

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:

1:

2:

3:

4:

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



Question I most want to research:

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

Research Log

Date found	Source of information (website name, Book, Video etc)	Description of information What are the key points?	Notes: What do I find most interesting? What did it tell me? What would I like to explore from this?

Once you have completed your research project
you should send it to
researchproject@varndean.ac.uk.

The final deadline is **1st September 2021***
Remember you will have other work to complete
from **30th 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!