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Dear Parent/Carer,

This year your child will be completing an Independent Learning Project (ILP) as part of our year 9 programme. They will select a topic which they will then investigate independently. The ILP is a reduced version of the Extended Essay, which is a compulsory element of the IB Diploma Programme, offered at Bexley Grammar School in the Sixth Form. The ILP aims to develop your child's understanding of how their interests outside of school can strengthen their studies.

Successful completion of the ILP requires your child to prepare a research question to be approved by their form tutor, research their area of interest and compose their final project, which may be a written report or a composition (eg. model, film, creative writing). The completed project is due to be submitted on Monday 26 February 2023 (after the half term holiday), giving students all of the remainder of this term, plus the first half of the Spring term to work on it, which should prevent any impact on their main studies. In addition, students will be working on their projects every Friday during Academic Monitoring until the deadline next year. Students will track their progress throughout the process via Google Classroom.

Your child has a printed and an electronic version, (on their tutor Google Classroom), of a booklet explaining the ILP. This booklet includes suggested ideas, specific requirements, criteria, deadline dates, planning pages, questions to consider and other general advice. Students will have the guidance of their form tutors, alongside support at home, to complete this exciting opportunity.

If you have any further questions, which your child is unable to answer, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs J Belton Owen
Director of Studies, Year 9