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Dear Parent/Carer,

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

At Bishop Ramsey School we offer our Year 13 students the chance to complete the EPQ alongside their A Level studies. We feel it offers a great deal of benefit to students in terms of Post-18 applications and an increased skill set to bring to participation in industry and higher education.

In preparation for this Miss Neal, the schools EPQ Co-ordinator, will be delivering an introductory session to the Year group during Learning for Life on Friday 6th July. To help you support your son/daughter in choosing whether or not to complete the EPQ, I have attached pertinent information that can help form part of your discussions.

It should be noted that if your son/daughter is only taking 2 A'Levels in Year 13, then they will be required to study the EPQ or organise sufficient work experience to make up their required amount of learning hours.

If you have any questions regarding the EPQ, please do not hesitate to contact myself at baitken.312@lgflmail.org, or Miss Neal at eneal3.312@lgflmail.org.

Yours sincerely,

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Extended Project Qualification

What is the EPQ?

A piece of in depth independent study on a subject of your choice worth valuable UCAS points. Projects are student driven qualifications, giving the freedom and responsibility to select topics whilst following a clearly structured process. It is a unique learning opportunity to stretch and challenge the student but it is designed to develop the independent learning skills required for success at University and beyond.

The EPQ is held in high regard by university admissions tutors, applicants with an EPQ frequently receive reduced offers and it is a common topic at Oxbridge/University interviews.

Format

5,000 word essay or a practical with a 2,000 word essay
A 20 min presentation
Logbook of progress
Weekly Taught Class on Academic skills

Who supervises my EPQ?

The EPQ co-ordinator will lead taught sessions and guide you through the course. Your supervisor will be a member of Bishop Ramsey staff. They will guide you on the process as well as the content.

How much time does it take?

It is recommended that you spend a minimum of 120 guided learning hours on your project. This will include 30 hours taught sessions, meetings, researching, organising, writing and drafting

Why should I do the EPQ?

The Extended Project provides an opportunity for students to extend their abilities beyond the A level syllabus.

The EPQ is worth half an A level and gives you valuable UCAS points.

It is good preparation for University and Work.

Universities like the EPQ as it shows the student can work independently and in some cases will lower the entrance requirements.

Taught Sessions

The compulsory academic skills taught sessions are led by the EPQ co-ordinator and help with research, presentation skills, referencing, essay structure etc. These are run as University tutorials in small groups.

Assessment

Each part of the EPQ is assessed by your supervisor and the EPQ co-ordinator. They are then sent to an outside Moderator and graded A* to E.