**The College Merthyr Tydfil**

**A-Level Pedagogy**

**The OOOO Factor Model (Created by Dr. Lesley Taylor)**

**How to help students to SHARE their story**

Telling their story well becomes important because in job and university applications your students will need to tell a narrative of who they are and what they have done that positions them well for the role they are applying for. Anyone they are in front of will likely be looking to answer the questions - how does this student approach life, how do they handle challenges, what have they achieved, what have they learned, and what skills do they have that make them a good fit for this? Students often struggle to tell a story. Here is a basic story outline that I am going to suggest that you use with your students when discussing their stories.

To be worth telling - every story needs an OOOO factor. Here is what those 4 O’s represent…

**O**bjective, what was the goal?

**O**bstacle, what challenges were faced?

**O**pportunities, what alternative ways for success showed up?

**O**utcome, what was achieved and what was learned?

This model may be used equally well as a self-evaluation tool on a range of projects and also as a target setting tool within tutorial. The model provides a simplistic framework for learners to structure their thoughts and responses to form coherent stories, summaries and evaluations that will have a measurable impact.

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