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Leaving Certificate Applied

Practical Achievement Task Day (P.A.T)





Seminar Overview

Session 1 10:00-11.00	Welcome and Introductions Oide Supports An Overview of the LCA Programme Five stages of the student task process			
	Tea/Coffee Break 11:15 - 11:30			
Session 2 11:15 - 1:00	Overview of Programme Statement & Outline of Student Tasks Practical Achievement – Overview and Best Practice			
Lunch 1:00 - 2:00				
Session 3 2:00 - 3:30	Practical Achievement Booklet – A step by step guide Administration			



Support Service

What we are:

Teachers and school leaders

Teacher Educators

Facilitators/Enablers

Purveyors of lifelong learning

What we are not:

Evaluators

Policy makers

Curriculum developers

Providers of solutions



LCA Supports Provided by Oide

Subject Seminars

Task Seminars

Co-ordinator Seminars

Collaboratives

Co-ordinator Workshops

School support

Webinars





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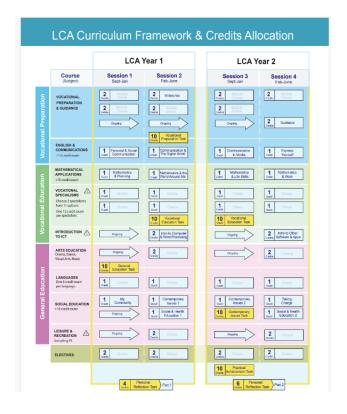
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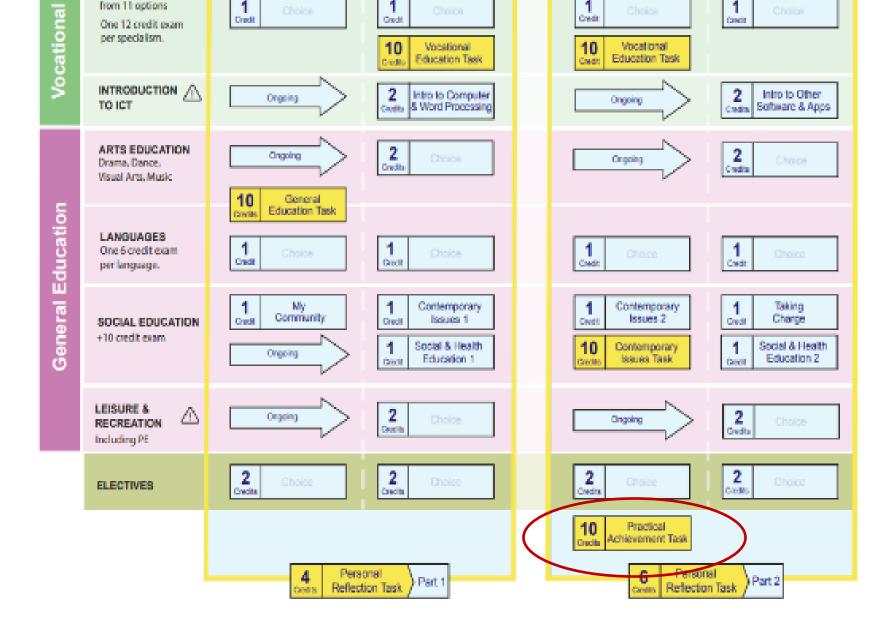
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Curriculum Framework









Rationale for LCA Tasks

Prepares learners for the demanding transition to adult and working life.

Recognises talents of all learners - programme responsive to aptitudes, abilities, needs and interests.

Provides opportunity to develop in terms of responsibility, selfesteem and self-knowledge.

Develops communication and decision making skills.

Helps learners achieve a more independent and enterprising approach to learning and to life.



