

## **Information for students receiving their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement (JCPA) in 2018**

The certification for Junior Cert is changing, instead of receiving an official certificate containing just your Junior Cycle exam results, you will also be receiving a Junior Cycle Certificate of Achievement (JCPA).

This document will be issued to all students who sat their Junior Cert/Cycle in 2018. It will contain;

1. The results of your JC Exams
2. The results/descriptors of your English Classroom Bases Assessments-(CBA1-The Oral Presentation completed at the end of second year) and (CBA2-The Collection of Texts Task completed in December of third year)
3. Information on 'Other Areas of Learning' you have undertaken during first, second and third years.

This worksheet is based around what you, as students, would consider to be your 'Other Areas of Learning.' It will be your responsibility to provide the wording for your certificate.

### **Suitable Achievements for inclusion as an OAL;**

Remember this achievement must have been **school based** and completed as a part of **Junior Cycle!**

- ✓ Specific awards you have won for sporting or cultural achievements at the school end of year award ceremonies in first, second and third year.
- ✓ Winning a prize for attitude, behaviour or attendance at a school award ceremony.
- ✓ Being part of a school sports team/panel.
- ✓ Member of the Students' Council.
- ✓ Entered a competition-BT Young Scientist/LMETB Young Historian.
- ✓ Been actively involved in the organisation of a charity fundraising event in the school.
- ✓ Performed in front of classmates/schoolmates at a school musical, dramatic or dance performance.
- ✓ Helped out at a Parents' Evening, parent-teacher meeting or similar.
- ✓ Being a part of any school club.
- ✓ Any learning experience you feel has benefitted you during time at DCC.

Only three OALs will be included on your JCPA, so you need to carefully consider which of your achievements you wish to include. The following pages will give examples of how the OALS will be worded. Miss Gaffney will be explaining to you in the coming days how we are going to collect this information so it is important that you start considering what you think your own OALs could be.

## **Examples of possible OALs for Students who completed their Junior Cycle in 2018**

### **Section 1-Standard OAL comments**

***Students should directly copy any of the comments that directly apply to their achievements.***

#### **A.Sport**

*Comment 1 is suitable for a student who trains with the team but has not yet participated in any major competitions.*

1. X was a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ team where she/he committed to team training and developed his/her tactical competencies and skills.

*Comment 2 is for a student who participated in a league/competition.*

2. X was on the soccer/Gaelic/rugby/basketball/hurling/camogie team who won/reached the quarter/semi-finals of the \_\_\_\_\_ (name the competition using capital letters) in 2016/17/18. This experience helped X develop her/his ability to work in a team and how to set achieve personal targets.

*Students who are on lots of teams should use comment 3 as a model and write in detail on their biggest achievement and then summarise the rest.*

3. X made a significant contribution to sports in DCC participating in soccer, Gaelic and athletics. He/she excelled in soccer where she/he reached the semi-finals of the Leinster League. This developed her/his leadership skills and underscored his/her ability to work in a team.

*Comment 4 is for students who won a prize at an official DCC Prize Giving Ceremony.*

4. X excelled in sport in first/second year and received the \_\_\_\_\_ Award in recognition of his/her positive and confident contribution to sport in the College.

*Comment 5 is for individual sport performances such as athletics.*

5. X participated in interschool Athletic competitions throughout Junior Cycle demonstrating her/his ability to set and achieve personal targets.

*Comment 6 is for students who participate in sports and help the trainer out with organisation.*

6. X was a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ team in Junior Cycle where she/he both committed to team training and contributed greatly in the area of team organisation.

### **Chess Club**

7. X was a member of the Chess Club throughout Junior Cycle where he/she developed their strategic and planning competencies.

### **B.Musical**

8. X was a cast member in the school musical, *School of Rock* in 2018. The experience developed his/her confidence and ability to express himself/herself.
9. X was a member of the production crew of the school musical *School of Rock* in 2018. He/she learned to work effectively in a team and improved their organisational skills.
10. X was a member of the chorus of *School of Rock* in 2018 where he/she developed her/his confidence and demonstrated his/her ability to work in a team.

### **C.Student Council**

11. As a member of the Student Council, X was enthusiastically involved in creating solutions to areas of concern in school life and confidently communicating those ideas to make the school community a better place.

12. X was class captain in Junior Cycle where he/she worked to represent the concerns of her/his class and succeeded in developing their communication skills.

#### **D. Computer Club**

13. X was a member of the Computer Club where she/he developed their digital literacy skills.

#### **E. Debating**

14. X competed in three rounds of the *UCD Junior Schools Debating Competition* which developed his/her presentation, communication, writing and research skills.

#### **F. School Awards-These comments refer specifically to the end of year DCC Award Ceremonies.**

15. X achieved his/her personal goal of excellent attendance and received a Gold Attendance Award in first/second/third year.
16. X achieved his/her personal goal of very good attendance and received a Silver Attendance Award in first/second/third year.
17. X achieved his/her personal goal of good attendance and received a Bronze Attendance Award in first/second/third year.
18. X demonstrated a positive attitude to learning when he/she received an Endeavour Award in first/second/third year for.....
19. X effectively set learning goals and excelled academically which was recognised in first year when he/she received an Academic Award.

#### **Section 2-Writing your own OAL comment**

***Students should only write their own OAL comments to describe relevant achievements that are not covered in the standard comments. They should use the starter sentences below to help them and it would be helpful if these comments were checked by their***

*teacher before being entered onto the system. The OAL starter sentences are based on the eight key skills for Junior Cycle.*

### **Working with others**

X demonstrated the key skill of cooperating and learning with others while...

### **Being creative**

X developed his/her imagination and stimulated his/her creativity as a result of participation in ....

### **Communicating**

X improved his/her communication skills when he/she performed/presented...

X's language, discussion and debating skills have been enriched as a result of...

### **Staying well**

X maintains his/her health as a member of the school \_\_\_\_\_ team. X's participation in sport enhances his/her social skills and confidence as well as making a positive contribution to the school community.

X has developed his/her confidence and social skills and enriched the school community by/through...