

Date	Comments	Action required
06/07/2018	During work experience in Switzerland I attended a meeting/ lecture on the "Future of Mobility". This gave me inspiration for my EPQ topic and sparked my interest in future technologies and the issues that will occur as it advances.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create the documents needed for my EPQ</li><li>• Come up with some more topic ideas through further research</li></ul>
16/07/2018	I started a production log, resources log and diary then created a Gantt graph to track my progress and plan ahead. I decided to do a project related to cyber security since this is a topic frequently discussed on the news because it is constantly relevant in today's world and because it is a subject that has always fascinated me since it is always changing and effects everyone's day to day lives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do more research into topics related to cyber security to narrow down my project idea</li></ul>
23/07/2018	I began researching topics and issues relating to cyber security and decided on the working title of "What new challenges will cyber security face as technology advances?" This is because cyber security is something I believe everyone should be concerned about and future technology is a subject I am very interested in. I decided that my product will be a dissertation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Check title with supervisor</li><li>• Find useful sources like books or magazines that are as unbiased and credible as possible</li></ul>
13/08/18	I went on holiday for 3 weeks so could not work much on my project however on the plane journeys I did watch 2 documentaries on cyber-security and made notes of useful information on my phone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Put the notes from my phone onto research document</li></ul>
03/09/18	I decided to change my working title to "To what extent should the government be able to invade people's privacy in order to obtain cyber security?" because I have found more interesting and relevant information on this topic and I believe there is more to discuss regarding this subject than my previous title ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do further research that is more relevant to my new working title</li></ul>
10/09/18	I looked at some articles online and in newspapers then created a new research document to record relevant information I find and organise information I have already found. I told friends and family about my project and many of them send me interesting articles and pieces of information that they find.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue research to prepare me for writing my dissertation</li></ul>
17/09/18	I decided to stop using my Gantt graph since they are more useful for creating products and I plan to write a dissertation; I think the diary is enough to track my progress. I also continued to research the topics I listed in my record of initial ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue research to prepare me for writing my dissertation</li></ul>

24/09/18	Created headings in my research folder for some of the topics I plan to read into. Continued some research but this week I had some coursework due for my Computer Science project so I had to balance my time more carefully.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a 'plan' document so I can start to think about areas and viewpoints I will discuss in my dissertation</li> <li>• Create time table to manage projects</li> </ul>
01/10/18	Created a new 'Dissertation Plan' word document to record any ideas I have of subjects to cover and to plan the structure of my essay. I am currently doing my EPQ, computer science project and UCAS application so I have started to manage my time much more carefully by creating a timetable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start my 'Planning Review' in the production log</li> </ul>
08/10/18	I began the 'planning review' section of my production log to decide on my deadlines then continued researching into different topics related to my dissertation to help me with my dissertation plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete my 'Planning Review' in the production log</li> </ul>
15/10/18	I continued my research and made changes to my dissertation plan as I got more ideas from my research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete my 'Planning Review' in the production log</li> </ul>
22/10/18	Went to a talk about cyber security at Warwick university to learn more about it and the current issues involving cyber security. I got the email of the person giving the talk so I may interview him in the future.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete my 'Planning Review' in the production log</li> </ul>
29/10/18	Completed the 'summary of the comments and advice from my supervisor' section of my initial ideas. I continued my research and made changes to my dissertation plan as I got more ideas from my research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write interview questions</li> </ul>
05/11/18	I decided to do interviews instead of a survey because the questions regarding cyber security and privacy I feel are too complicated for a survey and would be better suited for an interview but I will try to interview people that will likely have different views. I will try to make the interview quite short so that the people I contact are more likely to do them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact people and conduct interviews</li> </ul>
12/11/18	I emailed multiple university professors and authors of some of the news articles I have found to see if I could interview them. I needed to try to contact lots of people because the interview could take quite a lot of time so many of the people I email won't have time to respond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin dissertation</li> </ul>
19/11/18	Removed some points from my dissertation plan so that I can go into more detail for points that are more related to the question I am trying to answer. I created a document for my dissertation and added the subtitles I planned to use and a table of contents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete mid-project review.</li> </ul>

26/11/18	Began completing the mid-project review in my production log. Started the introduction of my dissertation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish mid-project review.</li> </ul>
03/12/18	Finished mid-project review. Started section 2-4 of my dissertation which involved further research so I created a Bibliography.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue dissertation</li> </ul>
10/12/18	Started section 5-7 of my dissertation and updated my bibliography with the new sources I used. I then went over all sections to proof read them and take notes that I will talk about in my conclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish dissertation</li> </ul>
17/12/18	Christmas Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish dissertation</li> </ul>
24/12/18	Christmas Holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish dissertation</li> </ul>
31/12/18	I finished my dissertation by writing up my conclusion then proof reading the entire document. I decided to change some of the subheadings from my original plan to better suit what I ended up writing about in each section.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete project product review</li> </ul>
07/01/19	After reading my final product I decided that the title "To What Extent Should the Government be Allowed to Invade People's Privacy in Order to Prevent Cybercrime?" is a more suited title since cybercrime encompasses more of the topics I talked about for example hate speech.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete project product review</li> </ul>
14/01/19	Finished the bibliography for my dissertation and checked that all the information is correct. Began completing the project product review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete project product review</li> </ul>
21/01/19	Took a break from my project to revise for my mock exams next week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete project product review</li> </ul>
28/01/19	Mock Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete project product review</li> </ul>

04/02/19	Finished completing the project product review. Began wiring up source evaluation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finish source evaluation</li> </ul>
11/02/19	Completed my source evaluation. Began planning for my presentation and started working on the presentation record section of the production log.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation record</li> </ul>
18/02/19	Half Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation record</li> </ul>
25/02/19	Finished the presentation record section of my production log. Created a PowerPoint presentation and used the presentation record to create a template for each slide with just the title and some notes on what will be included.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create presentation</li> </ul>
04/03/19	Expanded on the notes I made for each slide so the main part of the presentation is complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create presentation</li> <li>• Practice giving presentation</li> </ul>
11/03/19	Changed the design of the presentation and added images to make it more interesting to view. Practiced giving the presentation in front of some friends to practice answering questions and receive feedback which I used to develop the slides accordingly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Give presentation</li> <li>• Do question and answer session</li> </ul>
18/03/19	Gave the presentation about my project then did a Q&A session to allow people to ask questions about my EPQ and my final product. I wrote up the questions and answers in a document.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary and reflection</li> </ul>
25/03/19	Started and completed summary and reflection section of production log. Proof read and put together all my relevant documents ready to hand in.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand in project</li> </ul>