

# Summer Independent Learning 2026

## AQA Level 3 - Extended Project Qualification

### Summer Check List

*The following parts of your EPQ should be complete and ready to submit:*

***Please review and check that all these aspects of Project Q are proofread and have been dated.***

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| <b>Initial Ideas (Project Q)</b><br><i>All sections, in detail, with date.</i>                                                                                          |  |
| <b>Project Proposal (Project Q)</b><br><i>All sections, in detail, with date.</i>                                                                                       |  |
| <b>Planning Review (Project Q)</b><br><i>All sections, in detail, with date.</i>                                                                                        |  |
| <b>Evidence of Planning and Monitoring</b><br><i>Whichever methods you have chosen to do this – Gantt Chart / Checklist / Dates in Phone / Journal / Diary / Log...</i> |  |
| <b>Research</b><br><i>Approx. 20 solid sources, showing a range of sources, including academic articles. including a detailed evaluation of sources</i>                 |  |
| <b>Mid Project Review (Project Q)</b><br><i>To complete at the end of your research, prior to your write-up</i>                                                         |  |
| <b>First Drafts</b><br><i>This could be a completed first draft, or an extract for your supervisor to review</i>                                                        |  |

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### Project Product Review:

*You should have submitted your first draft and can now begin to look at the Project Product review.*

**Complete the first box your project review before your return to college.**

## Completing the Project Product Review page

### What is the Project Product Review?

The Project product review page is where you record the near completion of your project product and evaluate what happened after your Mid-project review and draft of the project is completed.

### Box 1: Did your project follow your plan?

**What to do:** Compare what you *planned* at mid-project review/ the plan for your write up with what you *actually did* while completing the product. Give specific examples. Give a balanced evaluation: *mostly yes, partly, or no* and then explain.

### Key questions to answer:

- How are you making progress towards meeting your aims from the planning review? Have you met them? Fully partially? What have you done to meet them?
- What parts of the write up went well and why?
- What didn't go well (e.g., a missed target, weak section in the write up/ problem during making/testing) and what caused it?
- Did you add anything that wasn't in your plan e.g., a new chapter/ paragraph, additional research/ sources, extra testing, new dataset, new artist influence, extra primary research?
- What changes did you make to improve the quality of your writing (structure, method, analysis, design, editing, referencing)?
- What problems did you encounter and how did you solve them? (decision-making, alternative methods, new resources)?
- Which planned milestones from your weekly plan did you meet on time? Which one did you miss?
- Where did your plan change? E.g., content, method, or timing, and what evidence drove that change?
- What did you do to monitor progress (weekly checklist, word-count plan, build/testing log, draft deadlines)?
- Did changes strengthen my final outcome? How?

## Additional Tasks:

1. You need to complete a full write up over summer – if you haven't already.

This includes:

- a. Introduction (approx. 500 words)
- b. Themes / Chapters / Sections
- c. Conclusion (approx. 500 words)

*Overall wordcount is 5,000 words, you have a 10% allowance either way – 4,500 – 5,500*

2. **Monitor everything** – Keep a log of the work you complete, when you complete it and how you found it. Track of when you meet and don't meet deadlines you set yourself. Discuss why you changed your tasks / time plans – it's okay to adjust (better in fact!), just make sure you explain the difficulties you have had to overcome. *If you don't track it, you will forget what you did when it comes to the write up and review.*

**Ensure that you are up-to-date with / have completed anything NOT already on Project Q:**

- Any planning documents including dated Gantt charts, checklists etc.
- Any monitoring documents including diaries, journals, logs etc.
- Resource table and full evaluations
- Report / Write Up

**Remember all lessons are available through Teams**