SEC Calendar of Events & Co-Ordinator Folder



YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO		
Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	
Sept – Jan	Feb - June	Sept - Jan	Feb - June	



Summary of Tasks

Task	Credit	%	Completed in session	Assessed
1. General Education Arts Education, Leisure & Recreation, Language or Social Education	10	5	1	Jan/Yr 1
2. Vocational Preparation Vocational Preparation & Guidance or English & Communication	10	5	2	May/Yr 1
3. Vocational Education - 1 st specialism Originating in one Vocational Specialism	10	5	2	May/Yr 1
4. Vocational Education - 2nd specialism Originating in the second Vocational Specialism	10	5	3	Jan/Yr 2
5. Contemporary Issues Anchored in Social Education	10	5	3	Jan/Yr 2
6. Practical Achievement Generally out of school/centre	10	5	3	Jan/Yr 2
7. Personal Reflection Statement 1 from year one will be stored and returned to SEC when statement two is complete	10	5	on-going	May/Yr 2



31%

34%

LCA Modes of Assessment

Satisfactory completion of modules + 90% attendance

- Evidence of completion of 4 key assignments for each module
- •One credit per course module in which there is a final exam
- •Two credits per course module in which there is NO final exam

7 Student tasks @ 10 credits each

Vocational Preparation	Vocational Education (x2)	General Education	70	35%
Contemporary Issue	Personal Reflection	Practical Achievement	credits	

Final examinations

English & Communication	Vocational Specialisms (x2)	Languages (x2)	Social Education	Mathematical Applications
12 credits	12 credits each	6 credits each	10 credits	10 credits

200 100% credits

Total

62

68

credits

credits



2023/24 Arrangement for Completion of Tasks

Arrangements for the completion of Tasks

LCA Year 2 for the academic year 2023/24

- Session 3: Students should complete the Practical Achievement Task AND either the Vocational Education Task or the Contemporary Issues Task. This means that LCA Year 2 students have one less task to complete.
- Session 4: As normal, students should complete the Personal Policetion (Part Two).

LCA Year1 for the academic year 2023/24

. There is no change to the schedule for the completion of Student Tasks for LCA Year 1 students





LCA Certification

Certificate awarded at 3 levels			
Pass	120 - 139 credits	60-69%	
Merit	140 - 169 credits	70-84%	
Distinction	170 - 200 credits	85-100%	

Students who acquire less than 120 credits or who leave the programme early will receive a "Record of Experience".



Other Students Task

Definition

A practical activity by which learning is applied to...

Types of Tasks for general education, vocational education & vocational preparation

Development of a product/artefact

Investigation of an issue/topic

Staging of an event

A performance group or individual

Provision of a service

Purpose: Vehicle for curriculum integration of as many courses as possible



Task Criteria (Incl P.A.T)

Substantial piece of work

10 hours activity per student excluding the report

- Individual task or group task
 - Individual report on each task
 - Relevant
 - Achievable within the time frame



Assessment Criteria for PAT Report

Achievement Title & Verifier

Initial Statement

Personal Aims

Action Plan

Log Book – 5 Detailed Entries

Concluding Statement 1 – Meeting the Brief

Concluding Statement 2 - Self-Evaluation

Statement of Learning Outcomes (conclusions)

Evidence & Verification



Assessment of Tasks

Requirements

- Evidence of task completion
- Individual task report
- Individual presentation of task at interview with external examiner appointed by the SEC
- NB ALL teachers play a role in preparing students for their interview through effective and differentiated oral questioning in class throughout the entire year.



Padlet





Programme Statement Feedback



2023 LCA Programme Statement

FAQ on Tasks

Page 30-36 P.A.T Specific

Read Statement and Feedback



Coffee Break





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Session 2





Student-Centred Learning

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An emphasis on deep learning and Muthaerscher within the learner teacher

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and a reflexive approach to the teaching student

and learning process on the part of both An increased sense of autonomy in teacher and learner.





Student-centred Learning

What does student-centred learning look like in your LCA classroom in relation to P.A.T?





Five Stages of Student Task

1. Selecting/planning 2. Implementing 3. Recording & Cross-curricular applications 4. Reviewing & Evaluating 5. Presenting/communicating



1. Selecting/planning

Student is actively involved in selecting the Student Task and content of task must be of interest to them

Whatever the student proposes to undertake should be within their ability range and time allocated

Appropriate in the context of the modular descriptor Originality should be encouraged at all times.

(Programme Statement & Outline of Student Task, 2000, 62-66)



2. Implementing

Group Task

Methodology

Data pricering

Investigation

Solv responsibility

Individual Task
Methodology

Roles

Team Work

Co-operative learning

Data gathering

Investigation

All tasks could be either individual or group with the exception of practical achievement, personal reflection and career investigation which must be carried out individually.



