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Dear Students/Parents/Carers

Opportunity to do an Extended Project

I am writing to inform you of a unique opportunity at BHASVIC. A group of first year students will be given the opportunity to complete an Extended Project Qualification starting in March 2024. The Extended Project is a Level 3 qualification which consists of completing an essay of 6000 words in an area of your choice and a ten minute presentation about your chosen essay question. Students will be guided through the essay writing process by an experienced EPQ teacher and are taught key skills useful for future university study and employment. The qualification is highly regarded by universities as it develops critical, reflective, problem-solving and independent learning skills. It is worth 28 UCAS points for an A* and successfully completing the project to a high standard can lower the offers that students receive from universities.

This is a good alternative option for those who want to do four courses as it requires less work and time to complete than an A Level but still adds value to a university application. As it does constitute an additional academic course in your first year. The Extended Project suits students who are self-motivated, have a particular interest in a subject, area or topic, and those who want to develop their independent research skills.

If you are interested in applying please see the page overleaf, which will give you detail about the application process and how to apply. If you wish to discuss this opportunity further there will be an opportunity for students to speak with us on Enrolment Day, and then complete the online form over the weekend. Deadline to apply is midnight on Sunday 1 September

If you have any further questions or queries about the EPQ opportunity then please feel free to contact me at c.hatton@bhasvic.ac.uk.

Yours faithfully

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EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION FAQ's

What grades do I need to be considered for an EPQ?

GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language
GCSE Grade 7 and/ or 8 in 7 different subjects

Please note we are unable to accept any students taking 4 A-Levels (Double-Maths counts as two A-Levels or students wishing to take Medicine at University)

How are EPQ places allocated?

EPQ places are allocated on weighting places on your GCSE results/ number of applications we receive. After the allocation of the 160 places, students will be put on a waiting list. There is also an opportunity to take the qualification in your second year at BHASVIC.

I'm not sure if it right for me

If you wish to discuss taking an EPQ with a teacher before you apply, there will be teachers on hand on your enrolment day to do this. You will then have until midnight Sunday 1 September to make your application if you wish to do so.

How long does the course run for?

The course will start in April 2024 and will finish in February 2025, thus allowing students to focus on their three other A levels for the last few weeks of their A level studies.

What happens if I am put on a waiting list?

We often have students drop off the EPQ once they start their studies. We will offer students on the waiting list if their timetable fits with the space that is available. Spaces can come available right up to/ and when the course starts. We will contact you directly if we find you a place.

What if I miss the deadline to apply?

Depending on the number of applications we receive there might be an opportunity for a second round of applications. This will be communicated to students through your BHASVIC Tutor.

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE EPQ

Please complete the online application form via this link - [EPQ APPLICATION FORM](#)

(If you have any issues accessing this form please contact v.higgs@bhasvic.ac.uk)

Deadline to submit your online application is **Midnight Sunday 1 September**

Once we have processed all the applications we will contact you via your BHASVIC email to let you know if you have a place or have been places on the waiting list