

Video Project Ideas

Field trips – ditch the old clipboards and record in image and with commentary a record of the trip.

Science experiments – much nicer to have a video of what actually happened than just a memory.

Record lectures – records classes and guest speakers for the intranet so pupils can revisit them later. Some colleges choose to share lessons via YouTube for distance learners or to attract buzz about the course.

Media/film courses – even though the iPad has simple controls it's still useful to discuss entry level principles of documentary filmmaking especially for younger pupils. Also great for journalist students to record interviews.

School Communications, Press and PR – great for recording principals weekly message or to get the students to record a 'day in the life' to help with new enrolments.

Art and design installations – useful for documenting the creation of a work as a video diary.

Music – record the school orchestra so they can see how they sound, and look!

Drama – even 7 years olds could use the iPad to make their own mini-drama.

PE/Sport - analyze a tennis serve or baseball pitch in slow motion.

Ask teachers, technicians and support staff to record brief commentaries explaining what their job entails. These could be stored as part of the school's Careers resources.

Ask pupils or staff to record a brief running commentary on a task they are carrying out.

Carry out quick interviews.

You could record interviews with people about an issue, and instruct different sets of pupils to use the "snipping" facility to edit them to reflect a particular point of view. This would be a good introduction to the concept of propaganda.

Record pupil presentations...

... And use them for reflecting back to the pupil how they appear to an audience, for the purpose of improving their performance.

Ask pupils to create brief "bulletins" about the work they're doing, for parents to be able to view, and/or for their e-portfolio.

Ask pupils to record their thoughts on what is good about a piece of work they have done, and how it might be improved.

Pupils could use the snapshot facility for extracting a suitable still shot to illustrate an essay, blog post or e-portfolio entry.

Sock, hand, bag puppets