

OxfordAQA International EPQ (9695)

Teaching guide: The project presentation for Project Qualifications

For teaching from September 2023 onwards

The presentation should be delivered to a non-specialist audience. This means that at least one non-specialist should be in the audience and the presentation is directed at them. The minimum number of people in the audience is recommended to be two impartial adults, one of whom must be the supervisor.

There are a variety of ways that the presentation can be conducted, for example:

- Viva
- Lecture
- Seminar
- Market place (each student has a stand and conducts their presentation multiple times to a number of small groups)
- Online via Teams, Zoom or similar

Students may choose to use PowerPoint, Prezi or any other presentation software that suits their purposes. But use of such software is not compulsory. They may use flip charts, posters, or short excerpts of video material to complement their presentation. In their Production Log, students may discuss why they selected a particular format, why it was appropriate for their particular project, and any limitations that affected their choice.

The supervisor is responsible for the live Q&A session following the presentation. Questions should be specific to the student and spontaneous, the use of an identical list of questions for all students is not advisable. Individual targeted questioning enables the student's knowledge and understanding of issues arising from their project to be measured and provides good evidence to support authenticity. Supervisors may also use the Q&A to prompt responses that provide evidence that is otherwise missing from the project. It may be appropriate, for example, to ask students how they have considered ethical principles regarding project development decisions and applications of their research.

The presentation may be given in English, or the student's first language. Should the presentation be given in a language other than English, an authenticated translation to English should be provided along with the record of the presentation. All written evidence, including the bibliography, should be provided in English

Supervisors must complete Presentation Record Part B of the Production Log fully and in detail to give moderators a complete overview of the student's performance. Presentation Record Part B is valid assessment evidence, including the Q&A, but it must be stressed that assessment of Project qualifications is wholly evidence-based. If marks are awarded to credit the student's responses to questioning, a written record of the questions asked and answers given must be supplied.

Physical evidence of the presentation is not compulsory although students may choose to include supplementary (hard copy) presentation evidence which is appropriate and relevant.