

Recording Tips and Tricks

Before Recording

- Clean the lens! You can use any camera as long as you hold it in the horizontal (landscape) position and if you can, use the main lens, which is far superior to the 'selfie lens'. If you're using your phone put it on airplane mode so that you are not interrupted.
- Before you start videoing, decide where you want to be. You'll get the best light outside in daylight and if you're lucky enough to have sun, make sure that you're not pointing the camera into it. If it's too windy or noisy, record your video inside. Play back the video and check the sound.
- If your message is interrupted by background noise, stop and start again when it's quiet.
- If you are filming inside, avoid a dimly lit room. Try and get natural light from a window on you and not the background. If it's still too dark, turn on as many lights as you can but don't stand directly underneath.
- Decide what you're going to say before recording.

Recording Your Message

- If someone else is filming, ask them to hold the camera as still as possible. A good trick is to keep elbows tucked in tight against the body to steady themselves or rest their elbows on a nearby object.
- Make sure that the person videoing you doesn't cover the mobile or tablet's microphones with their hands. If you can, it's a good idea to give the microphones a quick clean.
- If you don't have someone to video you, use a selfie stick, set the camera on a tripod or prop it up on a small table.
- Ideally, your eye level should line up with the camera. Check you are in the center of the frame, head and shoulders.
- Look at the camera lens and not the screen.
- When you press record, wait a few seconds before you start speaking and leave the camera running at the end so that your words aren't cut off in the edit.