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Dear Y12 students and Parents

Y12 EPQ update

I wanted to clarify the arrangements and expectations for 'EPQ week' commencing 5 July and address some student concerns about the likelihood of meeting the internal submission deadlines that have been set and in place since September 2020.

Expectations

The EPQ course is specifically designed to extend the experiences of 6th form students, most notably in developing their skills of self organisation and discipline as they manage their way through their chosen project. From the outset we have emphasised the importance of completing the Extended Project by the end of Y12 so that students start Y13 with a clear focus on their subject courses. The EPQ week was included in the school calendar to give the students a significant chunk of time to concentrate on the project alone in order to complete the write up and preferably deliver the presentation.

July 2021 deadline

9 July 2021 has been shared with Y12 students as a deadline for submission since the start of the course but we are aware that the complications of dealing with the pandemic this year has led to disrupted learning and some students have found it hard to schedule work effectively. It is possible that, even with the benefit of EPQ week, some students will not be ready to submit their project or do their presentation before the 9 July deadline. Wherever possible, we would encourage Y12 students to meet this deadline making the most of the support available; during EPQ week and up to 9 July, EPQ supervisors will be on hand to assist, support and suggest improvements.

Back up plan

If a Y12 student is not in a position to submit their EPQ to be marked by 9 July they are able to have an extension as follows:

1. Make use of the support available during EPQ week to complete as much as possible. In particular, students should take advantage of the supervisor support available to complete their Project Q log.
2. Complete the EPQ assignment write up over the summer break
 - a. Please note that staff support will not be available during the summer break
3. Hand in their 5000 word report, and their presentation slides to their supervisor for marking by Friday 10 September (this is a final deadline)
 - a. All work should be correctly compiled and stapled.



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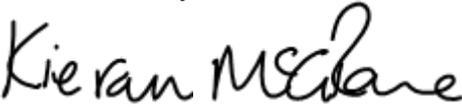


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- b. The online log should be complete, but that will be printed off by the supervisor. If the supervisor is not available, all work should be handed into Mr Reid (EPQ coordinator)
4. Arrange to complete the EPQ presentation during week beginning 13 September (one-week window)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kieran McGrane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'M'.

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