

# EPQ DEPARTMENT

# TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 EPQ student



- 1 Planning is key! Get yourselves a specific EPQ diary, put in the deadlines and work out a detailed plan.
- 2 Monitor the plan! You need to be able to adjust your timelines because you cannot account for everything.
- 3 Explore a range of options in those first few weeks. Don't just jump into the first topic – you need to be totally committed to your topic.
- 4 Get out and visit places! Find locations that will be useful to your topic and visit them. This will give you a range of sources to use in your project.
- 5 The best projects receive feedback from other people, particularly the target audience. Reflect on and make specific changes to your project because of it. Get feedback!
- 6 Start writing your supporting documents early – these can then be updated throughout the course. Starting them early will mean you are not frantically trying to remember things you have done!
- 7 Keep note of all of your sources – these can be formatted later but you do need to keep a note of these as you go! This is easiest in a Word document.
- 8 Back up your documents in multiple places! Do not become a victim of a broken computer or risk failing because you have lost your documents!

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