

# Coursework 2010

## Leaving Certificate Religious Education

**Education**  
**Is not the filling of a pail**  
**But the**  
**Lighting of a Fire**



## Coursework Skills

- **Research (including using computers, libraries, surveys or the media)**
- **Ability to select, analyse and evaluate information for a given purpose**
- **Skills of critical thinking, including the ability to question the authority of different sources of information and the ability to distinguish between fact and opinion**
- **Skills of communication: the ability to sort and edit information and make it one's own, and the ability to present ideas concisely and cogently**

- **Skills of reflection: the ability to reflect on one's own learning and the effect of that learning on one's ideas, attitudes and experience**
- **The ability to interpret, contrast and evaluate different approaches to a topic (Higher level students)**
- **The ability to develop counter-arguments (Higher level students)**

# Key Skills

The review of current subjects and development of new subjects are greatly influenced by the five key skills that are central to teaching and learning across the curriculum at senior cycle.

These are *information processing, being personally effective, communicating, critical and creative thinking and working with others.*

The key skills set out the tools that will unlock a range of learning experiences for students, helping them to become more effective learners, both during their time in school and into the future and to participate fully in society, including personal and family life, the world of work and lifelong learning.

<http://www.ncca.ie/uploadedfiles/SCbooklet.pdf>

# **THE EFFECTIVE LEARNER**

- **INFORMATION PROCESSING**
  - **COMMUNICATING**
- **CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING**
  - **WORKING WITH OTHERS**
- **BEING PERSONALLY EFFECTIVE**

**I found that learning is definitely more effective if you develop these skills and testing the students has verified this. New methodologies are leading to better learning.**

**(Teacher, key skills project)**

