

# Research your ideas with an EXTENDED PROJECT



Alongside your studies in Year 2

### WHAT IS AN EXTENDED PROJECT?

An Extended Project is either a

- Dissertation (6000 words)
- Investigation
- Artefact

or a

Performance

on a topic of your own choice. It requires about 120 hours of study in total



### WHAT TOPICS CAN I CHOOSE?

As long as there is no significant overlap with your existing courses you can choose almost any topic. You could research an issue

- In greater depth or
- Take a broader perspective on an issue you have considered previously

or

• You can study a completely new topic

#### Recent projects included:

- A dissertation about the fluoridation of water
- The organisation of a photographic exhibition as an artefact
- An investigation on soil and climate change
- The production of an anthology of poetry as an artefact

# WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER STUDYING AN EXTENDED PROJECT?

- You will have the opportunity to carry out some genuine research that equips you with skills of investigation, analysis and synthesis
- You can gain half of an A Level (and can achieve an A\*)
- Results are excellent (66% of students in 2012 achieved an A\*, A or B grade)
- Universities regard Extended Projects highly and the project provides a focus for interview

### WHEN WOULD I STUDY AN EXTENDED PROJECT?

Students are introduced to Extended Projects during the summer term towards the end of Year 1 and you will need to carry out some research during the summer holidays.



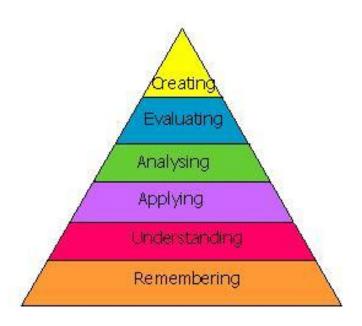
During year 2 students will be allocated to a project supervisor and will meet with small groups of students for one lesson per week throughout the second year.

Projects need to be completed for the beginning of the spring term in Year 2, when students will make an assessed presentation on their findings.

# IF I OPT FOR AN EXTENDED PROJECT, WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO?

#### You will need to:

- Negotiate the scope of your project with your supervisor
- Identify and draft an objective(s) for your project (eg identify a question to be answered, a problem to be investigated or outline a commission to be produced)
- produce a plan for how you will deliver your intended outcome
- conduct research that is appropriate to your project brief
- prove you can pursue an extended project through to completion
- share the outcome of the project with another or others, using appropriate communication methods.



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