

Golden Week Holiday

FPQ

Foundation Project Qualification

Level 1 Pearson Edexcel Qualification
Oxbridge Mentors, online

Years 7 to 10

1 – 5 October 2022

5-day course plus

6 hours small group sessions

Programme Highlights

Valuable first step with research

- ◆ Academic research is still new to many students this age. A guided programme is the best way for students to develop a strong foundation in research
- ◆ Allows students to gain an internationally recognised Pearson Edexcel qualification, with a grade no lower than a B

Guided by experienced scholars

- ◆ Two-tier programme
 - FPQ research course led by UK-based Project Coordinators
 - Small group research mentorship led by Oxbridge tutors
- ◆ Students simply pick project titles. Reading lists are provided to students

Easy and Quick

- ◆ Write an essay with reading sources assigned, some of which are in Chinese
- ◆ Students are supported individually by Oxbridge mentors
- ◆ Core research course completed during Golden Week
- ◆ Essays are completed by the end of the month, and students can take longer should they like more time



What is the FPQ?

Part of a series of UK research qualifications culminating in the well-known EPQ.

The FPQ is the first step in this series – a significantly easier project that allows earlier stage students to experience research while receiving an official UK qualification at the same time.

- ◆ Research essay of 500 – 1,500 words
- ◆ Project titles provided for students to select based on their interests
- ◆ Reading sources provided to students, comprised of 6 articles or reports
- ◆ While the essay is written in English, some of the reading sources are in Chinese

The FPQ research course is completed during Golden Week, with the research mentorship sessions starting then but continuing on for several weeks.

Topics for the Golden Week programme

Students can pick one of the following popular topics for their research paper.

1. To what extent is the modern lifestyle affecting children's health?

Nutrition. Exercise. Sleep. Pollution and more. Modern life is convenient but fast paced. Children have more options than ever before but how is this privilege affecting children's health, especially in China?

Oxbridge tutor Jesse, with a first class honours degree in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Cambridge, will guide students with this **science** and **health** project.



2. To what extent will AI change our lives in the next decade?

Autonomous cars. Robotic teachers. Big data and more. AI is already changing our lives. How else will the future change with AI?

Eva is a graduate in Psychology, Philosophy and Linguistics from the University of Oxford with also a MSc in Artificial Intelligence. She will guide students with this **AI** project.



3. To what extent is population ageing affecting social issues in China?

Population ageing is a serious issue today. How are these projections determined? How will this trend affect our society and what can we do to limit damaging effects?

Leo studied Economics and History at the University of Oxford and has extensively tutored Chinese students. He will guide students with this **social science** project.



Multifaceted Programme

Students will receive instruction, guidance, and feedback in completing their research paper. All sessions are delivered through Tencent VooV with communications and coursework supported by the Canvas Learning Management System. Canvas is the most popular LMS in the world today. This LMS is used by over 3,000 academic institutions and in particular, all 8 Ivy League universities as well as Oxford and Cambridge.



Pearson Edexcel

Pearson Edexcel is the UK's largest organisation offering academic and vocational qualifications in schools, colleges and work places in the UK and internationally. It regulates school examinations under the British Curriculum.

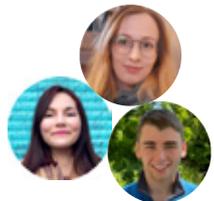
This programme will assist students in preparing and submitting their work to the Pearson Edexcel exam centre for assessment to receive a Level 1 qualification, which is at an early GCSE level. Our exam centre is based in Hong Kong, center number 94992. An additional exam fee applies.

Mentorship Team



Project Director

Our Project Director, Mr Brown, is a leader in supporting the entire range of Pearson Edexcel Project Qualifications. He will lead the FPQ Research course. He is currently Head of EPQ at a leading UK secondary school and through his over 20-year career in education, has risen to leadership positions at schools as well as educational and government bodies. He works with UK awarding bodies, including Pearson Edexcel, in roles ranging from consultancy to moderation.



Oxbridge Research Mentors

Each project will be led by an Oxbridge mentor who is a specialist in the respective project's topic. The tutor will teach and guide students in small groups. At the same time, English writing specialists will work with students in providing one-on-one editorial comments and support.

Programme Schedule

Programme Module	Format	Instruction	Schedule	Hours
Academic Research Course	Group Class	Project Director	10.1 – 10.5, 5 sessions Afternoons 2 – 4pm	10
Oxbridge Research Mentorship Sessions	5 or fewer students	Research Mentor	10.3 – 10.7, 2 sessions Subsequent weekends, 4 sessions 1 hour each session	6
Editorial Support	Individual support, feedback based	English Writing Mentor	Continual written feedback, in Chinese and English	4
Total Guided Hours				20