3. Recording and Cross-curricular Planning

Keep a record/log of student progress

Appropriate evidence of research and evidence gathered

Cross-curricular links must be meaningful and relevant

Mathematical Applications and information Technology are mandatory areas of cross-curricular application in the Vocational Education Tasks



4. Reviewing and Evaluating

Conclusions linked to initial aims

Analysis of findings

Conclusions

Strengths/weaknesses

Suggestions for improvement.

Formative assessment - feed forward rather than feedback

Lessons learned about one self

Skills and attitudes development

Lessons for the future

Task Process

Self Evaluation



5. Presenting/Communicating

The report should be concise and focused and sequential Opportunity for creativity in format and illustration Interview provides an opportunity to students to improve their marks.



Key Documents and Resources

LCA Programme statement and Outline of Student Tasks

LCA Chief Examiners Report 2014

NCCA LCA Module Descriptors

State Exams Commission

Department of Education

LCA Handbook

Oide and LCA

Active Learning Toolkit

Scoilnet





General Points Regarding Assessment

Exam numbers should be on each task

Task must be available at beginning of examination period

Student(s) available to meet with the examiner irrespective of work experience/other activities

Task must be kept in school until appeals period is complete



Recommendations

LCA Chief Examiners Report 2014
For full details go to www.examinations.ie

LCA Inspectors Recommendations
PDF available @ www.pdst.ie/lca



Key Questions for Task Interview



How do you prepare students for an effective interview?

What do you believe is the success criteria for an effective task interview?



Guidance on Task Interview

The purpose of the task interview is to assess the students' ability to communicate what is in the report

Communication skills needs to be inbuilt into all pedagogical practices throughout the LCA programme and right throughout the task process

Opportunities should be given to students to discuss their progress and their individual contribution in group tasks throughout the task process



What is the Practical Achievement Task



The Practical Achievement Task is an individual task that is completed outside of school.



It is an opportunity to try a new skill.



Their work must be verified and the verifier must sign all sections of the task booklet.



The candidate must produce externally verified authentic evidence of task completion, complete the booklet, and present for interview.



Practical Achievement Task

Year 2 Session 3

Examined first week of February (Interview)

10 credits

Answered in Booklet provided. Remember no booklet = no marks and no interview.

Examinations.ie for Marking Schemes

Completed outside of school. Requires constant monitoring.

The best marks are obtained by those students who do individual PA tasks.



Marking Scheme



Success Criteria

- The Practical Achievement task, to be successful, **must** contain the following:
- ➤ Be an **action** oriented task. Courses are a great way to achieve this and the students have a lot to talk about.
- ➤ Have a definite, clearly defined **goal** to aim for, e.g. I want to learn how to do five different up styles over the course of my 6 week course'.
- Something specific must be achieved
- ➤ Be sufficiently **challenging** for the student. Nothing that could be examined in other areas of the course should be considered here.
- The challenge itself must last for **at least** 6 weeks

The Practical Achievement Task

Group Work Activity

What type of tasks have students undertaken before or would like to do now? Share ideas and experiences.

Discuss the role of the verifier and who it can be?

Type of Task

Suitable Tasks:

- ✓ Learn a language
- ✓ Coaching Course
- √ Make up/ Hair/ Nails Course
- √ Sign Language
- ✓ Restore a piece of Furniture
- ✓ Learn a musical instrument
- ✓ Learn a craft

Suitable Tasks:

- ✓ Dance Classes
- ✓ Fitness
- √ Baking/ Cookery Course
- ✓ Mindfulness Course
- ✓ Art Classes
- ✓ Computer Coding
- ✓ Photography

Type of Task

Unsuitable Tasks:

- Steer students away from short courses.
- Tasks where all the class attend say "A First Aid Course" will be marked down here as they lack individuality.
- A previously made product(in woodwork class etc.)
- Driver Theory Test
- > Safe Pass

Verification

Must be verified by an independent person not a relative.

 The Verifier's qualifications must be stated on page 2 of the Practical Achievement Task Booklet. Marks will be lost if they don't do this.

 Ensure the student and the verifier sign in all the places provided and remember to include dates.

Task Booklet Success Criteria

Log entries should be varied and contain description of skills learned, progress made and how student feels about the task at each entry. They must show progress! Marks can be easily lost here so ensure the students talk about all aspects of their project.

Conclusions should refer to aims and student should explain conclusions using the word **'because'**

Have an **independent verifier**. The verifier must sign the tasks. Ensure the booklet is signed in **all sections** or marks could be lost.

