

October 2011

AQA Project Qualification Level 1

Dear Parents

This year, your daughter is carrying out an individual investigation into a topic of her choice in the Project Qualification, which is part of the Year 8 curriculum. The aim of the Project Qualification is to help your daughter to become an inquisitive, independent, reflective and self-evaluative learner. It will also motivate and challenge her to stretch herself, and it will enable her to develop skills that will help her to develop resilience in her other subjects. As part of the Project Qualification, your daughter will plan how she will carry out her research, produce an artefact or a written report of 1,000 words based on this research, evaluate her Project and then present her findings to a non-specialist audience of pupils and teachers.

The Project Qualification is run by the examination board, AQA, and, later in the year, we will be offering your daughter the opportunity to enter her Project for examination in the June 2012 series. However, even if your daughter decides not to enter her Project for examination, it may be possible that she will wish to interview a specialist in the area of her study, for example, an artist, or to visit a site that is connected to her area of interest, such as a hospital, as part of her research.

The school is not able to arrange these visits and we would ask you to discuss with your daughter whether she is planning an interview or a visit and then make the necessary supervisory arrangements. We would also ask that your daughter does not use her personal email address to arrange any interview, interview via email, or visit.

Your daughter's teacher will be able to send the email on her behalf, or she may send an email via the email account of a parent/guardian. Your daughter has been given this message in her lesson.

Please note that the school is not in a position to take responsibility for the supervision or safeguarding of pupils engaged in these activities outside of school term dates or the regular school day.

Please would you sign and return the form below to confirm that you have read this letter and agree to its content. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or questions about the Project Qualification.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G Hannan
Head of History

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I have read the information about supervision during Project Qualification visits and/or interviews and agree to ensure that adequate supervisory arrangements are made for my daughter should she wish to make email contact with/meet an adult in connection with her Project Qualification research.

Pupil name Form.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....

Date

Please return to Mrs Hannan by Friday 4th November 2011.