

Home Economics Development Group – Meeting 12

Short Description

Date: 1st December 2025

Senior Cycle Home Economics	Development Group Meeting Short Description
Agenda Item	Notes
Welcome, opening remarks and overview of the day	The Chairperson opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to all members. Minutes were read and matters arising seen to.
Assessment – Additional Assessment Component	The Executive advised that a single practical examination is not viable due to reliability, validity and feasibility concerns. Members expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction that a practical component couldn't be considered and highlighted the importance of maintaining the practical approach of the subject. The group reviewed the draft AAC, sample brief and descriptors, with calls for greater clarity on submission formats and the need to support meaningful practical engagement. Questions were raised regarding student choice, the role of digital evidence and the balance between written and practical elements.
Specification – Learning Outcomes	The group reviewed the draft specification and proposed targeted edits to improve clarity, reduce overlap with Junior Cycle and strengthen alignment with the rationale and aims. Members recommended refining action verbs, adjusting or merging selected learning outcomes and simplifying SLAs. Concerns were expressed about the removal of the unifying strand, which had previously been viewed as central to coherence.
Next steps and next meeting	The Chairperson and Executive outlined an overview of the schedule of meetings. The Chairperson then reflected on the work done and thanked the members for their attendance and contributions. Next meeting: 9th December 2025