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Year:	
Email address:	

Qualification working towards (eg EPQ, IB EE etc):	
Supervisor's name:	
Supervisor's email address:	
Topic:	

Provide a brief summary of the research, outlining the aims and objectives and/or research questions and the proposed methodology. Explain how research participants will be identified, approached and recruited and what they will be asked to do.

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Where and in what format(s) will research data and signed consent forms be retained?

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	Yes	No
Will the study involve potentially vulnerable people or groups (eg young people, those with a learning disability or cognitive impairment, individuals in a dependent or unequal relationship or those who could be vulnerable because of the nature of the study)?		
Are there any potential conflicts of interest?		
Is there the possibility of an actual or a perceived power imbalance (eg research involving students you teach)?		
Will permission from a gatekeeper be required for initial or continued access to participants? (This does not include situations where someone is sharing information about the study with a wide group of potential participants but instead refers to research where a gatekeeper will be involved in selecting individual participants or research in communities where access to research participants is not possible without the permission of another adult, such as another family member or a community leader.)		
Will the study involve discussion of topics that could be considered sensitive (eg sexual activity, drug use)?		
Will blood or other tissue samples be obtained from the participants?		
Will the study involve intrusive interventions or data collection methods? (Eg the administration of substances; involving physical or emotional stress; or techniques where participants are persuaded to reveal information which they would not otherwise disclose in the course of everyday life. Also research which would or might induce psychological stress, anxiety or humiliation, or cause harm or more than minimal distress.)		
Will the study involve prolonged or repetitive testing?		
Will the study involve participatory action research or members of the public in a research capacity?		
Will participants be taking part in the research without their knowledge and consent (eg covert observation of people in non-public places)?		
Will the study involve social media and participants recruited or identified through the internet, in particular when the understanding of privacy in these settings is contentious or where sensitive issues are discussed - for example in 'closed' discussion groups where there is potential for quotes and visual images to be identifiable?		
Are there any risks to the safety and wellbeing of the researchers, or individuals not directly involved in the research?		
Will the study involve secondary data that is not already publicly available?		
Will the study involve linking or sharing of data or confidential information beyond the initial consent?		

If you have answered **'no'** to all of the questions in section then your research is ethically sound, and you can proceed with your project.

If you have answered **'yes'** to any of these questions, then you need to do consider how you will make sure your research is ethical, and follows the ethical guidelines set out for researchers. It could be something as simple as making sure your work meets a GDPR requirement, or if you are interviewing people that you follow the guidelines for oral ethics. You can read more about ethical research here: <https://the-sra.org.uk/SRA/Ethics/Research-ethics-guidance/SRA/Ethics/Research-Ethics-Guidance.aspx?hkey=5e809828-fb49-42be-a17e-c95d6cc72da1>