

Personal Development Action Plan January-June 2013

In respect of these personal goals, WHAT ASPECTS OF YOURSELF DO YOU WANT TO DEVELOP?	WHY? is this important to you?	Activities in the next 6 months through which I can develop, apply and demonstrate development of these aspects of yourself
1 My communication skills - Developing myself as a communicator in a range of different contexts and using new media	In the workplace communication is vital in leadership and in working as a team member, it also means I can have good discussions with my peers	I have started working on the student newspaper "Impact" through my work with the newspaper I have improved my written communication skills. I have also improved in my oral communication in terms of interviewing.
2 My creativity	Being creative will help me come up with positive solutions to any problems I may face at university, this skill also makes me more employable	<p>I will continue to be a part of Improvisation society, being a part of this society requires me to think on the spot and come up with creative solutions to performance issues. These same skills are used in the play that I am currently performing in.</p> <p>The need for creativity may pop up unexpectedly, for example when I'm doing my assignments, preparing a meal or any other activity I might encounter or create. I believe that developing a wider appreciation of my creativity will be beneficial to me.</p>
3 Improve perseverance when facing challenges	This is vital in all my goals, continuing to work towards my goals even if it is challenging at times	I will continue to push myself in all that I do, I know I will encounter obstacles in most things I undertake so there should be no shortage of opportunity.

4 Manage myself as an independent learner	<p>in every goal, I need to learn to balance studying with extra curriculum activities and looking after myself, this will help me become a well- rounded individual and help me make the most of my time at university</p>	<p>I am learning to juggle many different things, look after myself and manage my studies, my social life and any other activities I engage in. I have joined several societies, including Improvisation and Impact which means I have two more things that I need to juggle.</p> <p>Continuing with the lifewide award and learning to manage my time at university will help me.</p>
5 Improving my employability	<p>In the short term I am hoping to get a job at university. In the long term I hope to ensure I am able to get a better job once leaving university.</p>	<p>Although my intention was to look for paid employment while at university I have not pursued this further. However, I have tried to develop my employability skills through other avenues, for example working with Impact will help me if I choose to pursue a career in broadcasting.</p>
6 My sense of fulfillment as a whole person	<p>I feel it is important to feel confident and happy within yourself in order to grasp opportunities or to solve challenges.</p>	<p>I continue to seek to ways of helping others. I will try to get involved in one of the student run activities in the new year.</p> <p>I am helping to pilot the Lifewide Development Award giving the organisers feedback on the methods and tools they are using and providing them with an example of how a learner would approach the job of completing the award.</p> <p>After my illness before Christmas I realise that I cannot feel fulfilled if I am unwell so I resolve to take better care of myself.</p>

Which of these aspects of personal development are likely to be developed and demonstrated through the activities involved in pursuing your personal goal?
These aspects are considered to be important in lifewide learning and development. In any complex activity all of these are likely to be relevant. They are intended to provide you with a set of prompts to help you think about and record your learning and personal development. Delete any that you believe are not relevant and add any additional prompts.

Managing myself see above	✓
Dealing with and creating situations to solve problems, work with challenge and take advantage of opportunities through going to france I learnt about problem solving in the real world, dealing with changes in the plan is something I will have to learn at university	✓
Developing the knowledge needed to deal with new situations This is most easy to see in driving, I am learning how to work a vehicle and learning the Jargan for this specific purpose	✓

Being creative, resourceful and enterprising	see above	√
Being an effective communicator	see above	√
Being aware of and sensitive to cultural difference	This will help me become more compassionate , I really enjoyed my tour of france learning about their culture and hope to live abroad in the future, until then university will be more multicultural than school was	√
Behaving with empathy and compassion	I need this to help with my volunteering, this skills has been and will be developed at home and dealing with friends	√
Working collaboratively with others and providing leadership	this is important in being influential in the work place, in contributing to the school magazine I learnt both leadership and teamwork and both will be needed when I join clubs and university, it is also required in my course	√
Behaving ethically and with social responsibility	I believe it is very important that as an individual I behave in an ethical manner especially as this will make me more employable	√
<i>Any other aspects of personal development, new skills or capability - please add</i>		
Technical skills of driving a car	I didn't get very far with this so it is still on my list of things to do but I wont be doing it while I'm at university	
Using technology -	Technical skills of creating my own website and using various technology	√