

12th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, your student is currently undertaking the Extended Project Qualification. Throughout the summer term in Year 12, they have had weekly Tutorials in which they have been able to form their project titles as well as developing the academic skills needed to succeed in the EPQ. Students will be having initial discussions regarding their proposals with their Supervisors over the course of this month and should then have a firm idea of the direction of their work.

We would like to make you aware of upcoming course dates and the expectations of students over the next term and a half.

**15**<sup>th</sup> **November 2023** – Mid-project Review. In this week, students will meet with their supervisors. This meeting is very important, as it is a formal, negotiated deal between the supervisor and student about the final title of the project. At this point, students should have all of their research and materials ready to write up/produce their intended product. After this meeting, students will start the write up/production of their product.

**10**<sup>th</sup> Jan **2023** – Project Product Review. In this week, students should have a draft of their EPQ essay/product ready for their supervisor to review. Please note, although supervisors can provide oral feedback and discuss the draft with students, in accordance with the AQA exam board rules no written feedback can be given. Students will then be able to act on this oral feedback before submitting their final draft.

**21**<sup>st</sup> **Feb 2023** – Presentation Evening. Students will present their EPQ on individual stalls in Constance Green Hall to their supervisors. Parents and other students will be invited to the afternoon. Details to follow in the New Year.

**13**<sup>th</sup> **March 2023** – Final submission deadline. All paperwork from the Product Log Book, the Product and the Presentation to be submitted to supervisors for marking and moderation in the last half term of the year.

The EPQ is an hour a week on the students' timetable but they should be working 4-5 hours outside the classroom per week on their EPQ. In addition to the ongoing work on their EPQ reports students should be continuing to make entries in their reflective journals via the Project Q program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your students' Centre Coordinator.

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