Have **2** separate sources of evidence, described and verified by the verifier's signature. Pictures and another source. This can include a certificate or a receipt.



End of session 2



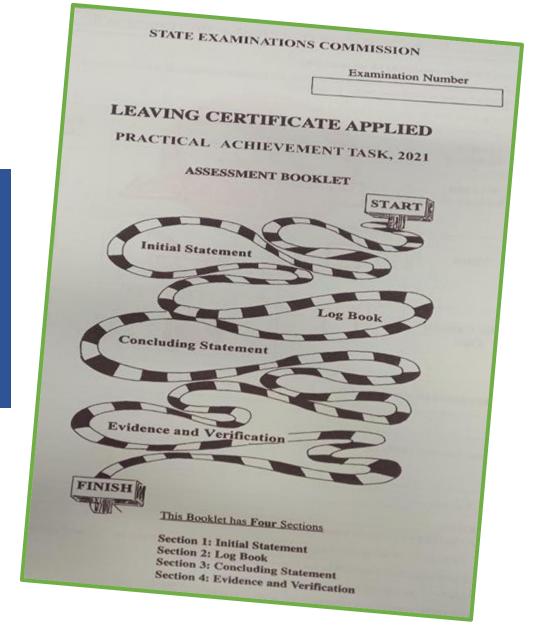


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Session 3



Practical Achievement Task Booklet



Practical Achievement Task

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STUDENT TASK

Marking Criteria

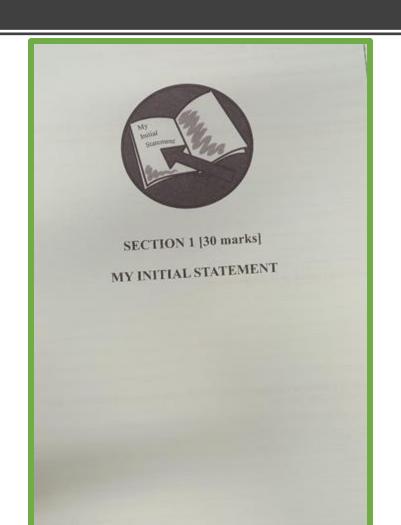
Selection Process:	Decision making process, identify 3 challenges, factors involved in selection and rejection i.e. interest/hobbies/existing skills, starting point.	10	
Clarity of Purpose:	Realistic, attainable aims, clearly defined and developed	10	
Research & Planning:	Starting date, background research, information gathering techniques used, sources of information credited, identify potential obstacles, skill assessment, resource assessment, equipment, drawings, pattern, costing, time plan, sequencing, checklists of resources, safety considerations, finishing date.		
Carrying out of Task:	Record of progress/regular engagement/involvement & progression, application of skills, description of activity, resources used (people, equipment, finance, etc.), problems encountered if any, adaptation of plans if required, quality control measures, implementation of Health & Safety regulations; extent, quality & relevance of cross-curricular applications.		
Meeting the Brief:	Critical appraisal of completed task with reference to aim(s)/ were goals achieved/modification to task (if any)/conclusions drawn		
Self Evaluation:	Skills/attitudes developed, difficulties encountered and lessons learned about self for the future		
Evidence of Achievement:	TWO specific sources of verified evidence indicating achievement, defined and clearly explained, series of photographs, certificates, videos/audios, participation records, samples of work, etc.		
Individuality:	Inventiveness, innovation, resourcefulness, in selection/ organisation of the Task, candidates own work, evidence of original input, aesthetic considerations.		
Effectiveness of Communication and Presentation:	 Written/Audio/Video: layout, neatness, legibility, clarity organisation, use, appropriateness and quality of materials presented. 	10	
	 (ii) Oral: oral communication skills, ability to convey ideas – clarity, fluency and coherence, etc. 		

PAT Booklet Page 2

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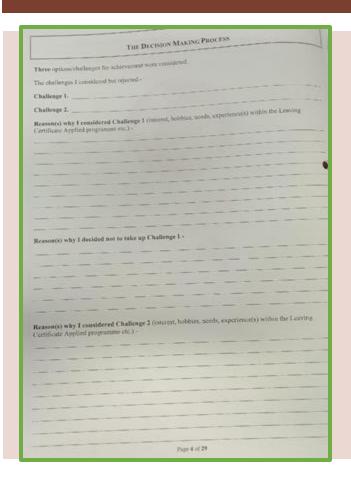
- All pages of the report booklet should be attempted.
- In general if pages are left blank then the examiner will not ask the student any questions about that section and the student will not get any marks as a result.
- Initial Statement and Concluding Statement can be presented in the following ways: written, video or audio cassette. (Page 2)
- Log book entries must be written in the assessment booklet.

