

Icebreaker

'Walk about activity'

To allow the staff to begin to think about the new junior cycle with their colleagues

- A whole-staff exercise- (20 minutes)

Resources

Worksheet with questions

1. What is the greatest opportunity that the new junior cycle offers this school?
2. What is our main strength as we begin planning a new junior cycle for our students?
3. What will be the main challenge?

Three different coloured cards per staff member

POINTS TO NOTE

This exercise is designed to encourage the staff to begin the conversation about the new junior cycle. The exercise will allow staff to identify the opportunities that the new framework offers to the school and the strengths that the school can bring to planning for the new junior cycle. It also allows the staff to identify the challenges.

1. Each staff member is given a hand-out with the three questions on it.
2. Over a 20 minute period, they are asked to discuss the three questions with at least three of their colleagues, preferably from different subject areas
3. A bell should be sounded at 5 minute intervals to encourage staff to talk to another colleague
4. Each staff member then records the main opportunity, the main strength and the main challenge on the three different cards
5. These are then displayed under the three headings: opportunities, strengths and challenges.