

Worksheet for Writing up 'Other Areas of Learning'(OALs)

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

This document will be issued to all students who sat their Junior Cert/Cycle in 2017. 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/first year history competition.
- ✓ Taken part 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.
- ✓ Taken part in organising a school mass.
- ✓ Helped out at a Parents' Evening, parent-teacher meeting or similar.
- ✓ Initiatives undertaken in class such as a geography/history project, winning a baking prize, completing a design in woodwork/metalwork, making models in science, writing a poem for Friendship week.
- ✓ Being a part of any school club.
- ✓ An active role in your CSPE project.
- ✓ Any learning experience you feel has benefitted you during time at DCC.

My Personal 'Other Areas of Learning'-You can write these directly on to a Word Document if you prefer!

What I did;	Key Skills I learned

- Use the Key skills and Statements of Learning Handout to help you reflect on the skills you learned.
- Remember there is a maximum word count of 120.
- Remember to write them in the third person.

Here are the examples from the powerpoint;

1.Claire was a member of the school Gaelic team where she represented the school at competition level reaching the semi-finals of the Leinster Cup. *This experience helped her develop her ability to work in a team and how to set and achieve personal targets.*

2.Claire was a member of the school's student council. *This helped her understand how meetings are run and how to organise charity fundraisers. Furthermore this developed her problem solving skills and her ability to innovate.*

3.Claire won a class prize in the first year for my history project. *This project taught her the skills of research and how to think creatively. It also taught her to bring an idea from concept to realisation.*

117 words and here are my teacher references;

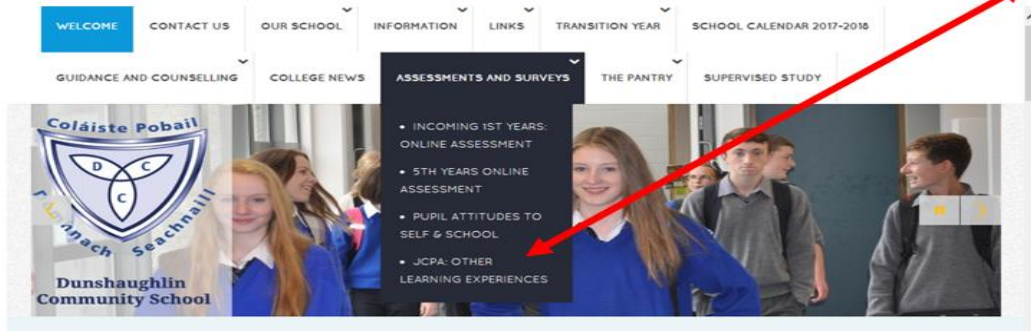
1. Mr O'Keefe
2. Miss Nic An Ri
3. Mr Reilly

Remember;

1. You should aim for 2 to 5 OALs.
2. Write them as numbered bullet points.
3. Each OAL has to be referenced with the name of the relevant teacher.
4. Keep the word count under 120 words.
5. Link what you did to the key skills and statements of learning.
6. Remember this is going on your JCPA so use correct English and don't make any spelling or grammar mistakes.

How to send me the finished OALS.

1. Go to the school website and pull down the following link.



2. When you click on the link; JCPA:Other Learning Experiences you will see this form.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying a form titled 'Other Areas of Learning for the JCPA'. The form has a green header with a logo and the title. Below the header, there is a question: 'When you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address.' followed by a 'Required' label. The form contains two main sections: '1. Full name *' with a text input field containing 'Enter your answer...', and '2. Class group in 3rd Year *' with two radio button options: 'SAC' and 'SAD'. The browser's address bar shows a URL starting with 'https://forms.office.com/...'. There are also several tabs open in the browser.

3. Start copy and pasting your OALS from the Word Document into this form.

A screenshot of the form showing the '3. 1st OAL' section. The text area contains the following text: 'Claire was a member of the school Gaelic team where she represented the school at competition level reaching the semi-finals of the Leinster Cup. This experience helped her develop her ability to work in a team and how to set and achieve personal targets.' Below this, there is a section for '4. Teacher reference for 1st OAL' with a text input field containing 'Jason Boland'. The form is flanked by two vertical grey bars.

4. Remember it's a minimum of 2 OALS and a maximum of 5. You do not have to fill out every section. If you don't press submit it won't save.

A screenshot of the form showing the '12. Teacher reference for 5th OAL' section. The text area contains the following text: 'Enter your answer'. Below this, there is a section for '13. I confirm that the details provided on this form are a true and accurate reflection of my other learning experiences in the Junior Cycle. I understand that if it exceeds the word limit, the school may have to select the OAL's that will appear on the JCPA.' followed by a text input field containing 'JCPA1234567890'. At the bottom of the form, there is a green 'Submit' button. A red arrow points from the text above to the 'Submit' button. The browser's address bar shows a URL starting with 'https://forms.office.com/...'. There are also several tabs open in the browser.

