**Personal Audit – Choosing a Topic**

Think about what you do in your spare time. What hobbies and interests do you have? Answer the questions and save this document in your EP 1-drive:

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| 1. What subjects are you studying?  (If you are doing essay based subjects this will make writing a good dissertation harder as you already have these skills) | Computer Science, Politics, Business |
| 2. Which subject(s) do you like most? | Computer Science |
| 3. Why do you like them? Any particular areas or aspects? | Programming, Critical thinking |
| 4 What do you do in your spare time? | Listen to music, play guitar, selling high-end trainers online |
| 5. What are your favourite books/TV programmes/sports? | Breaking bad, surfing |
| 6. What sort of music do you like? | Rock, experimental, dnb, drill |
| 7. Which issues/ current affairs interest or concern you? | BLM, Election |
| 8. Do you have any career or Higher Education intentions and if so, do you know what? | Programmer |
| 9. Are there any subjects you did at GCSE and now miss and would like to develop further? | Media studies maybe |
| 10. Do you want to produce a project that gives you a competitive edge/helps you get into Uni/employment? If so – what? | Not necessarily but it wouldn’t hurt to have a project that would prepare me for Uni |
| 11. Do you want to develop different skills? Anything that you have always wanted to learn how to do? Creative projects often are the most satisfying and are easiest to evidence skills gained. | I don’t have any creative skills that I can think of that I would like to improve on or develop. |

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. Programming

2. Sneakers/Streetwear

3. Music

4. Media studies

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 ideas below:

What counts as an artefact?

Shoe rental website 😊

**\*\*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?
* 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.
* 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?

**The ideas and reasons here will form part of your rationale and initial planning in your Project progression record document that you will save to your one-drive EP folder.**