



Junior Project 2009 : PODCAST

Synopsis: The junior project is a 15 minute podcast that includes research into the various subjects undertaken by the group members. The medium for the podcast should be either English or Mandarin. Each group is limited to **3 members maximum**.

A) The Project Timeline :

September 10, Thursday, 3pm : Briefing & Grouping

September 10 – 21 : Creating the Podcast (Groups) *Workshops by Ms Dawn will be done mainly during English lessons in school. Students must continue to do their work at their own time outside of English lesson times.*

September 22 – 23 : Editing (Groups) *editing computer stations will be available in school*

September 23 : Upload of Podcasts *pls email your podcast or pass your thumbdrive to Ms Dawn, dawnfung@citycollege.edu.sg by 0000HR.*

September 24 - 25 : Internal assessment by teachers (englishcafe.wordpress.com)

September 26 : Results of Junior Project released

B) The Project Guidelines :

1. The 15 minute PODCAST must include **all** the subjects taken by the group. E.g. If someone in the group takes Geography, a geographical program must be in the podcast.
2. The PODCAST can contain only **6 minutes worth of music**, put anywhere in the 15 minute line. A song should have a casual introduction by the deejay with its title announced e.g. "This next song is ___ by ___ .." The music can be of any language or genre. *Background music is not included, but it should not overwhelm the speaker or the programme.*
3. The PODCAST can only contain a **maximum of 2 trivias (1 minute each)**, sourced from the internet. All sources should be credited. E.g. "The trivia was taken from hello.com and jjjj.com..."
4. The PODCAST must include a **2 minute interview** with a guest. E.g. "Our Math guest today is..."
5. The PODCAST a **1 minute newspaper report** from a credible magazine/newspaper source "Weather patterns are erratic across Singapore today because..."



6. The PODCAST must include a **30 second recommendation of events in Singapore**.
 E.g. "The weekend's coming up! Join Singapore Art Museum this Saturday in ..."

C) Project Assessment

Research (30%) – this includes original material, creative initiative and diligence in sourcing work. It is expected that students will organize and document all research in good order. Marks will be awarded according to the quality of research and documentation.

Leadership and Teamwork (20%) - this includes participation of every group member from research to editing. **The leader of the team will be awarded an additional 5% bonus marks.**

Result (50%) – this includes the professionalism, organisation and content of your podcast as listened on englishcafe.wordpress.com.

Marks will be deducted for late work – 2 marks per day late, and up to a maximum of 3 late days, after which the junior project will not be assessed, and will be taken as nullified.

	Research (30%)	Teamwork (20%)	Result (50%)	Remarks (e.g. Late work)
Team 1 Leader: X1 Member: X2 Member: X3 Supervisor: XX				

D) Project Materials :

Interviews

The PODCAST will be made up edited MP3 materials. Therefore, you are encouraged to use your handphones, and internet softwares like Audacity to help you record materials.

Music

You may use MP3s from your Cds or phones. The music can be edited further on the podcast software.



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The best way is to use microphones on the computer stations. *If you are going to invite a guest to record a segment on the computer station for clarity, do remember to book a slot with the teacher-in-charge at least 2 days in advance.*

E) Project Workshops during English Lessons (Do bring your laptops) :

1. What is a PODCAST and how to create it
2. Creating a Timeline & Collecting research for the PODCAST
3. Creating a PODCAST/radio script
4. Editing the PODCAST

Students should continue on their projects outside of the workshop times.

F) Project Reflections

Each student is encouraged to send in a 1 paragraph reflection of the project in englishcafe.wordpress.com. This will let us know how the project has been beneficial to yourself.

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