

The Academic LORIC is a set of skills needed whilst at university. Universities and employers have identified the key skills they found lacking when students started their university course, degree, higher apprenticeship or job.

Following a skills deficit audit from the Russell Group (research) universities, we have developed the Academic LORIC and accompanying resources so that students will be able to demonstrate they are **open-minded** and have a **love of learning outside** of the classroom so that, when they start university, they can prove they have completed the **reading and research** that make them **critical thinkers** and, most importantly, **interesting to teach**.

Having time at home is a fantastic opportunity to keep your child's learning going in the absence of lessons and formal examinations. This is where your child can really get ahead and get fully prepared for the academic rigour of university.

We have produced a set of resources to help your child make the most of their time now until they attend university.

Your child will have chosen the subject they wish to study at university and our resources give them the opportunity to explore these subjects in a different and more critical way so that they have a head start on their Academic LORIC when the semesters start.

- LOVE OF LEARNING**
- OPEN-MINDED**
- READING AND RESEARCH**
- INTERESTING TO TEACH**
- CRITICAL THINKER**



Resources

MOOCs – these are Massive Open Online Courses written by the world's top universities and organisations. These MOOCs are free of charge and, on average, take 2-3 hours per week over 4-6 weeks. MOOCs are an excellent addition to any student's curiosity as they give a chance to fully explore a subject or area of interest.

Podcasts/Radio programmes – links are given to radio broadcasts or podcasts for students to listen to at their leisure. They can hear from world renowned experts in their fields.

Articles – these short articles, written by academic experts, are to help spark your child's wider reading and interest around their chosen subjects.

TED Talks – these talks are a maximum of 18 minutes and a chance to hear different takes on subject areas and pose questions never thought of before.

The subjects covered are:

- History
- Geography
- PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics)
- Medicine/Veterinary Science/Dentistry/Bio Medical Science
- Law
- Psychology
- Maths
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Engineering
- English (English Language, English Literature)
- Sports
- Business, IT and Computer Science

How to Use the Resources

At university your child will attend lectures and then explore the subject in more detail with smaller group seminars or tutorials. By completing the Academic LORIC, your child will be able to discuss and conduct wider research around their subject area. These skills will impress their academic tutors and will help them with future essays, research projects and/or presentations

Whichever resource your child is using, they must make the most of it by using the Thinking Hard IT sheets or Cornell notes to record what they have learned and what they are going to do further as a result.

Your child can then talk to you about their findings and what they will do with this new knowledge and awareness. They can then complete a learning log which consolidates their learning. This can be an electronic log or a separate notebook.

Resource	3 things I have learned	As a result, I will now...
E.g. MOOC	1. 2. 3.	

The Academic LORIC really will help your child to get a head start as they start their next educational chapter.