

Year 12-13

The Academic LORIC

Love of Learning Pick a topic that you have studied in each one of your subjects at A level/BTEC. Write a short paragraph as to why you loved learning about this topic so much, in no more than 100 words.	Love of Learning Log on to Gresham College. Go to the 'About Us' tab and select 'Schools and Colleges', then click on your subject and watch a lecture/lectures of your choice. Make notes on the three most interesting points made. www.gresham.ac.uk	Love of learning On BBC Sounds, find a podcast based on your subject area. Listen to the podcast and write the three most inspiring points made in the podcast www.bbc.co.uk/sounds	Love of Learning MOOCs are Massively Open Online Courses which give you the chance to do a short course based on undergraduate studies. They are written by the top universities and institutions and take 2-6 hours a week over 2-4 weeks. www.Futurelearn.co.uk
Open Minded Think about the subject you are going to study at university. Has anyone ever tried to dissuade you from this subject? Write down yours and others' perception of the subject and why you have chosen it, in no more than 250 words.	Open minded Find an article or TED talk or podcast where your subject is being criticised or challenged, listen with an open mind then write a one paragraph response defending your subject. www.ted.com	Open minded Watch the Carol Dweck TED talk 'The power of believing that you can Improve'. Write down the three most important points that Carol Dweck makes in her talk. www.ted.com	Open Minded Annotate the Carol Dweck Growth Mindset image, found in the blog below, with the challenges you will face at university. Will this change at different times of the year? http://fs.blog/2015/03/carol-dweck-mindset/
Reading and Research 'Free e-books' allows you to borrow five books per month for free. This is a great opportunity to keep reading to consolidate your subject knowledge or find out something new. www.free-ebooks.net	Reading and Research Go on to your university website and find the recommended reading list for your course. You do not have to read them all, just simply dip in and out. Use the free-ebooks.net to get the books for free (you can borrow 5 per month).	Reading and Research When you have found the reading list for your course, do some further research on the authors. Make a note of who you are researching and three facts you have discovered.	Reading and Research TED talks are a fantastic way to hear from leading experts in your field of interest. Simply log on to www.ted.com and type in your particular interest. TED talks are no longer than 18 minutes per talk so you could aim to listen to three a week.
Interesting to Teach You will take part in seminars and tutorials whilst at university. By having your own opinion, you will be interesting to teach! Take a recent newspaper article. Review it then practise presenting your findings out loud. This will get you used to public speaking.	Interesting to Teach For some, the idea of speaking in small groups and voicing an opinion can be more terrifying than addressing a large audience. Get some hints and tips from famous experts for whom speaking is their job. www.bbc.co.uk/speaker/improve/	Interesting to teach Be a good listener is an important skill to have, if you listen to others' ideas fully, you will have a better discussion, and you may also learn a thing or two. Watch the video on 'Being a good listener' to see how good you are! https://ed.ted.com/best_of_web/foptnjVE	Interesting to teach Matthew Syed's book, <i>Rebel Ideas</i> , explores the diversity in teams and how bringing people's different ideas contributes to a good team. Matthew Syed reviews his book in this YouTube video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V1rpuN_nZJE&t=1s
Critical Thinker '5 tips to improve your critical thinking' is a short video to help you get started when making decisions and forming opinions. https://ed.ted.com/lessons/5-tips-to-improve-your-critical-thinking-samantha-agoos	Critical Thinker If you are feeling brave, take the free psychometric test which will assess your ability to make inferences and assumptions and to reason logically with arguments. https://www.assessmentday.co.uk/free/watson-glaser/freetest1/FullTest/	Critical Thinker This radio 4 programme explores the value of critical thinking and how it can be nurtured. Think critically when listening! Do you agree with all who contribute? www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08x8n8g	Critical Thinker Watch this lecture on critical thinking and write 2 strengths and 2 weaknesses of the content of the lecture. The lecture will be broadcast on 22nd April 2020, 6pm-7pm. www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/critical-thinking