***Personal Engagement Criterion***

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| **Personal engagement – 2 marks**  This criterion assesses the extent to which the student engages with the exploration and makes it their own. Personal engagement may be recognized in different attributes and skills. These could include addressing personal interests or showing evidence of independent thinking, creativity or initiative in the designing, implementation or presentation of the investigation. | |
| **Mark** | **Descriptor** |
| 0 | The student’s report does not reach a standard described by the descriptors below. |
| 1 | **The evidence of personal engagement with the exploration is limited with little independent thinking, initiative or creativity.**  The justification given for choosing the research question and/or the topic under investigation does not demonstrate **personal significance, interest or curiosity**.  There is little evidence of **personal input and initiative** in the designing, implementation or presentation of the investigation. |
| 2 | **The evidence of personal engagement with the exploration is clear with significant independent thinking, initiative or creativity.**  The justification given for choosing the research question and/or the topic under investigation demonstrates **personal significance, interest or curiosity**.  There is evidence of **personal input and initiative** in the designing, implementation or presentation of the investigation. |