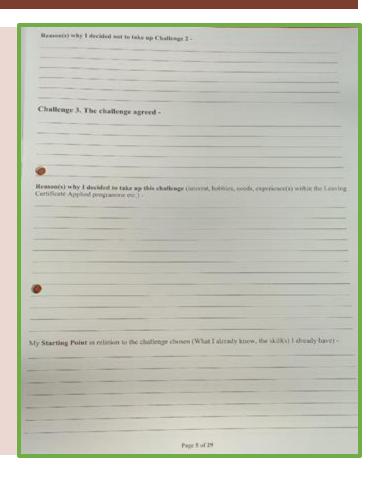
PAT BOOKLET Page 3; My Initial Statement (30 Marks)



Selection Process:	Decision making process, identify 3 challenges, factors involved in selection and rejection i.e. interest/hobbies/ existing skills, starting point.	10
Clarity of Purpose:	Realistic, attainable aims, clearly defined and developed	10
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Page 4 and 5; The Decision-Making Process

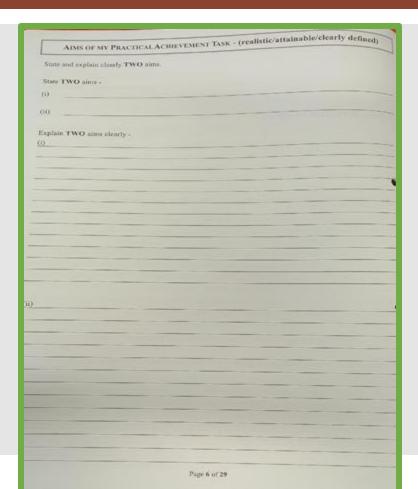




Selection Process: (10 Marks)

- Three Challenges
- Different reasons for selection/rejection
- Starting point (What I already know, the skills I have)

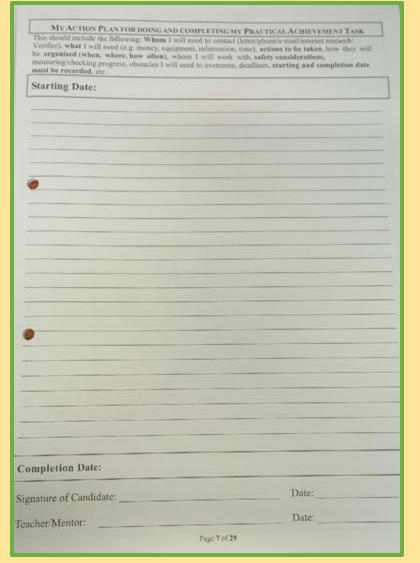
Page 6: Aims of My Practical Achievement Task



Clarity of Purpose (10 Marks)

- Two clearly defined, realistic and attainable Aims.
- Detailed development of Aims

Page 7 and 8; My Action Plan



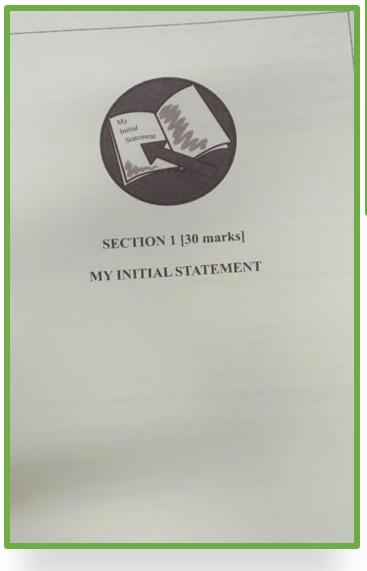
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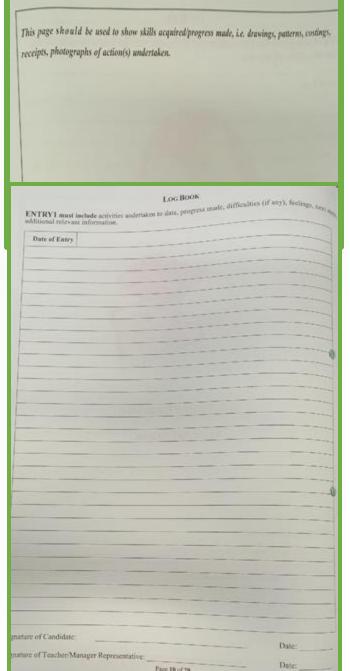
Research and Planning 10 Marks

- Must include start and finish dates (2 marks)
- Must be 6 weeks apart
- Must include all relevant research on task using headings at the top of the page.

