Dr Rachel Allen – EPQ Co-ordinator

A1 to A2 Transition EPQ

Key Points for the session

- The importance of completing an EPQ
- What does EPQ involve
- EPQ Timeline
- Additional Activities
- Parental Involvement
- Any Questions

The importance of completing an EPQ

https://youtu.be/D2DihMrgxjA?feature=shared

Percentage of EPQ vs non-EPQ students obtaining 2.1 or 1st Class degree outcomes

Associated with improved A level Performance, and less likely to withdraw from undergraduate degree with an EPQ (Gill, 2024)

Provider name	Provider code	CONDITIONAL OFFER
University of Leicester	L34	
Course name	Course code	Date of offer
Economics and Data Analytics	LL15	16 Jan 2024
Course start date	Point of entry	Application reply deadline
23 Sep 2024	Year 1	-
Conditions for acceptance		

This offer is subject to you obtaining

Grades ABB at A-Level in 3 subjects or grades BBB plus grade B in the EPQ.

Choose a topic – can be anything *

Be guided and monitored by your supervisor

Plan, research and carry out your project

Complete a detailed production log and journal to document the process (Project Q)

Write an essay or produce an artefact/essay

Complete a table of evaluation sources

Complete a planning document for tasks/smart targets/deadlines

Prepare and deliver a presentation (as a poster in the sports hall+ beyond)

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What does EPQ involve?

'Wider Reading'...

Google Scholar and platforms like [arXiv.org e-Print archive](#) JSTOR

Text Books

University Online Libraries*

Online Library with ASFC

Podcasts

Blogs

Ted talks / The Institute of Art and Ideas

Documentaries

Journals

Specialist Magazines

 Websites

Visits to Museums, Galleries, relevant Organisations

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What does EPQ involve?

EPQ Timeline

- 16 EPQ Launch Events (May/June 2025)
- Submission of 3 EPQ ideas (6th June 2025)
- Summer Activities sessions (30th June / 1st July 2025)
- EPQ Sessions start on timetable from September 2025
- EPQ Presentations (February 2026 Date to be confirmed)
- EPQ Final Completion Date(March 2026 Date to be confirmed)

EPQ Additional Activities provide:

Additional support and detailed development of skills such as: research skills, critical thinking, creating effective research questions, academic integrity and the use of AI in research projects, referencing using APA 7, self-management of an independent project, data collection and analysis whilst maintaining ethical considerations....

Encouragement of reading emails

Checking on current progress 'Wider Reading'

Awareness of deadlines

Parents are able to attend the EPQ presentations in February 2026

" Parental Involvement

Encourage to speak to EPQ Supervisor as will see students on a weekly basis

Encourage to speak to Co-Ordinator

Contact me: r.e.allen@asfc.spt.ac.uk

" *Parental Involvement*

Concerns

Additional Activities to date for 2025/2026 so far....

- Thursday 5th June 2025 'History Reimagined for a Changing World' (University of Manchester)

- Wednesday 9th July 2025 'University Research Day' (University of Lancaster – Library)

- 12th and 13th August Research & Writing Days (ASFC)

- Friday 26th September 2025 EPQ 'Being an Effective Researcher' Student Conference (ASFC)

Great Opportunities

Should not be missed!

History Reimagined for a Changing World

Professor David Olusoga, OBE

A Summer Activities To DO List......

Login to Project Q

Complete sections Record of Initial Ideas and Candidate Proposal by Friday 11th July

Complete the short online course with FutureLearn through the University of Leeds. This focuses on developing your research skills using online platforms and will also help you to improve your skills required to critically analyse the sources of information you find.

Carry out some research using sources such as Google Scholar, make notes to help

Start Evaluation of Sources table

Start your Journal with Activities completed linking to EPQ this will continue across the EPQ programme

Things to do