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Dear Parent/Carers

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Year 12 students taking EPQ on their efforts this year. Draft projects have been submitted to supervisors and I am sure that in many cases, there is already a real sense of achievement.

EPQ is not affected by the exam cancellations in the summer. Projects are marked and moderated at Backwell School between June and September 2020, before entry in the AQA November 2020 series. Therefore, I am able to reassure you that at present, our plan is to complete EPQ following the original timetable, culminating in final submission of projects to supervisors by **Friday 12 June 2020**.

Over the next few weeks, students will be waiting for feedback from their supervisors and once we have guidance from AQA, I will write to you explaining how these arrangements will work. Those who are doing artefact projects, in particular, may be concerned that the plan to complete their piece involves face-to-face contact with others. If this is the case, I would ask that these students email me directly and we can discuss ways in which these issues can be addressed.

Students who have been absent this week and not yet handed in their work can email their supervisor, attaching the draft project and production log downloaded from project Q. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via the schools telephone number or e-mail <a href="mailto:blangford@backwellschool.net">blangford@backwellschool.net</a>. Rest assured, we are doing everything we can to ensure completion of this qualification and I will contact you with an update shortly

Yours sincerely

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