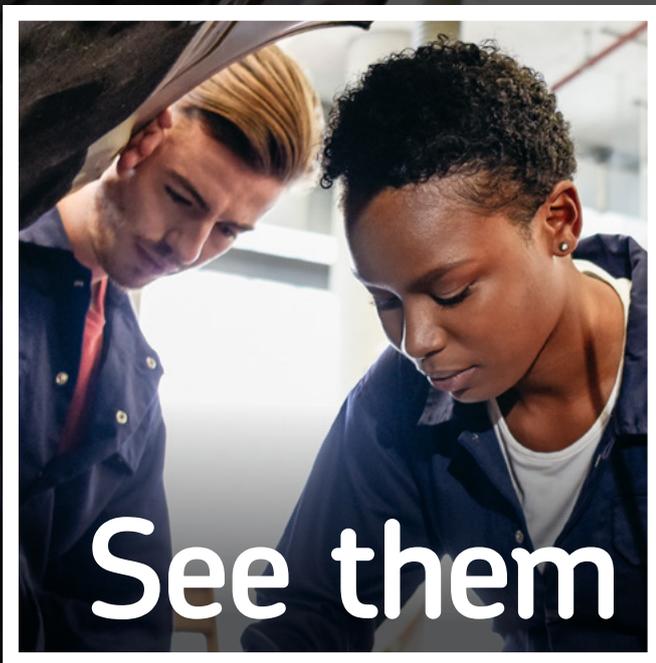


EPQ: Timelines of delivery

Three suggested models for delivering the EPQ



Timelines of delivery

The EPQ allows your students to develop confidence, gaining the skills and experience they need to thrive and helping them stand out when it comes to university places and jobs.

Give them the best possible start by finding the optimal way for your school or college to deliver the EPQ.

We've modelled three delivery schedules - over three terms, four terms and five terms - with suggested timings for you to use when planning. Use and adapt them to your school or college's curriculum.

Please see our [Taught element guide](#) for more details on each of the suggested taught skills topics.

Three term plan

		Taught skills and topic suggestions	Production log and meetings	Project development	Centre
Autumn term Y12	Sept	Introduction to EPQ and project planning Developing proposals and titles, project management	Record of initial ideas Candidate proposal A	Initial research and sources	Ensure all staff have read and understood JCQ instructions for conducting coursework
	Oct	Research methodology	Candidate proposal supervisor part B Candidate proposal coordinator part C	Initial research and sources	Centre coordinator and supervisor training
	Nov	Research methodology	Planning review	Project planning, research and selection of sources	
	Dec	Research methodology		Project management, research and selection of sources	
Spring term	Jan	Referencing and plagiarism, report writing Presentation skills/ presentation development and practice	Mid project review	Project management review, confirmation of final title and agreed form of project product Begin producing the project product	AQA standardisation meetings
	Feb	Critical reflection on own learning and completed project	Project product review	Realise project product - 5000 word written report or artefact with written report. General feedback provided at PPR stage from supervisor Note: general feedback needs to follow JCQ ICC section 2.4	AQA standardisation meetings
	Mar		Presentation record part A Presentation record part B Summary and reflection	Live presentation to a non specialist audience with Q and A. Complete summary and reflection	Centre standardisation

Summer term	Apr			Submit to supervisor for marking Note: follow JCQ ICC section 3 for presentation and submission of coursework	Centre marking and moderation Issue raw marks to students Internal appeals window
	May				Mark submission to AQA - prepare sample and send to moderator
	June				
	July				
Summer holiday	Aug				Results issued on A-level results day

