



Charters School

Specialist Sports and Science College

Thursday, 16 June 2011

Dear Parents / Carers

Re: The Level 3 Extended Project

I am writing to inform you about a new qualification called the 'Extended Project'. The 'Extended Project' is open to any student, but would be particularly beneficial to students who wish to apply to Oxford/Cambridge, or any of the top Universities. Few Universities have yet stipulated that a student must complete the 'Extended Project', but many have said that they would favour students who had taken it. Some Universities have centered their interview discussions around the topic that the student has researched and there are obvious benefits to completing the qualification.

The qualification is equivalent to half an A-Level and involves detailed research that focuses on one chosen A-Level subject, and offers the chance to receive an 'extra' qualification. It would be most beneficial if the student focused on the subject that they wish to study at University. This qualification replaces the old 'Advanced Extension Award' that you may have previously heard of.

Assessment is through one of four routes:

- Dissertation: a written research project of between 5,000 to 6,000 words
- Investigation/Field Study: a written investigation of between 4,000 to 5,000 words
- Performance: to produce a performance for an audience and supporting written evidence of 1,500 to 3000 words
- Artefact: the planning, research and development of an artefact and supporting written evidence of 1,500 to 3000 words

All students will also need to complete a formal presentation that is assessed by staff and other students taking the qualification. The 'Extended Project' should not be too burdensome as much of the work involved will overlap with A-Level subject work. Entry for the qualification will take place in either January or June 2012.

Further details as well as example work can be found at:
<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/project/level3/Pages/default.aspx>

If your son/daughter would like to take part in the 'Extended Project' qualification for entry in 2012 please can you complete the attached form and return to Mrs Boxall in the Sixth Form Office no later than Friday 1st July. There will then be a meeting to get pupils started on the qualification on Tuesday 5th July P1.

If you have any questions about the 'Extended Project' qualification please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Level 3 Extended Project Qualification

Please return this completed reply slip to Mrs A. Boxall in the Sixth Form Office no later than Friday 1st July

Student's Name: - _____ Tutor Group: - _____

Subject intending to study at University: - _____

Type of assessment interested in (tick one box only):

- Dissertation
- Investigation/Field Study
- Performance
- Artefact

I give permission for my son/daughter to commence study for the Level 3 'Extended Project' Qualification for Entry in 2012.

I understand that the 'Extended Project' will be supervised by a subject specialist member of staff, but that the student is responsible for the completion of the project.

Signed: - _____ (Parent/Carer)

Date: - _____