Personal/Reflective Writing

**Explain the impact of technology on your life. Remember to include your thoughts and feelings.**

Paragraph 1 – Introduction

* Sum up how technology has changed the world over the last 50 or so years
* Explain how much you love/need technology
* Sum up what your life would be like without it.

Paragraph 2- key technology in your life

* Explain the key devices you use every day.
* Explain why these are vital to your life and why you couldn’t live without them

Paragraph 3 – most important device

* Explain one key device and how it aids/benefits you (e.g. facebook, I-Phone, X-Box etc.)
* Explain when you got it; why you wanted it; how you felt when you had it and why.
* Explain how you would feel if this was taken from you/lost/not allowed to use/stolen etc. Use exaggeration, humour, rhetorical questions etc. (You can give a real example of when this happened and explain how you felt about this instead.)

Paragraph 4- Benefits of technology

* Explain the benefits of technology in your life
* Explain how it helps make your life easier/simpler and explain **how** it does this.
* Try to give an example when technology really helped you.

Paragraph 5 – new/future advances in technology

* Explain what advances you would want to see in the future.
* Explain why this is important to you
* Explain how you think this would improve your life.

Paragraph 6- problems/issues/difficulties of technology

* Explain some of the problems/issues with technology in your life/life in general.
* Try to give a specific example of a time in your life it caused a problem/issue.
* Explain how it affects your family life/friendships etc.
* Explain what it has made you realise about what’s most important (e.g. spending time with friends/family etc.)

Paragraph 7 – reflections on technology

* Explain if you think you would be happier with no technology or explain why you are happier today with all the technology you have.
* Explain why you feel this way.
* Explain what place, if any, it should have in school and why.

Paragraph 8 – conclusion

* Sum up how dramatically the world has changed through technological advances
* Sum up how much you think it will continue to change in the future
* Explain if you think advances will always occur or if there will be a time when everything has been done
* Explain if the world has been improved or destroyed by technology
* Explain your final views on technology (make it clear if it is mostly a positive or a negative to your life.)