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Re: Recording of student learning for the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians,

In the coming days we hope to support all current 3rd year students in recording (through an on-line form) two formative aspects of their Junior Cycle Learning journey. The award of the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) creates a comprehensive register of the holistic development of students as they progress through the junior cycle programme. It widens the reflective lens to allow acknowledgement and celebration of student participation in community events, sports, campaigns, workshops and the myriad of opportunities for growth, learning, social and personal development inspired and availed of by our students. The award (JCPA) also acknowledges the growing awareness of and agency regarding the support of positive wellbeing in self and others.

Identified under the headings of Other Areas of Learning (OAL) and Other Areas of Wellbeing (OAW) students are invited to reflect on those projects, sporting programmes, events etc. that they believe supported significant growth and learning for them, and a snap-shot of this is captured for their JCPA.

To support the optimal recording of these formative experiences we have distributed to the students a list of the key extra- and co- curricular activities in the school for them to consider. Tutors will review the OALs and OAWs with the students in class and we invite parents/guardians to support the student in reflecting on their involvement in all aspects of learning in school life over the past 3 years. In preparing a rough draft of their form (ticking the boxes on the sheet), they will complete the final submission more effectively and authentically.

The JCPA is a school based award which features the State Certified JC exam outcomes, the outcomes of all Class Based Assessment (2nd and 3rd year), the Other Areas of Learning and the Other Areas of Wellbeing - so it is a very comprehensive reflection and the learning journey of our junior cycle students.

Please refer to the list below when considering the selection your son/daughter proposes making and do not hesitate to contact us here should you need further information.

We are grateful for your on-going support.

Regards and thanks,

Patricia Keane
Year Head

Ronan Mc Cabe
Deputy Principal

Sample statement of Other Areas of Learning (OAL)

Through *Student A's* involvement in organised debates, discussions and group work in class, *Student A's* communication and listening skills have been developed. *Student A* has developed an awareness of *Student A* own outlook and has shown an openness to the opinions of others. In working with on-line communication and learning applications *Student A's* digital skills were developed and applied in support of *Student A* learning progress and research skill development. *Student A* has been involved a wide range of school sporting activities, recognising the importance of personal health and fitness and setting personal training targets. *Student A* authored, edited and submitted a text to the Scoil Dara Junior Creative Writing Competition enhancing *Student A* confidence in their narrative skills and creative writing techniques. *Student A* was involved in community wide activities to celebrate special school events, taking part in the Christmas festival initiative - Decorate the Door - supporting their team work skills and promoting well-being and integration within our school community

List of Activities/Events

Debating/Public Speaking	Student Council	Open Evening	JC Wellbeing Review	Library Assistant	Literacy/Numeracy initiative
Choir	Talent Show	Green Schools/Environment project	Flag Raising Event	Performance at school event	Community Clean-ups: Class duty
Creative writing Competition	Games Club	Author visit	Chess Club	Computer Club	Equestrian Club
History Club	Book Club	Award recipient			

Squads and Sporting Activities

Football	Hurling	Camogie	Soccer	Basketball	Athletics	Equestrian
Badminton	Rugby Blitz	Volleyball	Swimming			

Activities and Community Projects

Focused Campaign	Culinary/Cooking competition	Poster Competition/Campaign	Workshop – Special focus	Subject Award recipient
Commendation recipient	School Based focus group	“Get caught Reading” award recipient	Fundraising Team – Charity focus	School Tour or Visit
Guest speaker	Viggo Walk			

Please review the range of learning opportunities (listed above) with your son/daughter and identify those which *Student A* wishes recorded for the JCPA. There will also be a free text section on the form to ensure that an event not registered above can be recorded.

Thank you