

Summer Independent Learning 2022.

Compulsory meeting attendance week beginning 14/9

(Oxbridge students will need to organise a 1:1 meeting)

What do I need to do over the Summer?

1. Make sure you have dedicated EPQ time over the Summer
2. Complete your **'Planning Review'** *early* in the Summer. See the Guide on Teams.
3. **Read around and research** your topic to go deeper and help refine your title. Make sure you use a variety of source types including academic articles. Your main research should be nearly completed on return to college. Aim for at least 20 solid sources!
4. **Source evaluation table** - to name and evaluate your sources thoroughly (lots of marks for this!) – see the last 'lesson' if unsure. Remember to go more detailed than your mini project. Will you try the CRAAP or RAVEN method? Or use one of the tables suggested in Lesson 3? Show selection!
5. Show how you are planning your tasks and time (so must have dates attached to tasks). - **Gantt Chart?** Planning diary? Other method? See EPQ lesson 2 if unsure. Evaluate when you meet and don't meet deadlines. Discuss why you change your tasks/time plans – it's okay to adjust (better in fact!). Make sure you explain the difficulties you have had to overcome.
6. Send an **email** to your supervisor to organize to meet to discuss your planning review the first week back at college at the end of August. TIP: send your Product Log so they can read your work first!

More ideas for over the summer?

- Visit Doncaster (or Sheffield) library to find other resources for your project?
- Continue to use the LRC resources to get ACADEMIC sources?
- Contact someone in your area of interest to find out what they say about your subject area? Emails are great for this!
- Compare what they say to another person's viewpoint?
- Start to find out what people think about your area of interest? Conduct pilot primary surveys to gather information?

Optional MOOCs to add to your skills (and UCAS reference statement?):

- https://www.leeds.ac.uk/info/130580/supporting_students/709/research_and_study_skills
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/epq-success>

Other sources:

<https://www.bl.uk/learning/online-resources>

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/library/study/research-skills/preentry>