## OAL

## OTHER AREAS OF LEARNING

A GUIDE TO FILLING OUT YOUR OWN REFLECTIONS FROM THE PAST THREE ACADEMIC YEARS.

# JUNIOR CERT PROFILE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This is an example of a JCPA - it is what you will receive after you have completed your junior cert exams. It includes three key areas.

- 1. Results of your JC Exams
- 2. Results of your Classroom Based Assessments
- 3. Other Areas of Learning



## SO WHAT IS AN OAL??



Other areas of learning are SCHOOL RELATED activities that you have taken part in outside of the classroom. These activities are very important in helping you develop lots of key skills.

## WHAT ARE SOME SUITABLE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN MY OAL?



Awards you have won



Player on a sports team



**Student Council** 



Competition – Art/ Science



Charity Fundraiser for School



Perfomance at school assemblies



**School Clubs** 



Gym



Prize for attitude/behaviour

### HOW DO I PLAN MY OAL??



YEAR GROUP	WORDCOUNT MAXIMUM
3rd Years	150

Rule 1. The OAL needs to be written in the third person e.g Yvonne was a member of..

Rule 2. Aim for 2 to 5 different OALS

Rule 3. No spelling/grammar mistakes and keep to wordcount.

### EXAMPLES OF SOME STUDENTS OALS

John has been a member of the student council since 1st year.

This has developed his communication and presentation skills. It has also helped to improve his confidence.

Eddie was a member of the Gaelic football team where he won the U-16 league final. This experience highlights how well he worked in a team and his ability to self-motivate.



Michael was a member of the school choir. This developed his social and performing skills. He was also involved in a young scientist project which he had to set goals and meet deadlines.



## EXAMPLES OF SOME STUDENTS OALS

Matthew won Student of the Year in 2nd Year. This demonstrated his dedication to his work, and how he is motivated to set and achieve personal goals.

## HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF SENTENCE STARTERS FOR DESCRIBING THE SKILLS YOU LEARNED....

Here are some sample of sentence starters for describing the skills you learned.

This experience helped her...

This activity highlights...

This helped him to...

Through this experience he has

developed...

This developed his...

This allowed her to improve...

This project taught her the skills of...

This demonstrated...

This experience taught him...

This shows that...

This made her more aware of...

This reflects her...

This highlights his...

# HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE KEY SKILLS YOU CAN MENTION....

#### MANAGING MYSELF

- Knowing myself
- Making considered decisions
- Setting and achieving personal goals
- Being able to reflect on my own learning
- Using digital technology to manage myself and my learning

#### STAYING WELL

- Being healthy, physical and active
- Being social
- Being safe
- Being spiritual
- Being confident
- Being positive about learning
- Being responsible, safe and ethical in using digital technology

### COMMUNICATING

- Listening and expressing myself
- Using language
- Using numbers and data
- Performing and presenting
- Discussing and debating
- Using digital technology to communicate

### BEING CREATIVE

- Imagining
- Exploring options and alternatives
- Implementing ideas and taking action
- Learning creatively
- Stimulating creativity using digital technology

### WORKING WITH OTHERS

- Developing good relationships and dealing with conflict
- Co-operating
- Respecting difference
- Contributing to making the world a better place
- Learning with others
- Working with others through digital technology

### MANAGING INFORMATION AND THINKING

- Being curious
- Gathering, recording, organising, and evaluating information and data
- Thinking creatively and critically
- Reflecting on and evaluating my learning
- Using digital technology to access, manage and share content

## WHAT DO I DO NOW?

- Start writing your other areas of learning in a word document or notes DON'T FORGET THE RULES.
- When you are finished ask someone to spell check and grammar check it get someone at home to do this first if you can.
- Don't forget to ask for help if you are stuck!
- Fill in your OALs in your coding class using the Google Form link given to you.