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Dear Parents/Carers,

Your child has been invited to attend an EPQ research trip to the University of Southampton on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Research is an essential part of the EPQ qualification, representing 20% of the final grade. Our biggest challenge is accessing high level research materials. This visit will give us the opportunity to undertake research at university level as well as experiencing the Southampton campus.

At the university, we will be met by Dr. Victoria Yuskaitis, EPQ specialist, who will run a research masterclass using the university's huge range of academic resources. We will then have a lunch break, followed by a tour of the library before students are given time there to undertake independent research.

We will travel with students from the Island Innovation Sixth Form who are also studying the EPQ, allowing sharing of resources and ideas. This shared trip has enabled Southampton University to cover our travel costs, so there will be no charge for this trip.

Students must meet Mrs Cody at the entrance to the Red Jet by 7.45 am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. (Apologies for the early start but we will not be able to wait for any latecomers!). We will travel on the 8.25am Red Jet and travel to the university by UniLink bus. We will return to catch the 3.35pm Red Jet, arriving in Cowes at 4pm.

Students will be expected to dress appropriately and bring refreshments and a packed lunch. The university campus has numerous places to eat and this is a good chance for students to explore the university experience, so please do bring money for refreshments if you would like.

Please could you respond to the linked consent form: <https://forms.office.com/e/2BN8aG3A34>

I hope that your child enjoys the visit and finds it an interesting and valuable experience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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