2.9 Develop a simple business plan for a new or existing product or service clipboard</p> <p>2.10 Complete and interpret key business documents that an organisation uses to manage its transactions for accountability purposes clipboard</p> <p>2.11 Assess the importance of planning an organisation’s cash flow, propose suitable sources of finance to manage expenditure and prepare a budget clipboard</p> <p>2.12 Prepare a cash account to monitor income received and payments made by an organisation, evaluate its financial position and recommend a course of action; post figures to relevant ledgers and extract a trial balance clipboard</p> <p>2.13 Prepare final accounts to assess the financial performance of an organisation at the end of a trading period, analyse and evaluate its financial position and recommend a course of action</p>		
<p>Strand 3: Our Economy 1. Managing my resources</p>	<p>3.1 Explain how scarcity of economic resources results in individuals having to make choices; predict possible consequences of these choices clipboard</p> <p>3.2 Explain how individuals, organisations (for profit and not-for-profit) and the government work together to distribute economic resources used to produce goods and services clipboard</p> <p>3.3 Evaluate how changes in the supply and demand of goods and services in different markets can affect prices clipboard</p> <p>3.4 Differentiate between different sources of government revenue and government expenditure</p>	✓	✓

<p>2. Exploring business</p>	<p>3.5 Examine the purpose of taxation from a financial, social, legal and ethical perspective clipboard</p> <p>3.6 Explain how economic growth can impact positively and negatively on society and the environment and justify the promotion of sustainable development clipboard</p> <p>3.7 Debate the implications of globalisation of trade, including the benefits and challenges of international trade clipboard</p> <p>3.8 Discuss the economic and social benefits and challenges of Ireland’s membership of the EU</p>		
<p>3. Using skills for business</p>	<p>3.9 Explain the relevance of economic indicators such as inflation, employment rates, interest rates, economic growth, national income and national debt for individuals and the economy clipboard</p> <p>3.10 Use their knowledge, and information from a range of media sources, to discuss current economic issues and present an informed view clipboard</p> <p>3.11 Evaluate the benefits and costs of a government economic policy and assess who enjoys the benefits and who bears the costs</p>		

Caring for Animals, Junior Cycle (Ages 12-15)		Environment and Modern Agriculture	Healthful Eating
Junior Cycle Strand 1: Learning about dogs 1. The life cycle of a dog 2. Benefits of having a dog 3. The role of dogs in our lives 4. Choosing a dog 5. Reflection & transfer	.1 create a simple timeline tracing the stages in a dog's life clipboard 1.2 classify various pictures of dogs according to stages of development clipboard 1.3 list some health/hygiene problems suffered by dogs 1.4 list some reasons why people have dogs including the social benefits clipboard 1.5 work out an exercise plan to benefit both dogs and their owners 1.6 present findings to their peers of a survey they've conducted on the value of dogs to people of different ages and needs clipboard 1.7 create an artefact to provide information on breeds of dogs and their characteristics 1.8 discuss with peer(s) the pros and cons of having a dog clipboard 1.9 relate what's involved in looking after a dog clipboard 1.10 use criteria to select a dog s/he would like to own 1.11 reflect on what has been learned in this strand and apply in a real or imaginary context to 'own' dog		

<p>5. Reflection & transfer</p>	<p>2.15 research different types of shelter for the dog</p> <p>2.16 reflect on what has been learned in this strand clipboard</p> <p>2.17 design and make something for 'own' dog to use as shelter, warmth, comfort or fun</p>		
<p>Strand 3: The dog around the home</p> <p>1. Health & hygiene</p> <p>2. Costs associated with keeping a dog</p> <p>3. Dangers around the home</p>	<p>3.1 outline possible health risks for humans in having a dog in the home clipboard</p> <p>3.2 identify essential personal care practices that need to be carried out when there is a dog in the home</p> <p>3.3 calculate the cost of keeping the dog for a day/week and/or month/year using a calculator clipboard</p> <p>3.4 gather evidence of some of these costs through visits in the community and/or online shopping clipboard</p> <p>3.5 explain shopping receipts, reasoning (if appropriate) for the difference between luxury and essential goods</p> <p>3.6 list possible dangers for a dog in the home environment clipboard</p> <p>3.7 make a checklist of good practice for keeping a dog safe in the home clipboard</p> <p>3.8 identify people, groups or organisations that could help in emergency situations clipboard</p> <p>3.9 role-play making a call or texting to the emergency services to report an incident involving a dog</p>		

