



# PARMITER'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12

## **Extend Project Qualification (EPQ)**

As part of our Sixth Form Study Programme, Year 12 students have the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

The aim of the course is for students to independently research and create a project on a topic that they are passionate about and wish to research further. The project may take the form of a dissertation, artefact or performance.

Throughout the process, students will be able to develop their independent research skills, critical thinking and reflective practice - skills which can be applied to a wide number of disciplines. They will be able to use their initiative, learn university style research techniques through wider reading and application and develop communication and presentation skills when they demonstrate their knowledge and findings. They will develop decision and problem-solving skills through developing their product, as well as analytical skills as they plan and extend their ideas.

The qualification itself is equivalent to half an A Level in UCAS points and can greatly help with the university application process, as students are able to demonstrate their independent learning skills. It also allows students to explore a topic that they are interested in and can discuss within their personal statement and at interview.

The course is taught through a series of skill based seminars run by Miss Harris every two weeks, which are already timetabled for Year 12. They are also supported by a Tutor Assessor, a member of staff chosen by the student to discuss their subject specific questions and research.

To support your son/daughter, the deadlines for the various stages of the EPQ throughout the year are as follows:

- **Friday 17th January - Project Proposal Deadline** - all students wishing to complete an EPQ must have their Project Proposal Forms signed and submitted by this date. Any student who submits a Proposal form is expected to complete the EPQ. After this date, no new students will be allowed to start an EPQ unless it has been agreed by Miss Harris and Mr Porter.
- **Friday 28th February - 1st Milestone Meeting Deadline** - all EPQ students must have had a meeting with their Tutor Assessor to discuss the initial research of their project. This is invaluable, as they will be given guidance and support to help them complete the project.

- **Friday 19th June - 2nd Milestone Meeting Deadline** - all EPQ students must have had a second meeting with their Tutor Assessor to discuss their almost finished project. Advice will be given on how to refine it over the summer.
- **Wednesday 30th September - Final Hand in Deadline** - the project needs to be completed and handed in to Mrs Cheeseman in the Sixth Form LRC.

Further meetings with their Tutor Assessors and Miss Harris can be arranged throughout the year.

We hope that many of our students will take up this opportunity to develop their independent learning skills and complete a qualification that will support them in the future.

Further guidance and information can be found on Parmiter's EPQ website:

<https://sites.google.com/parmiters.herts.sch.uk/epq/home>

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Harris ([S.Harris@parmiters.herts.sch.uk](mailto:S.Harris@parmiters.herts.sch.uk)).

Yours sincerely



Miss S Harris

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