

## Business Studies Development Group

### Meeting 2

9<sup>th</sup> December 2013

#### Agenda:

Update on Business Studies Background Paper consultation

#### Documentation/Discussion:

[Business Studies consultation](#)

The development group considered the specification provided by the [Junior Cycle English](#) specification as a template.

The committee discussed these features of the specification:

Rationale of Business Studies: this describes why learning about Business Studies is important for the world we live in today

Aim of Business Studies: this describes the expected impact of this specification on students' learning

The development group considered the specification with particular reference to the [Statements of Learning](#), [Key Skills](#) and [Literacy and Numeracy](#) contained in the Framework for Junior Cycle.

The links with junior cycle Statements of Learning, junior cycle Key Skills and Literacy and Numeracy.  
[Framework for Junior Cycle](#)

These emerging issues were identified:

The high response rate to the online consultation was welcomed as an indicator of public interest in Business Studies at junior cycle

Agreement that the rationale and aim need to imbue students with excitement and interest in the subject

The importance of capitalising on the particular contribution Business Studies can make to students' numeracy and literacy skills development

The unique contribution that Business Studies can make to fulfilling [Statements of Learning 14 and 22](#) in a school's junior cycle programme

#### Next meeting:

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

