**Personal Audit – Choosing a Topic**

Think about what you do in your spare time. What hobbies and interests do you have? Now answer the following questions:

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| 1 What subjects are you studying? | Physics  Art  Computing  Double Maths |
| 2 Which subject(s) do you like most? | Computing |
| 3 Why do you like them? | Art is fun and creative  Physics is interesting  Maths is logic and lots of problem solving  Computing is problem solving and algorithm |
| 4 What do you do in your spare time? | Karate  Run  Computing problem solving |
| 5 What are your favourite books/TV programmes/sports? | Big bang theory |
| 6 What sort of music do you like? | Rock  Classical  Movie soundtracks |
| 7 Do any issues/current affairs interest or concern you? | Poverty |
| 8. Do you have any career or Higher Education intentions and if so, do you know what? | Engineering  Software development /  3D graphics |
| 9. Do you want to produce a project that gives you competitive edge/helps you get into Uni/employment? If so – what? | Yes – learning a new skiff that could be useful later – like learning a new programing language. |
| 10. Or do you want to develop different skills? Are there any subjects that you miss? Anything that you have always wanted to learn how to do? | Maybe recap of French or other languages |

Look back at the questions that you have answered and choose four categories/subjects in order of your interest in producing an Extended Project that is related to one of them.

1. Computing

2. Art

3. Physics

4. Maths

Now think about the different formats (artefact/dissertation/investigation/event/performance/design) that your project could take. Could one of your topics above fit a format that you might be interested in? Jot down any potential ideas here.

Make 3D graphics – artefact

**\*\*Remember, at this stage it is enough to have an area to research – you do not need to have a specific title\*\***

The criteria that you are going to be marked against will be assessing your project management, your research skills, and your development of skills beyond your A levels. Could your chosen area lend itself to

* having plenty of areas of research that you can access (not just sitting on a laptop and typing words into Google!). If yes – what avenues of research would be open to you with this topic?
* Cambridge Library
* showing/allowing you to develop new skills/progression beyond A level, for example – if you are a History student and you write a History based dissertation – how will you show that you have done more than produce a piece of coursework? Jot down what skills you would develop by completing your proposed topic/format.
* Computing programming skills
* Art / drawing skills
* demonstrating that a range of different skills were used - these could include **communication, IT**, **writing**, managing people, other technical skills, **analysing, problem solving, construction, design** and so on.

How might your proposed project topic help you in the future? Why will it sustain your interest for an extended period of time?

It will be an interesting subject to research. And if it’s interesting enough I might go for a course in Uni