

## DAGENHAM PARK SUBJECT CURRICULUM

<b>Subject</b>	Extended Project Qualification
<b>Year Group</b>	Year 12 (1 year course)
<b>Overview</b>	<p>Exam Board – AQA</p> <p>Overview – The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is free standing qualification offered by AQA. It involves choosing a topic and carrying out research into that particular area, then creating EITHER a 5,000-word report OR a 'product' + a 1,000-word report. After that, you must deliver a small presentation to a group of non-specialists about your topic, lasting from 10 - 15 mins.</p> <p>Unit Assessment –</p> <p>20% - management: identify, design, plan, and complete the individual project, or task within a group project, applying organisational skills and strategies to meet stated objectives</p> <p>20% - resources: obtain and select information from a range of sources, analyse data, apply relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate linkages, connections and complexities of your topic.</p> <p>40% - 'develop and realise' the project: select and use a range of skills, including new technologies, to solve problems, to take decisions critically, creatively and flexibly, and to achieve planned outcomes</p> <p>20% - present/review/evaluation: evaluate outcomes including own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to convey and present evidenced outcomes and conclusions</p>

<b>Autumn Half term 1</b>	<p>Week 01: All About You. Introduction and initial planning.</p> <p>Week 02: Initial Decisions. Choosing your topic. Essay vs Artefact.</p> <p>Week 03: Intro to Research - Starting the source tracker - CRAP method. Planning and time management. Create a timeline and essay plan.</p> <p>Week 04: SUPERVISOR MEETING 1. Develop question. Production log initial planning - proposal A and B. Southampton film. Read Academic report Writing for VIMA 1.</p> <p>Week 05: Year 12 VIMA 1: EPQ Task - Production Log Up to Part A.</p> <p>Week 06: PLANNING REVIEW MEETING. Meet with supervisor. AFL VIMA 1 Feedback. Write up completed in log.</p> <p>Week 07: Research Skills and Methodologies - grouping your research - synthesis - Updating the source tracker and evaluating sources. Surveys and questionnaires. Research ethics.</p>
<b>Autumn Half term 2</b>	<p>Week 09: Research Skills continued - Analysing data and how to present data using graphs.</p> <p>Week 10: Develop your project - Synthesis and Critical Thinking</p> <p>Week 11: Develop your project - Paraphrasing and Plagiarism</p> <p>Week 12: Develop your project - Harvard referencing - Paperwork Check</p> <p>Week 13: MID PLANNING REVIEW MEETING. Meet with supervisor.</p> <p>Week 14: Project development.</p> <p>Week 15: Project development. Y12 Folder Check.</p>
<b>Spring Half term 1</b>	<p>Week 18: ESSAY HAND IN. Essay, Report, Artefact and Bibliography.</p> <p>Week 19: FINAL PLANNING REVIEW MEETING completed in log. Meet with supervisor.</p> <p>Week 20: AFL - Apply EBI comments to improve your Essay. Redraft and Refine essay.</p> <p>Week 21: VIMA 2 EPQ - marks from completed essay/product and production log.</p> <p>Week 22: Prepare and Rehearse Presentation - Redraft and Refine essay.</p>

	Week 23: Presentation Exam - HAND IN FINAL ESSAY
<b>Spring Half term 2</b>	<p>Week 25: Prepare reflection.</p> <p>Week 26: Redraft reflection.</p> <p>Week 27: Hand in Final Reflection - No Further lessons.</p> <p>Week 28: MODERATION BY TEACHERS.</p> <p>Week 29: Holistic Overview of Project marks - END OF COURSE.</p> <p>Week 30: Send Marks to Exam Board - Get Sample.</p>
<b>Summer Half term 1</b>	
<b>Summer Half term 2</b>	
<b>Homework</b>	Ongoing independent study related to the needs of the project.
<b>Useful Resources</b>	<p><b>General Information</b> This link from Birmingham University explains what the extended project is: <a href="http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/preparing-for-university/epg/index.aspx">http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/preparing-for-university/epg/index.aspx</a></p> <p><b>Plagiarism information</b> <a href="http://www.plagiarism.org">http://www.plagiarism.org</a></p> <p><a href="https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1401/academic_skills/46/academic_integrity_and_plagiarism">https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1401/academic_skills/46/academic_integrity_and_plagiarism</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.futurelearn.com">www.futurelearn.com</a></p>

	<p><b>Research skills</b>  <a href="http://www.palgrave.com/gp/palgrave-study-skills/essential-skills">http://www.palgrave.com/gp/palgrave-study-skills/essential-skills</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.goescholar.com">www.goescholar.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.TEDTALKS.com">www.TEDTALKS.com</a></p> <p>Cottrell, S. Study Skills Handbook</p> <p>Cottrell, S. Study Skills Connected</p> <p><b>University and Public libraries</b>  These have online catalogues.</p> <p><b>JSTOR</b>  <a href="http://www.jstor.org">http://www.jstor.org</a></p> <p><b>Podcasts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBC Radio 4</li> <li>• Oxford University</li> <li>• LSE</li> <li>• Yale University</li> </ul>
<p><b>Quotes from Universities</b></p>	<p><i>We welcome the Extended Project and would encourage you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school/ college to higher education. <b>University of Cambridge</b></i></p> <p><i>We certainly welcome students who have undertaken the EPQ, as it provides an excellent introduction to the type of work they will be expected to do at university. It encourages development in all the skills required of our undergraduates, such as research, analysis, independent work and thought, and the ability to communicate ideas. <b>University of Southampton</b></i></p> <p><i>The University welcomes applications from students who have taken the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). We see this as positive evidence of motivation to explore a subject in greater depth, as well as an opportunity for further development of analytical, critical thinking and independent research skills. <b>University of Essex</b></i></p>