Service as Action Proccess Journal

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Service as Action Orientation:

**What is Service?**

Service means learning by doing and helping others. Students can build connections between learning and the community interactions.

**Types of Service:**

* Direct Service: We directly interact with the community
* Indirect Service: We indirectly interact with the community.
* Advocacy focused service: Raising awareness about a important cause/ protests
* Research oriented service: Contributing towards a research for the better good

**Learning Objectives:**

While doing each project and writing each reflection, we should have achieved some of the following learning objectives (LO’s)

1. **Awareness**: Become more aware of your own strengths and areas for growth (Reflective)
2. **New Skills**: Undertake challenges that develop new skills (Knowledgeable)
3. **Initiative**: Discuss, evaluate and plan student-initiated activities (Inquirer)
4. **Commitment**: Persevere in action (Balanced)
5. **Collaboration** : Work collaboratively with others (Communicators)
6. **Global Value:** Develop international mindedness through global engagement, multilingualism and intercultural understanding (Caring)
7. **Ethics**: Consider the ethical implications of your actions (Principled)

**Requirements for MYP – 3:**

1 group project (We can choose own group) + 2 individual/group projects + 7 activities

**Difference between activity and project:**

Activity: Is a specific event where you meet at least on learning objective. This can be a single event or a series of events. If ever done for more than 2 months, it can be converted into a project

Project: Is a specific event with at least 2 learning objectives. It should be atleast 2 months long and should preferably be done in groups with detailed planning and reflection

**Steps to follow for an activity/project**

* Find a problem
* Plan an initiative
* Take the necessary permissions for the school
* Find approval of the activity
* Implementation of the plan
* Reflection about the activity
* Post everything on managebac

**Key things to keep in mind while writing reflections:**

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| Reflection is | Reflection isn’t |
| Honest and Personal | Forced |
| Done in many ways some times | Right or wrong |
| Usually difficult sometimes easy | Good or bad |
| Something creative | Marked or graded |
| Building Self-Awareness | Copying what someone else said |
| Necessary for learning | Predictable |
| What I did, combined with how I felt | To be judged by others |
| Helpful for planning | Only a summary of what happened |
| Done alone or with others | A waste of time |
| About thoughts, feelings, and ideas – adding perspective | Discussion |
|  | Only in written format |
|  | Only read by teachers |
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**Reflection 1 (8/7/20)**

Today was the first service session of the new academic year and this was a very vital class as today we had orientation of the service as action programme. I got to know some very important details about this programme like how to use managebac, what is the purpose of reflections etc. This was honestly really fun because I got to learn a lot of new things and at the end I was very excited to start the project and already had a couple of ideas in mind mostly related to app developing.

**Reflection 2 (15/7/20)**

In this session, I got to meet my service advisor Mrs. Alisha Das and we all got to interact with her and got to know a lot of stuff they’re going to be doing differently this year. Firstly we looked at 4 shared documents which were related to the Service Handbook, different NGO’s, different activities we can do and lastly a SWOT analysis sheet. I had a lot of doubts this time because there were many components to service as action this time but I catched up quickly.

**Reflection 3 (22/7/20)**

In this session, we discussed some doubts we all had about the SA program and we all then told that will we do the next NGO activity as an individual or a group and I chose individually. I think that the NGO I am going to be working with is the volunteer NGO because I really think it is for a good cause since I will be doing research which will help the environment. Today’s class cleared a lot of doubts so it was fun.