

Dear Principal,

The purpose of this email is to provide you with information on the arrangements for issue of the 2023 Junior Cycle Examination results. At the outset I wish to express the thanks of the SEC for all of your assistance in our recruitment campaign for the 2023 examinations. Your support has meant that that it is possible to deliver these results five weeks earlier than in 2022.

As you are aware we relaunched our Recruitment Campaign for the 2023 examinations before the Easter holiday period in order to further highlight the personal and professional benefits of becoming an examiner with the State Examinations Commission (SEC).

The cornerstone of our 2023 Recruitment Campaign is our new contract staff website <https://secexaminer.ie>. The information and resources available on the site will allow teachers to access information about working as an examiner - including what they can expect to earn; how the online marking system operates; as well as how the experience can enhance their teaching skills and further their career opportunities. This new digital facility allows potential new examiners to submit an expression of interest in becoming an examiner for this year and to apply for the role.

We will utilise this website again for our recruitment campaign for contract staff for the 2024 examinations. This campaign will begin in the coming weeks, initially for the practical subjects.

Junior Cycle Results

The SEC can confirm that this year's **Junior Cycle results** will be available in schools on **Wednesday 18 October 2023**. Junior Cycle candidates can also access their results online from 4 PM on that date. However, this online service is not intended to replace the valuable results service and advice provided by schools at results issue time.

In 2023, a combination of a much-improved examiner supply situation and the use of online marking in almost all Junior Cycle subjects has meant that it is possible to deliver these results five weeks earlier than last year. This has been made possible by the generous response of teachers to the SEC's examiner recruitment efforts this year. The SEC is extremely grateful to those teachers who marked for us this year, and indeed to all those who undertook a variety of roles in the state examinations over the 2022/23 school year. We also deeply appreciate the work undertaken in support of the SEC's efforts by school leaders, in highlighting with their staff the importance of undertaking work with the SEC, and by the school management and leadership representative bodies and the teacher unions. The additional funding which SEC received in 2023 to incentivise the uptake of this critical work has also had a significant impact and for this are very grateful to the Minister and her Department.

Accessing Results

The SEC will issue a more detail circular about the Junior Cycle Examinations results in due course. From this year, the SEC will arrange for schools will be provided with their Junior Cycle results through the Schools Portal in electronic format. On the morning of Wednesday 18 October (exact time TBC) the Schools Portal will be updated with your school's results in electronic format as follows;

- A digital file of all of the PDFs of the *Statements of Provisional Results* for all of the candidates in the school. You are asked to arrange for the printing of these statements for candidates on the results day - Wednesday 18 October 2023.
- a printable matrix report detailing the examination results for each candidate in PDF format.
- The matrix report in CSV format which we are advised can be imported into the school's content management systems for analysis.
- Supplementary Report Forms or a Nil Return report as appropriate.

Junior Cycle candidates can also access their results online via www.examinations.ie from 4 pm on Wednesday 18 October 2023. Access to the service requires the use of an examination number and a unique candidate Personal Identification Number which will issue in advance to schools. However, the Junior Cycle online service is not intended to replace the valuable results service and advice provided to candidates by schools at results issue time.

Leaving Certificate Appeal Results

For information, I can also advise that the results of the 2023 Leaving Certificate Appeals will be available to candidates through the Candidate Self Service Portal on www.examinations.ie from 11 AM on Friday 29 September 2023.

I very much appreciate you bringing the information about these arrangements to the attention of candidates, parents/guardians, teachers and others as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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State Examinations Commission