MY ACTION PLAN FOR DOING AND COMPLETING MY PRACTICAL ACHIEVEMENT TASK

This should include the following: Whom I will need to contact (letter/phone/e-mail/internet research/ Verifier), what I will need (e.g. money, equipment, information, time), actions to be taken, how they will be organised (when, where, how often), whom I will work with, safety considerations, measuring/checking progress, obstacles I will need to overcome, deadlines, starting and completion date must be recorded, etc.





Page 9-16 My Log Book

•Carrying Out the Task (20 Marks)

- 5 Log Entries showing description of activity, engagement with task and build up of skills.
- Must have dates
- Follow all headings at top of Log entries including feelings, skills learned and next steps.

Section 3: Concluding Statement Pages 17-20 (20 Marks)



Focus on the Task (Page 18-19)

- I have achieved my aims because....
- We aims achieved? Were there any difficulties/ problems. Conclusions?

CONCLUDING STATEMENT (1) MEETING THE BRIEF - FOCUS IS ON THE TASK

- Were both my aims (page 5) achieved?
- · State reasons why why not in each case Problems if any and bow I overcame them etc.
- Was this task successful, why why no?
 - . Looking back, what would I do differently, and who

SECTION 3 [20 marks]

MY CONCLUDING STATEME

In my concluding statement I will consider:

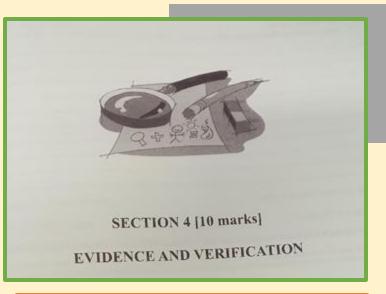
- Meeting the Brief (10 marks)
 - AND
- Self Evaluation (10 marks)

Focus on Me (Page 20)

- Skills/ Attitudes developed
- Lessons learned about self
- Personal Qualities Identified
- How will I benefit from this in the future

CONCLUDING STATEMENT (2) STLE-EVALUATION -- TOCKS IS ON ME

- . What I have learned about BIYSelf from doing this task
- Skills and attitudes I have developed as a result of doing this task Personal qualities identified.
- How I will keep the benefit of the achievement going in the future.



APPENDIX I Date of Completion:

Evidence of Achievement Page 21- 24 (10 Marks)

EVIDENCE 1 -	
Please describe the evidence chosen how it shows you have achieved your goal(s).	
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Evidence of Achievement:

<u>Two sources</u> of evidence; (Must show progression)

- Certificates
- Participation Record (Appendix 1 page 24)
- Video/ Audio Tapes
- Samples of Work
- Series of Photographs (one is not enough)
- Testimonials/ Letters
- Each piece of evidence chosen must be described on pages 22 and 23. Both sources must be defined and clearly explained.
- Verifier signs both of these pages.And also Appendix 1 if used.

PAT Additional Marks

- Individuality: 10 Marks, Own work, Unique, Interested, Creative, Full Account
- Effectiveness of Communication and Presentation; 10 Marks. 8 Marks for Layout, Neatness, Legibility Oral Interview; 2 Marks for ability of explain ideas, clarity, fluency

Key Points to Remember:

Teacher	Task must be anchored in a subject with a teacher each week. Teacher guidance is essential.
In Class	Task must be written up in class. Booklet does not go home until verification.
Rough Work	Write up booklet each week. Have a photocopied version for rough work first.
"["	Students must use"I" instead of we when writing up the task.
Verifier	Verifier must sign relevant spaces
Sign	Teacher must sign relevant spaces.
Prepare	Start preparation for this Task at end of Year 1. Make sure to inform parents so they can help their son/ daughter prepare.

Any Questions?



End of session 3

