MARKING CRITERIA

Save Our Ocean, Protect Our Future – Competition

Regardless of whether you choose to write an essay or choose to produce an A1 poster/ commentary, entrants are expected to provide a balanced answer which covers equally all three questions mentioned in the topic title.

Essay Entry

"What do I think when I think about the ocean? What is my main concern about the ocean? What can I do as an engaged citizen/what can we do as a community to contribute to save the ocean and protect our future?"

Marking Criteria: 1000 word essay	
"What do I think when I think about the ocean?	**Criteria**
	Personal opinion / thoughts / ideas have been clearly shared
	The Ocean is referred to specifically
	Wider links may be made to the environment and sustainability
What is my main concern about the ocean?	**Criteria**
	Concerns are expressed through personal opinion and / or through statistics and facts
	Clarity is provided through explanation as to why it is a concern/s
	Concerns may include links to the environment / wildlife / sustainability (but this list is not exhaustive, other creative responses may be included)
What can I do as an engaged citizen/what can we do as a community to contribute to save the ocean and protect our future?"	**Criteria**
	References may be made to practical examples for what an engaged citizen can do
	Community contribution is outlined identifying examples / behaviours / actions that can be taken to save the ocean **and** protect the future
	Research is clearly referred to and cited

Poster Entry

"What do I think when I think about the ocean? What is my main concern about the ocean? What can I do as an engaged citizen/what can we do as a community to contribute to save the ocean and protect our future?"

An A1 poster can be submitted **with a 250-word commentary**

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