Quick guide to the presentation

What is the presentation?

For each of the project qualifications, students must complete a live presentation. The presentation should not only focus on the project product, but should ideally also cover the following:

- what their project is about
- the reasoning that underpins their project
- their aims and objectives
- what research has been undertaken and why
- a review of their performance and achievements
- lessons they have learnt
- how their product might affect their future career/education.

The presentation provides candidates with an opportunity to tell the story of their project, from initial project choice right through to final reflections. Students can demonstrate their project management, research, and evaluation skills which can provide excellent evidence to contribute towards the holistic assessment.

Format of the presentation

The presentation should be for a non-specialist audience. The minimum number of people in the audience is two (one of whom must be the supervisor). There are a variety of ways that the presentation can be conducted, for example:

- viva (witnessed by at least one person in addition to the supervisor)
- lecture
- seminar
- market place (for large cohorts, each student has a stand and conducts their presentation to a number of small groups).

Students may wish to use flipcharts, posters, slides, or short excerpts of video material to complement their presentation. In their log, students may discuss why they selected a particular format, why it was appropriate for their particular product, and any limitations that affected their choice.

The supervisor should ensure that there is a live question and answer session during the presentation. Questions should be specific to the candidate and spontaneous, the use of an identical list of questions for all candidates is not advisable. Individual targeted questioning enables the candidate's knowledge and understanding of issues arising from their project to be measured. Supervisors may also use the question and answer session to prompt responses that provide evidence missing from the project, or give further detail to support decisions made.
Evidence of the presentation

Physical evidence of the presentation is not compulsory (for example, a video of the presentation or slides used) although students may choose to include supplementary presentation evidence which is appropriate and relevant. However supervisors must complete Presentation Record Part B of the Production Log fully and in detail to give moderators a complete overview of the candidate’s performance.

All assessment is evidence-based. If marks are awarded to credit the student’s responses to questioning, a record of the questions asked and answers given must be supplied.

What support is there to help me with the presentation?

We can provide support in a number of ways, including:

• your allocated Project Adviser
• the Projects team available on 0161 957 3980 or at projects@aqa.org.uk