Parmiter's School

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Dear Parents and Carers

Exciting Opportunity: Project Qualification for Year 9 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 students have successfully completed the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) and Foundation Project Qualification (FPQ) for several years. We are pleased to offer the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) and Foundation Project Qualification (FPQ) to our Year 9 students.

The Project Qualification empowers students to independently explore topics they are passionate about through various avenues, such as dissertations, artefacts or performances. As these qualifications carry half a GCSE's worth of credit, the projects represent a substantial academic endeavour.

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

The course is structured around skill-based sessions, led by Mrs Faisal, after school every Tuesday in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) from 3.20pm to 4.20pm. Additionally, students receive support from a staff member with expertise or a particular interest 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) or the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ).

The Project Qualification course spans approximately three terms, starting in January 2027, with project submissions scheduled for December 2027.

Please note that places on the course are limited and, before your child applies, 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 12 January 2027?

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 Thursday 12 November 2026**.

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Students will then be invited to meet with Mrs Faisal (Independent Research Lead), Mr Clark (Assistant Headteacher) or Mr Baker (Deputy Headteacher) for an informal discussion, where we will outline project expectations and gauge their understanding and interest in pursuing this qualification. Students will be informed if they have been offered a place on the course by Tuesday 15 December 2026.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs Faisal
Independent Research Lead