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Ref: Junior Cycle Results 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

The State Examinations Commission has announced that the Junior Cycle Results 2025 will be issued this Wednesday 8th October 2025.

Arrangements for results day are as follows:

- 5th Yr and LCA 1 students receiving results have school as normal on Wednesday.
- Current TY students receiving results should attend school at **12:00pm in full school uniform.** These students are excused from attending work experience this Wednesday.
- Students will receive their results during last class on Wednesday.
- Students can also view their results online after 4pm through the candidate portal using their PIN and Examination Number. Each student will receive their login details from their Year Head prior to Wednesday.
- New Junior Cycle Grade Bands have been introduced this year. See below for further information and a revised table of grade bands.
- **Note, any student who did not sit their examinations in Beaufort College and have transferred to us must contact their previous school for the results.**

The staff are extremely proud of this group of students and we send them our best wishes and congratulations on their results.

Kind Regards

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NEW JUNIOR CYCLE GRADE BANDS

New Junior Cycle grades bands have been introduced this year. The decision to effect this change was made by the Minister for Education and Youth taking on board feedback about the impact that the previous grade bands may have been having on the teaching and learning experience.

With this change there are still the same number of Junior Cycle grades as before; Distinction, Higher Merit, Merit, Achieved, Partially Achieved and Not Graded. In very simple terms*, the Distinction band has been widened and now ranges from 85% or above to 100% and the Merit band has been narrowed and now ranges from 55% or above up to 70%. The impact of these changes is that more candidates will achieve the Distinction and Higher Merit Grades than previously with fewer Merits being awarded. This is because more candidates, who would previously have received a Higher Merit, will now achieve a Distinction, and more candidates, who would previously achieved a Merit, will now achieve a Higher Merit. The new and old grade bands are set out in the table below.

Grade Descriptor	New Grade Band (2025)	Previous Grade Band (2015 -2024)
Distinction	≥ 85 to 100	≥ 90 to 100
Higher Merit	≥ 70 and < 85	≥75 and < 90
Merit	≥ 55 and < 70	≥ 55 and < 75
Achieved	≥ 40 and < 55	≥ 40 and < 55
Partially Achieved	≥ 20 and < 40	≥ 20 and < 40
Not Graded	≥ 0 and < 20	≥ 0 and < 20