4. Reflection & transfer	3.10 reflect on what has been learned in this strand and apply in a real or imaginary context to 'own' dog		
<p>Strand 4: The dog in the community</p> <p>1. Owner responsibility</p> <p>2. Places and events associated with dogs</p> <p>3. Dogs that help us</p> <p>4. Reflection & transfer</p>	<p>4.1 list the responsibilities associated with owning a dog clipboard</p> <p>4.2 show understanding towards people who are afraid of dogs clipboard</p> <p>4.3 name the relevant agencies that offer support and advice to dog owners clipboard</p> <p>4.4 explain what to do if confronted by an angry dog clipboard</p> <p>4.5 recognise the need to check if dogs are allowed in certain areas clipboard</p> <p>4.6 identify places and events associated specifically with dogs clipboard</p> <p>4.7 make a visit to at least one of these places or events clipboard</p> <p>4.8 name the ways that dogs can help us in the community clipboard</p> <p>4.9 interview someone who works with or has a dog that helps them clipboard</p> <p>4.10 demonstrate an awareness of how dogs can assist people towards independence clipboard</p> <p>4.11 reflect on what has been learned in this strand and apply in a real or imaginary context to 'own' dog</p>		

<p>3. Effecting global change</p>	<p>2.8 identify one person and one institution with power and influence in the world today, explaining the role of each clipboard</p> <p>2.9 analyse one global issue or challenge, under the following headings: causes, consequences, impact on people’s lives and possible solutions clipboard</p> <p>2.10 evaluate how they can contribute to responding to one challenge currently facing the world clipboard</p> <p>2.11 examine a campaign for change in the area of sustainability and assess reasons why it has or has not been successful clipboard</p> <p>2.12 reflect on their ongoing learning and what it means for them</p>		
<p>Strand 3: Exploring democracy 1. The meaning of democracy</p>	<p>3.1 create a visual representation of the day-to-day contexts and institutions to which they belong, highlighting where they have power and influence clipboard</p> <p>3.2 describe decision-making processes and the roles of different groups in their class/school clipboard</p> <p>3.3 describe democratic structures for decision-making at local and national government levels clipboard</p> <p>3.4 use the correct terminology to describe Irish and European democratic institutions, structures, political parties and roles clipboard</p> <p>3.5 compare two or more systems of government, taking particular note of the ways in which the state interacts with its citizens, and citizens can shape their state clipboard</p>		