Four term plan

		Taught skills and topic suggestions	Production log and meetings	Project development	Centre
Autumn term Y12	Sept	Introduction to EPQ and project planning		Initial research and sources	Ensure all staff have read and understood JCQ instructions for conducting coursework (JCQ ICC)
	Oct	Developing proposals and titles, project management	Record of initial ideas	Initial project planning	Centre coordinator and supervisor training
	Nov	Research methodology	Candidate proposal A Candidate proposal supervisor part B Candidate proposal coordinator part C	Research and selection of sources	
	Dec	Research methodology	Planning review	Project planning, research and selection of sources	
Spring term	Jan	Referencing and plagiarism, report writing		Project management, research and selection of sources	AQA standardisation meetings
	Feb	Report writing		Project management, research and selection of sources	AQA standardisation meetings
	Mar		Mid project review	Project management review, confirmation of final title and agreed form of project product Begin producing the project product	AQA standardisation meetings

Summer term	Apr	Presentation skills/ presentation development and practice	Project product review	Realise project product - 5000 word written report or artefact with written report. General feedback provided at PPR stage from supervisor Note: general feedback needs to follow JCQ ICC section 2.4	
	May	Presentation development and practice		Realise project product - 5000 word written report or artefact with written report. General feedback provided at PPR stage from supervisor Note: general feedback needs to follow JCQ ICC section 2.4	
	June	Critical reflection on own learning and completed project	Presentation record part A Presentation record part B	Live presentation to a non specialist audience with Q and A	
	July		Summary and reflection	Complete summary and reflection Submit to supervisor for marking Note: follow JCQ ICC section 3 for presentation and submission of coursework	
Summer holiday	Aug				

Autumn term Y13	Sept				AQA standardisation meetings. Centre marking and moderation Issue raw marks to students
	Oct				Internal appeals window
	Nov				Mark submission to AQA - gather sample and send to moderator
Spring term	Jan				Results issued on January results day

Five term plan

		Taught skills and topic suggestions	Production log and meetings	Project development	Centre
Autumn term Y12	Sept	Introduction to EPQ and and project planning		Initial research and sources	Ensure all staff have read and understood JCQ instructions for conducting coursework (JCQ ICC)
	Oct	Developing proposals and titles, project management		Initial project planning	Centre coordinator and supervisor training
	Nov	Research methodology	Record of initial ideas	Research and selection of sources	
	Dec	Research methodology	Candidate proposal A Candidate proposal supervisor part B Candidate proposal coordinator part C	Research and selection of sources	
Spring term	Jan	Research methodology	Planning review	Project planning, research and selection of sources	
	Feb	Research methodology		Project management, research and selection of sources	
	Mar	Research methodology Referencing and plagiarism/report writing		Project management, research and selection of sources	

Summer term	Apr	Research methodology		Project management, research and selection of sources	
	May	Report writing Research methodology		Project management, research and selection of sources	
	June		Mid project review	Project management review, confirmation of final title and agreed form of project product Begin producing the project product	
	July			Write up written report /develop artefact and written report	
Summer holiday	Aug				
Autumn term Y13	Sept		Project product review	Realise project product - 5000 word written report or artefact with written report. General feedback provided at PPR stage from supervisor Note: general feedback needs to follow JCQ ICC section 2.4	
	Oct			Realise project product - 5000 word written report or artefact with written report. General feedback provided at PPR stage from supervisor Note: general feedback needs to follow JCQ ICC section 2.4	
	Nov	Presentation skills/ presentation development and practice			
	Dec	Presentation skills/ presentation development and practice			

Spring term	Jan	Critical reflection on own learning and completed project	Presentation record part A Presentation record part B	Live presentation presentation to a non specialist audience with Q and A	AQA standardisation meetings
	Feb		Summary and reflection	Complete summary and reflection	AQA standardisation meetings Centre standardisation
	Mar			Submit to supervisor for marking Note: follow JCQ ICC section 3 for presentation and submission of coursework	Centre marking and moderation
Summer term	Apr				Centre marking and internal moderation Issue raw marks to students Internal appeals window
	May				Mark submission to AQA - gather sample and send to moderator
	June				
	July				
Summer holiday	Aug				Results issued on A-level results day

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