



EPQ – November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to update you on your child's progress with the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)**. Students have made a positive start and have been engaging well in lessons with their supervisors.

Each student should now be logged into **Project Q**, the online platform used to manage their project and record progress. Students have recently completed their initial ideas and, following feedback from their supervisor, will now move on to write their formal project proposal. This proposal must be approved by both their supervisor and me, as the Centre Co-ordinator. It is essential that students apply the skills they have been developing so far to ensure their proposal is successful.

In lessons, we have focused on key aspects such as:

- Developing clear project aims and a focused research question.
- How to research, reference and use academic literature (e.g. via JSTOR).
- Considering the ethical implications of their chosen topic.

To achieve their best, students must meet all deadlines and make good use of their study periods to work independently on their project. As a guideline, students should be dedicating approximately 3–4 hours per week outside of lessons to independently work on their EPQ. This may include research, planning, writing, or refining their project. Your support in helping your child to plan their time effectively will be invaluable.

Further details about the course and assessment criteria can be found in the AQA specification here: [Level 3 Extended Project Qualification 7993 Specification Specification](#).

Upcoming deadlines to be aware of:

- **Week commencing 24th November** – Candidate proposal due.
- **Week commencing 8th December** – Planning review due.
- **Week commencing 5th January** – Mid-project review due.
- **Week commencing 19th January – First draft essay due**
(This will fall very soon after the Christmas break, so students are encouraged to plan ahead and make good use of the holiday period.)

I understand that this course is academically demanding, particularly when undertaken alongside three A-level subjects. I am confident that with careful time management and commitment, your child can meet the high expectations of both this course and their other studies. However, if you feel that this course may not be the right choice for your child, please do not hesitate to speak to me so we can discuss it together.

Yours faithfully,

Miss B Gray
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