	<p>going to school) clipboard</p> <p>1.19 discuss the difference between the relationships and behaviour of gods/goddesses and humans in myths and the norms and expectations of daily life in the ancient world clipboard</p> <p>1.20 recognise and explain common Greek and Latin terms associated with daily life and their modern derivations (for example, domus, familia, oikos, paterfamilias)</p>		
<p>Strand 2: Classical studies component: The world of Achilles</p> <p>1. Reading narratives and exploring representations</p>	<p>2.1 explain the mythological background to the Trojan War clipboard</p> <p>2.2 illustrate, with examples, poetic devices and techniques that are characteristic of epic poetry (for example, epithets, similes, digressions, repetition) clipboard</p> <p>2.3 identify key sites associated with the Iliad and its historical background on a map clipboard</p> <p>2.4 create a portfolio of key characters in the Iliad in collaboration with their classmates clipboard</p> <p>2.5 investigate how characters from the Iliad are represented in visual sources (for example ancient vases and sculpture, modern paintings and films) clipboard</p> <p>2.6 compare the Iliad's depiction of heroes with the depiction of non-combatants affected by the Trojan War (for example, parents, women and servants)</p> <p>2.7 evaluate Achilles' decisions and actions in comparison with the decisions</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>2. Analysing structures, patterns, values and ideologies</p>	<p>and actions of other heroes in the Iliad clipboard</p> <p>2.8recognise and explain common Greek concepts and words associated with Homeric epic (for example, timé, kleos, aidós, areté, pathos) clipboard</p> <p>2.9examine the relationship between gods/goddesses and mortals in the Iliad clipboard</p> <p>2.10create a code of honour for modern day heroes/heroines with reference to the Homeric code clipboard</p> <p>2.11discuss other ancient sources that deal with anger (for example, Aristotle, Plutarch, Seneca) in relation to the Iliad's engagement with this emotion</p>		
<p>Strand 2: Classical studies component: Rome, centre of an empire</p> <p>1. Reading narratives and exploring representations</p>	<p>2.12identify types of Roman public architecture (for example, aqueduct, triumphal arch, amphitheatre, baths) clipboard</p> <p>2.13examine the functions and uses of three chosen buildings, structures or public spaces clipboard</p> <p>2.14imagine themselves at an event or activity associated with each of the three selected locations, commenting on what is happening and why, and who is present clipboard</p> <p>2.15collaborate with their classmates to create a representation of their favourite Roman building, structure or site clipboard</p> <p>2.16recognise and explain common terms associated with Roman architecture (for example, thermae, portico, capital, aqueduct, dome)</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>2. Analysing structures, patterns, values and ideologies</p>	<p>2.17explore Roman history, society and public life through public buildings, structures and spaces clipboard</p> <p>2.18investigate the careers and political goals of the historical figures who commissioned the chosen buildings, structures or spaces clipboard</p> <p>2.19compare a building in their local area with a building in Rome clipboard</p> <p>2.20debate the usefulness and limitations of different types of historical sources (for example, art, architecture, inscriptions and literature)</p>		
<p>Strand 3: Classical language component</p> <p>1. Reading narratives and exploring representations</p>	<p>3.1recognise the meaning of frequently-used words and phrases clipboard</p> <p>3.2interpret the general sense of a text on familiar topics clipboard</p> <p>3.3identify specific information in texts on familiar topics clipboard</p> <p>3.4discuss original literary texts with their classmates clipboard</p> <p>3.5independently create accurate translations of sentences and passages of limited complexity on familiar topics, annotated and adapted as appropriate clipboard</p> <p>3.6pronounce words, phrases and simple sentences accurately enough to be understood, with appropriate intonation clipboard</p> <p>3.7recognise (in listening), frequently-used words and phrases related to areas of immediate relevance and experience clipboard</p> <p>3.8explore vocabulary and grammatical rules by writing, completing and transforming phrases and simple sentences</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>2. Analysing structures, patterns, values and ideologies</p>	<p>clipboard 3.9examine what we can learn from the language about the social roles, conventions and values of daily life clipboard 3.10identify and explore with their classmates the language resources available through a range of media 3.11recognise, describe and use language patterns such as word types, inflection, grammatical functions, word order, spelling and punctuation conventions clipboard 3.12explain the logical reasoning that led them to a specific interpretation of a phrase or sentence clipboard 3.13deduce the meaning of unfamiliar words and word forms by relating them to words and word forms they know and the context in which they occur clipboard 3.14recognise how word choice, syntax, grammar and text structure may vary with genre, purpose and context, and may also change over time clipboard 3.15compare the vocabulary and grammar of the target language with that of other languages they know, making connections and distinctions as appropriate clipboard 3.16investigate the etymology of words in modern languages which are derived from Latin or Ancient Greek clipboard 3.17monitor and assess their own language confidence and language-learning strategies, using feedback to reflect on what they need to</p>		
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<p>3. Forensic experiments learn to use the tools and methods of a crime scene investigator</p>	<p>or whorl</p> <p>1.8 list materials required for the experiments clipboard</p> <p>1.9 organise materials for a task clipboard</p> <p>1.10 follow verbal, written or pictorial instructions with a small number of steps clipboard</p> <p>1.11 work collaboratively with others clipboard</p> <p>1.12 identify substances through basic experiments, using a key provided clipboard</p> <p>1.13 use a microscope, where available, to conduct basic comparisons between samples clipboard</p> <p>1.14 record findings by talking/signing/writing/using ICT and sketching in a journal</p>		
<p>4. Working safely and precisely with science equipment</p>	<p>1.15 identify safety hazards that may occur in a lab and the precautions to take to avoid such hazards clipboard</p> <p>1.16 list ways in which a crime scene may be contaminated clipboard</p> <p>1.17 use a measuring jug and a graduated cylinder to measure a specific volume of liquid clipboard</p> <p>1.18 use weighing scales/balance to get a specific mass of a dry powder</p>		

