

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, your son/daughter has applied to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) for the 2023-2024 school year.

The EPQ is a standalone qualification worth half of an A level. It is taken as an independent research project and students are responsible for ensuring that they are making progress with their work. Each student selects the topic to be researched from an area of personal interest outside of their main field of study and as such the range of EPQ titles is extraordinarily diverse. The EPQ itself is a research project that results in a report in excess of 5000 words. It comprises three assessed elements: a production log, the project itself and a formal presentation.

The EPQ is a widely recognised qualification and is worth up to 28 UCAS points. Since A level reform, the qualification is growing hugely in popularity; it provides a competitive edge for Sixth Form students leaving school to enter a competitive marketplace. All universities (and this includes those in the Russell Group) as well as an increasing number of employers view the project in a positive light.

As you will also be aware, there is a cost of £250 attached to the course, payable in three instalments or as a lump sum. It is an extra course that we offer and as such is not included in normal teaching hours. You will find the item on WisePay in the 'Trips and Visits' section, if you have any trouble paying, please contact MCW@shsb.org.uk.

The instalment deadlines are as follows:

Instalment 1 (£85) due by 15/12/2023

Instalment 2 (£85) due by 31/01/2024

Instalment 3 (£80) due by 30/03/2024

Kind regards

Charlie Foley
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