

Commentary on candidate evidence

Proposal

This is a very interesting project with several different strands stated in the outline. The relevance of the title becomes clearer as the project progresses, but more thought could have been given to ensure that the subject matter was more obvious.

The candidate's justification is strong and demonstrates the interdisciplinary nature of the topic, with the original interest stemming from work for Advanced Higher Art.

The broad contexts section should have been expanded, however the candidate has clearly considered the choice of citizenship, enterprise and employability which are all relevant.

There are several different learning environments, some of which will have a greater degree of unfamiliarity than others.

The skills section has been well done with consideration given to their existing skills in some areas.

Overall, this is a well-conceived project. The assessor feedback is supportive and points out the challenges faced in researching several areas in two languages.

All A grade criteria have been met.

Plan

The way in which the timeline and planning section have been completed is excellent and well thought out. The level of detail given for each objective provides a clear idea of how the project will progress.

The resources and research methods sections both contain relevant information and link with the outline in the proposal.

Dependencies and contingencies have both been considered, with the dependencies supported by the timeline and planning section.

Assessor feedback is relevant and positive, indicating that the project may be larger in scope than the candidate expects.

All A grade criteria have been met.

Presentation of project findings/product

The candidate has included a wealth of information in their findings. The level of detail is impressive with recommendations being passed on to agencies.

Some consideration should have been given to the use of social media to widen the audience and disseminate further the findings of the project, though it is commendable that they used social media to further the spread of their surveys.

The assessor feedback and comments in the assessor report justify the awarding of A criteria.

All A grade criteria have been met.

Evaluation of project

The candidate's input in the section is very weak but the level of detail in the presentation of project findings more than compensates for this. Using the italicised prompts in each section would have helped the candidate focus on what input was required. There is also cross-over from the self-evaluation where there is more indication of the strengths and weaknesses of the project.

The review of the use of communication skills is good, covering several different methods.

Both A grade criteria in this area have been met.

Self-evaluation

The candidate has carried out a good self-evaluation and has acknowledged the challenges faced in keeping up their motivation. They have almost been buried under the quantity of information they gathered from different sources which made it difficult for them to see how to move forward.

Parts of this section also support the evaluation of the project without detracting from the self-evaluation.

Feedback has been sought at various points throughout the project.

Both A grade criteria in this area have been met.

Overview

The scope of this project almost proved too much for the candidate and, as hinted at by the assessor feedback early on, it should have perhaps been scaled back to more manageable aims. However, the candidate is to be commended for pulling it off and should be proud of their achievement.