

Leaving Certificate Biology

Development Group Meeting #4

20/01/2020

Agenda Item	Notes
Governance	Previous minutes agreed and no conflicts of interest declared.
Review and Progression of strands	<p>The revised purpose, aims and objectives document and proposed structure diagram for Biology were shared with group members. With a working structure and core concepts from the previous meeting, group members explored suggestions offered for strand 2. They also considered ideas for strands 3 and 4. Items raised in discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The need for clarity on what students will learn about• The need to consider the knowledge of most worth, as aligned with the purpose of Leaving Certificate Biology• The value of practical work as part of the core learning
Unifying Strand	With a suite of examples of unifying strands, the group considered an approach for a unifying strand for Leaving Certificate Biology
Coursework	The group members considered ideas for coursework based on their suggestions from development group meeting #3 and looking at models of coursework from other jurisdictions
Next steps	<p>Next Meeting Monday 10th February 2020</p> <p>The chair reflected on the work done and thanked the members for their attendance and contributions.</p>