

Pre-recording Tips

The great thing about pre-recording is you can redo it again and again until you get it right! However, our top tips can help you can save yourself time by avoiding the common mistakes that we have seen time and again.

1. Camera



Use the best camera you can if you are recording. If that's on your phone or laptop, it doesn't matter, but use the better of the two.

2. Practice



If you are not used to doing this, don't expect to get it right the first time - practice, film it, watch it back and then do it again.

3. Smile!



Smiling changes your voice and will make it look like you're happy to be doing this - if you watch it back and you've not smiled enough, do it again.

4. Placement



Whether you use your phone or your laptop, make sure it's placed well - you want to be looking forwards, not down, so raise it on some books, prop it up. If you have it on selfie mode on the phone, make sure that you look at the camera not at yourself. If you can get it set up right, use the rear camera instead.

5. Noise



Try and make sure there is no background noise. Where possible, use a quiet room and close all doors and windows.

6. Background



Try to ensure the space behind you is clean and tidy if it's a whole room or have as plain a background behind you as possible, so that you are the focus.

7. Lighting



If you can, face a window. Please don't have a window behind you - it will turn you into a shadow! If your room is dark, try to get light on your face.