

# Year 11 Summer 2021

**Preparation for College** 

**Research Project** 

## **Academic Research Project**

The aim of this project is to prepare you for independent study, and the skills needed to research and write an essay/presentation.

It's a great starting point for your next steps in your learning and for starting college.



## What you will do

- Identify a suitable project title/question.
- Create a project outline.
- Research and collect information around the project title/question.
- Present your findings. This might take the form of an academic essay or a presentation. Or you may wish to find creative ways to present your work such as a blog/vlog/podcast.



# What you need first

An idea for your project

It can be on *any* topic you like.

But you need something that you can:

- Find enough information on to investigate in an in-depth way.
- Evaluate different aspects of an argument

Some of the best project titles are questions



# **Examples of Project Titles**

- Was Donald Trump a good
  president?
- Will Brexit benefit the UK?
- Is the free press a force for good?
- Did Anne Boleyn really commit adultery?
- Are psychopaths made or born?
- Should the world adopt a single currency?

- Can crime ever be justified?
- How has the invention of the internet benefited the world?
- How has our view of the solar system changed and how will it develop in the future?
- How is AR going to develop and impact on society?



# **Getting Started**

- Start by exploring your key ideas.
- Plan your essay/presentation/blog/vlog/podcast.
- As you conduct your research keep a log of where you are finding the information.

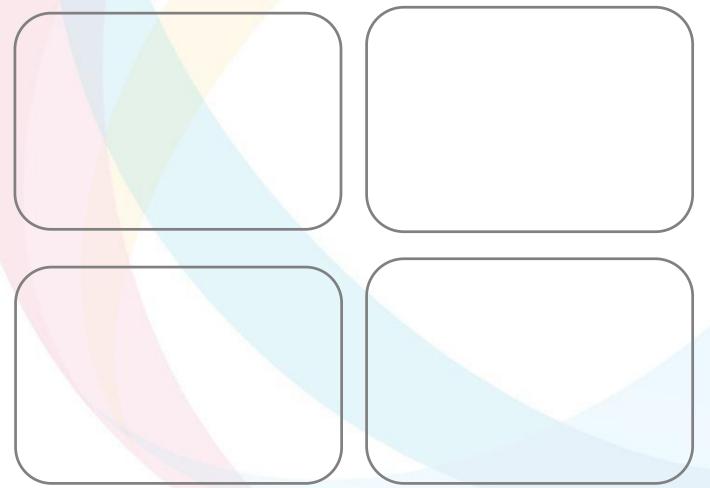
The following slides may help you in your planning...



#### Write down 4 areas of interest:



Choose each of your areas of interest and bullet point some areas of interest/ focus for research:





Find five pieces of information/ research about the question you are most interested in:



#### **Research Log**

| Date<br>found | Source of information<br>(website name,<br>Book,<br>Video etc) | Description of information<br>What are the key points? | Notes:<br>What do I find most interesting? What<br>did it tell me? What would I like to<br>explore from this? |
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Once you have completed your research project you should send it to <u>researchproject@varndean.ac.uk</u>.

# The final deadline is 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021\* Remember you will have other work to complete from 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 so you will need to plan your time.

(\*You are of course welcome to submit before the deadline too!)

Good luck and enjoy working on your project!

