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Dear parents and carers,

### **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Launch 2022**

We are delighted that your child has signed up for the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

They will be assigned a supervisor before the summer holiday, and in the meantime, I will be taking them through their programme induction and 'initial ideas' phase. They will also be invited to a small group tutorial with an experienced supervisor in April to help coach them from their initial ideas to their chosen research focus.

EPQ students now have access to Project Q, a fantastic platform we use to record all tasks, progress and checkpoints throughout the EPQ process.

Your child will be choosing either a 5,000 word research-based essay, or a research-based artefact (with a 1,000 word report) and over the coming weeks will produce a Candidate Proposal to submit and have their project approved. During this time skills such as Harvard referencing, analysing academic papers, keeping a source evaluation log, avoiding plagiarism, writing evaluatively and critical selection of sources will be taught via our Taught Skills sessions every Thursday morning.

If you are wondering how you can support your child on their EPQ journey, the most important aspect is helping to maintain their enthusiasm and sense of purpose for their chosen area of research - simply asking about their current reading, checking in, and sharing their enthusiasm makes a world of difference. In addition, our current Year 13 EPQ students who have recently submitted their full project, tell me regularly that they wish they had completed their Source Evaluation Log (a table recording, and analysing every paper, book, article or programme they have sourced) sooner, ideally over the summer holidays, so this may be something you can ask your child about.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding the EPQ, please do not hesitate to get in touch via [sbutler@wealdgs.org](mailto:sbutler@wealdgs.org).

I have attached our EPQ information sheet which has some useful links and further information.

Once our EPQ Year Plan is finalised I will send a copy to you, so you can see all of the tasks, checkpoints and deadlines for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,



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