EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION AT SSFC

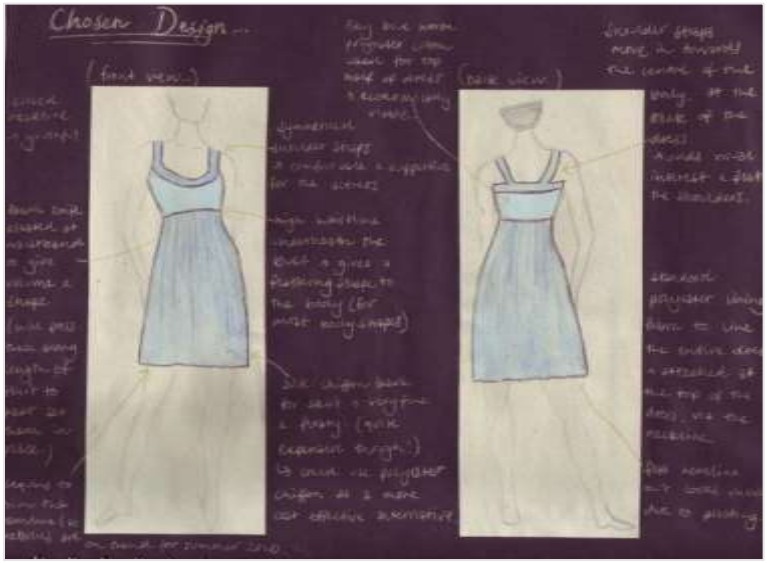
AN INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS THE EXTENDED PROJECT?

- An individual project worth half an A level
- You choose what you would like to do it on – it could link to your A levels, a hobby, something you want to do at university or could be on anything else that interests you.
- It could be based on research, design, performance or a business or community venture.
- At SSFC we are offering this course from this September to both first and second year students

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF SOME PROJECTS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS TO GET YOU THINKING ABOUT THE EPQ

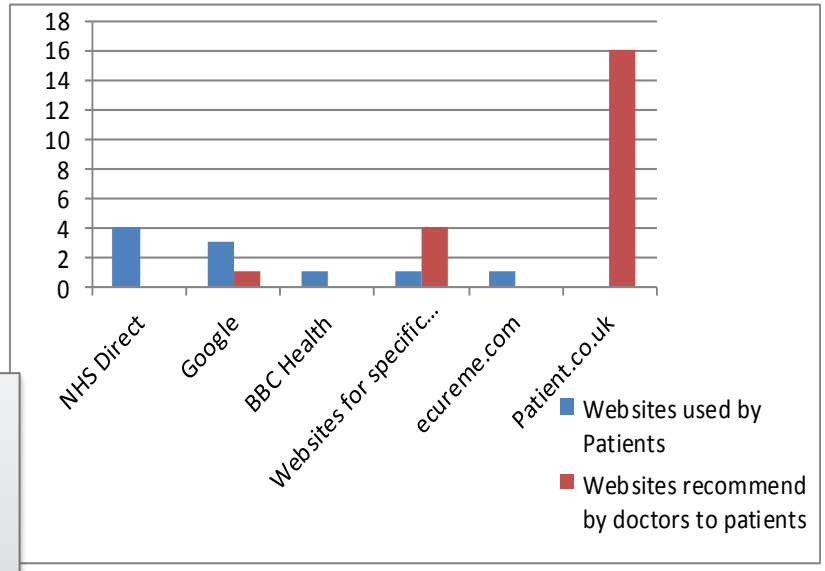
DESIGNING AND MAKING A DRESS FOR A SHAKESPEARE PLAY



Which included planning in a sketch book and a photo shoot

HOW EFFECTIVE IS INTERNET DIAGNOSIS?

Which included interviews with doctors and a questionnaire given to patients



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1) Do you have access to the internet?

Yes ð No ð Don't know ð

2) Have you ever used the internet to diagnose yourself? (if no skip to question 8)

Yes ð No ð Don't know ð

3) Can you remember what website you used?

Website:

4) Did you trust the diagnosis/'s given?

Yes ð No ð Don't know ð

AND SOME OTHERS…

- What were the effects of the Nazi occupation of Serbia on its people? (illustrated in a short story)
- Making a comic to highlight racism and sexism in the media
- Setting up a support group for people with a stammer
- How can insomnia be tackled? (involving practical support for a group of people)
- What is the most effective way to protest about climate change?
- Should autistic children be taught in mainstream schools? (involved working in a primary school)

WHY MIGHT YOU DO AN EXTENDED PROJECT

THE NEXT TWO SLIDES HAVE SOME (GENUINE!) COMMENTS FROM OUR STUDENTS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WHICH TELL YOU ABOUT SOME OF THE BENEFITS

“I really recommend Extended Project as once you get involved in the research it is fascinating finding out things you didn't know about a topic of your own choice!”

“The EPQ was incredibly helpful – it added to my portfolio and experience and also where I have applied accepts Extended Project for UCAS points so it will help me enormously to get on to the course itself.”

“I received an unconditional offer from my first choice university and 4 other offers and 3 of them said it was due to my extended project as it proved I have a real interest in the subject and have skills needed at university - self-motivation, research, background reading, referencing etc.”

“The project really improved my independence. It helped me to take the initiative to get on with work and not rely on others for help.”

“I've really enjoyed completing my Extended Project and it definitely added variety to my timetable. It has really helped me in preparation for university and has developed my organisational and public speaking skills.”

“The Extended Project provided me with the opportunity to communicate with members of parliament and my peers within Sixth Form about what would make young people take more interest in politics. ”

IS THE EXTENDED PROJECT FOR YOU?

Are you motivated, reliable and able to work independently?

Would you like to take ownership of what you study and how you go about it?

Do you have something that you would be interested in investigating or producing?

Are keen to develop your skills and improve your chances of getting offers for jobs and university courses?

IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE

If you are interested in the Extended Project and didn't come to one of the drop in sessions at Pre Enrolment, then come to the Extended Project desk in the hall when you enrol in August to find out more and we could discuss what you might like to do a project on.

You will also need to tell the person who enrols you if you want to do the subject.