



About the SOK Project at Junior College

The SOK Project involves a hands-on experience with a voluntary organisation, organisations working in the social, environmental, and cultural sectors, and/or lessons with an art/applied arts teacher (e.g., painting, dance, film-making, ceramics, photography, etc.). The project's topic must be related to the areas of Responsible Citizenship, Aesthetics, or the Environment.

Matsec Rules

According to Matsec Rules, the activities must range from 8 to 10, span over several weeks [about 8 weeks], and total at least 20 hours. The candidate (student) is supported by the overseer [organization] for activities and by the tutor [school] for the write-up. The overseer must sign the Project Task Record (pages 6 and 7 of the Matsec booklet) for each activity and at the end provide a comment about the student's performance.

The Junior College Time frame

Students are expected:

- To confirm their organisation with their tutor by mid-November
- Complete at least two activities before January
- Finish all activities by the end of August

Expectations

Organisations and overseers are expected to:

- Confirm in writing that they accepted a student [e.g. by email]
- Provide hands-on activities for at least half of the activities
- Respect the school's time frame
- Provide students with a clear time frame for the activities
- Offer more than the minimum hours for students who might miss some activities
- May allow students to do one or two activities from home or on their own if suitable or necessary

Project Write-Up Topics

The main topics for the project write-up are the values, topics, and skills found in the SOK syllabus. *It is entirely the tutor's responsibility to guide students with the topics for the write-up. The overseers need not take responsibility for such matters.*

Variety of Experience

For a variety of experiences, organisations can consider:

- Organising fundraising activities
- Brainstorming sessions
- Let students conduct interviews or questionnaires as part of their activities
- Assisting with social media management and campaigns
- Let students do some activities with related organisations or their own, such as attending first-aid courses in first aid, or any other topic related to the project

Evidence

In each session/activity, students must take at least two photos and/or pieces of evidence (e.g., photographic evidence, screenshots, or documents).

Making your Organisation more appealing

To appeal to SOK students, organisations should focus on visibility, convenience, and accessibility. Increasing visibility can be achieved by participating in Junior College Freshers' Week or through online promotion. Convenience can be improved by creating an online application form. It is also crucial to promote projects when students are choosing their project topic/organisation, usually in October and early November. *Lastly, creating a project that is convenient in terms of time, location, duration, and content tailored to the SOK syllabus is highly beneficial.*

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