

The Astley Cooper School EPQ Bridging Task 2018

Your EPQ is a *research*-based essay or artefact/product.

This task will help to familiarise you with some key research skills, as well as encouraging you to start thinking about a possible topic for your EPQ. You should bring evidence that you have done these tasks to your first lesson (a guideline for how much you should write is given in brackets). There will be a short open-book test based upon these tasks in the first two weeks in September.

1. Questionnaires (200+ words)

What makes an effective questionnaire? What are the pitfalls?

What types of online questionnaire are there? How do these work? What is their value?

2. Ethical guidelines (200+ words plus an example of some)

What are ethical research guidelines and why do we have them?

3. Find out what the Harvard referencing system is. (100 words plus some examples.)

4. Try-out 'google-scholar'. What is it? (100 words)

5. Research three different possible topics for your EPQ. For each one find at least 3 articles and summarise what you have found out from the articles you have found and read. Comment upon their reliability. What is your opinion about what you have read? (Print out 9 articles and aim to write 200+ words for each of the three topics).

Overall, you should have written over 1,000 words and have printed out some useful academic articles. Good luck and if you have any problems please e-mail me at r.padam@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk