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Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting Opportunity: Project Qualification for Year 9 & 10 Students

We are excited to introduce an enriching opportunity for your child's educational journey - the Project Qualification.

Project Qualifications are nationally recognised credentials available at various levels. Our Sixth Form students have successfully completed the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for several years. Over the past few years, the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) and Foundation Project Qualification (FPQ) have been very popular amongst our students in Years 9 and 10.

The Project Qualification empowers students to independently research the topics they are passionate about, exploring their chosen subjects through various units such as dissertations, artefacts or performances. As these qualifications carry half a GCSE's worth of credit, they require substantial academic work.

Participating in this qualification provides students with valuable study skills, including independent research, critical thinking and reflective practice. They will learn A Level and university style research techniques, enhancing their analytical, decision making and problem-solving skills. Moreover, this course offers students a platform to develop their communication and presentation skills through their project presentation.

The course is structured around skill-based sessions, led by Mrs Faisal, every Tuesday after school in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Additionally, students receive support from Mrs Mullett (Communication & Literacy Lead/Head of Year 7) and a Tutor Assessor, typically a staff member with expertise in the student's chosen topic. Before the end of the course, a decision will be made regarding whether your child's project will be entered for the Foundation Project Qualification (FPQ - Level 1) or the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ - Level 2).

The Project Qualification course starts in January 2026, with project submissions scheduled for December 2026. For current Year 10 students, their projects will be completed before they start their final GCSE revision period for their examinations in Summer 2027.

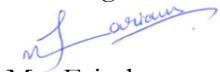
Please note that places on the course are limited and, before your child commits, kindly consider the following:

1. Can your child commit to attending the weekly after school sessions on Tuesdays from 3.20pm to 4.20pm, starting Tuesday 13 January 2026?
2. Is your child prepared to work independently on their project during term time (in addition to their regular homework) and during school holidays?

If your child is eager to undertake the Project Qualification, please ask them to complete the [Application Form](#) by no later than **Friday 14 November 2025**. Students will then be invited to meet with Mrs Faisal, Mrs Mullett or Mr Baker for an informal discussion, during which we will outline project expectations and measure their understanding and interest in pursuing this qualification. Students will be informed if they have been offered a place on the course by Thursday 18 December 2025.

Should you have any questions or require further information before completing the application form, please do not hesitate to email m.faisal@parmiters.herts.sch.uk.

Kind regards



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