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**To: All Second Level School Representative  
All Second Level Branch Secretaries  
Executive Committee (for information)**

**19<sup>th</sup> November 2012**

**Re: Development of new Junior Cycle English Curriculum**

Dear Colleague,

Plans for a new Junior Cycle continue and will escalate following the Ministerial announcement of a new framework in October. As English is the first subject scheduled for introduction from September 2014, the NCCA has commenced work on the development of a new curriculum specification. TUI has two representatives on the English subject development group. They will advise on possible and appropriate changes, without prejudice to any policy position TUI may take about the implementation of change in the junior cycle.

Preliminary work by the NCCA and the subject development group includes a background paper and a brief for the review of Junior Cycle English. As part of a new approach the NCCA will host an open-ended consultation process and provide regular updates. In this regard support material will be posted on their website ([www@ncca.ie](http://www@ncca.ie)).

Feedback on initial work has been invited **by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012** but further consultation opportunities will present as the work develops. TUI encourages members to participate in the consultation process (send comments to [consultation@ncca.ie](mailto:consultation@ncca.ie)) and would like to hear your views on areas of special interest to TUI including:

- Appropriateness of proposed changes to content
- Appropriateness of proposed changes to assessment
- Teacher professional development and support issues
- Resource issues in general
- Other.

Members should provide feedback to the TUI representatives on the NCCA subject development committee and/or to the TUI Education and Research Officer at [bjudge@tui.ie](mailto:bjudge@tui.ie).

The TUI representatives and their contact details are as follows:

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While this notice is especially important for English teachers others will also be interested. I would therefore appreciate if you could provide an individual copy to the English teachers in your school/centre and also place it on the TUI notice board for the attention of all members.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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