<p>2. Applying their previous course laboratory activities to solve a crime</p> <p>3. Developing a theory/motive/story related to the crime scene being investigated</p>	<p>interview is useful clipboard</p> <p>3.4 identify the key questions to answer in helping to solve the crime, e.g. Who was here last? Who wrote this note?</p> <p>3.5 repeat/carry out further laboratory tests to those in strand 1 for comparisons clipboard</p> <p>3.6 demonstrate an understanding of cause and effect</p> <p>3.7 identify simple patterns and classifications suggested by an exploration of evidence gathered clipboard</p> <p>3.8 explain the basis for groupings using differences in materials clipboard</p> <p>3.9 make rudimentary predictions about a possible suspect based on observations, information gathering and clues, or evidence they can measure using simple equipment clipboard</p> <p>3.10 create an uncomplicated storyboard/timeline which demonstrates their theory of what happened</p>		
<p>Strand 4: Concluding the inquiry</p> <p>1. Preparing to present evidence</p>	<p>4.1 identify the steps required to complete a task clipboard</p> <p>4.2 put steps into a logical sequence or order clipboard</p> <p>4.3 create a timeline tracing the procedures carried out clipboard</p> <p>4.4 create a visual representation of the crime scene clipboard</p>		

<p>2. Presenting the evidence as part of the forensic team</p> <p>3. Evaluating</p>	<p>4.5 contribute to the planning of a conclusion to the crime scene investigation which will reveal the solution to the crime</p> <p>4.6 make an individual (or contribute to a team) presentation of the evidence in the concluding activity e.g. a written report/oral presentation/digital presentation to peers or an invited audience clipboard</p> <p>4.7 express personal opinions, facts and feelings appropriately, e.g. expressing an opinion on the evidence to peers, participating in a formal interview with 'suspects'</p> <p>4.8 communicate what worked best in terms of experiments conducted and investigative procedures followed clipboard</p> <p>4.9 identify knowledge and skills developed and those they wish to improve clipboard</p> <p>4.10 link learning to other areas of the curriculum and their lives</p>		
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<h2>Digital Media Literacy, Junior Cycle (Ages 12-15)</h2>	<p>Environment and Modern Agriculture</p>	<p>Healthful Eating</p>
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<p>Junior Cycle Strand 1: My digital world 1. My digital life</p>	<p>1.1 describe how they use digital technologies, communication tools and the internet in their lives clipboard</p> <p>1.2 illustrate the advantages and disadvantages of using digital technologies, communication tools and the internet clipboard</p> <p>1.3 debate the ethical and legal issues around downloading music and video</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>
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<p>2. Respectful and responsible use</p>	<p>content from the internet</p> <p>1.4 demonstrate an understanding of respectful use of digital media texts including concepts of copyright, fair use, plagiarism and intellectual property ownership</p> <p>1.5 discuss their personal safety concerns when using digital technologies, communication tools and the internet</p> <p>1.6 create a charter of online rights and responsibilities for the class</p> <p>1.7 describe appropriate responses to potentially harmful situations</p>		
<p>Strand 2: Following my interests online</p> <p>1. What is digital content?</p> <p>2. Searching and evaluating</p> <p>3. Expressing through digital images</p>	<p>2.1 analyse the characteristics of digital media texts which make them different from analogue media texts clipboard</p> <p>2.2 demonstrate how digital media texts are published on the internet</p> <p>2.3 search the internet to gather information on a specific topic of interest clipboard</p> <p>2.4 compare information from various sources in order to evaluate its reliability, validity, accuracy, authority, and timeliness</p> <p>2.5 create a digital image montage from images sourced online clipboard</p> <p>2.6 present examples where image and video manipulation has been used in the media clipboard</p> <p>2.7 represent information about a topic that is relevant to their lives in graphic format</p>	<p>✓</p>	<p>✓</p>

<p>2. Following my passion</p>	<p>clipboard 4.4 demonstrate how best to share personal information, express opinions, and emotions online in a responsible and respectful manner</p> <p>4.5 publish an item online presenting their views on a subject or topic that is relevant to their lives clipboard 4.6 demonstrate an appropriate method for citing and referencing online-sourced material accurately clipboard 4.7 document the planning and research history of the published work</p>		
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