📅 THIS WEEK'S DISSERTATION PLAN (TUE → FRI)

🎯 Weekly goal (unchanged)

By Friday, you will:

- understand your dataset

- have one baseline model working

- have real draft text in Chapters 1 & 2

- feel calm and in control

🟢 TUESDAY — Step 1: Dataset familiarisation // DONE

Time: ~2 hours

Technical

- Download LIAR dataset done

- Place files in `data/raw/` done

- Open `01_data_exploration.ipynb` done

- Load datasets done

- Inspect: done

  - shape

  - columns

  - labels

  - example rows

❌ No cleaning
❌ No modelling

Writing (15–20 min)

- Expand **2.1 Dataset Description** (1 short paragraph) done

✅ End-of-day feeling: *"I understand my data."*

🟢 WEDNESDAY — Finish Step 1 + start writing // DONE

Time: ~2–3 hours

Technical

- Finalise understanding of:

    - text column

    - label column

- Save & commit notebook

Writing

- Start **Chapter 1 – Introduction**

    - Background

    - Motivation

    - Aim (reuse from outline)

✅ End-of-day feeling: *"I can explain my project."*

🟢 THURSDAY — Step 2: Baseline preparation // DONE

Time: ~2–3 hours

Technical

- Open `02_baseline_models.ipynb`

- Extract text & labels

- TF-IDF vectorisation (default settings)

❌ No tuning
❌ No evaluation yet

Writing

- Add **Methodology subsection**:

    - Text representation (TF-IDF)

✅ End-of-day feeling: *"I have a concrete method."*

🟢 FRIDAY — First baseline model // DONE

Time: ~2–3 hours

Technical

- Train Logistic Regression

- Evaluate:

    - accuracy

    - precision

    - recall

    - F1-score

🎉 First real result

Writing

- Write short **baseline results notes** (not final Results chapter yet)

✅ End-of-week feeling: *"I am officially underway."*

🔴 What we are still NOT doing

- ❌ Transformers

- ❌ Hyperparameter tuning

- ❌ Fancy plots

- ❌ Multiple datasets

All postponed intentionally.

🧠 Final reassurance

You ended today **exactly where you should**:

- setup complete

- plan clear

- pressure low