The Broader Curriculum

King's Maths School

WHAT IS IT?

- Everything that isn't an A Level!
- Outcomes... and wider outcomes
 - Subject knowledge, skills and understanding
 - Learning behaviours
 - Personal, interpersonal and emotional skills

WHAT IS IN IT?

Clubs & King's Curriculum X Certificate Societies Extended Personal Project Sport Development Qualification Problem Extension and Speakers solving Challenge



PURPOSE OF THE SESSION

- What is the King's Certificate?
- Why do we do it?
- How does it work?
- Successes and challenges
- The next steps...

What is the King 's Certificate?

 A substantial, challenging, collaborative research project for all Year 12s

Work with a mentor in industry or academia, with support

- Leads to a:
 - Final lecture at KCL
 - Formal journal article



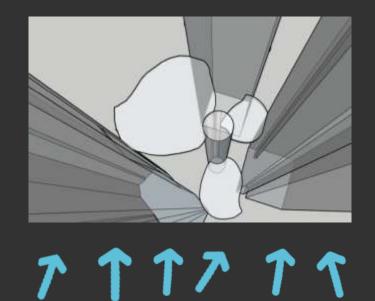


SHOULD ROBOTS REPLACE HUMANS FOR ULTRASOUND IMAGING?

How can we communicate effectively with a probe in deep space?



Design a vertical village in London





HOW DOES A SWORK?

MY GOALS

- Students should:
 - Work with professional, talented mentors
 - Explore new, challenging ideas with rigor and intellectual curiosity
 - Develop key, practical skills in research and academic writing
 - Gain direct experience of challenges, obstacles, and setbacks – which they may or may not fully overcome

HOW DOES IT WORK?

External mentors in industry or academia set project briefs

Students go through an application process and are awarded a project

Groups have until the end of the year to complete their projects

THE CURRICULUM

Taught course

Small classes

Skills-based

Developing their research toolkit

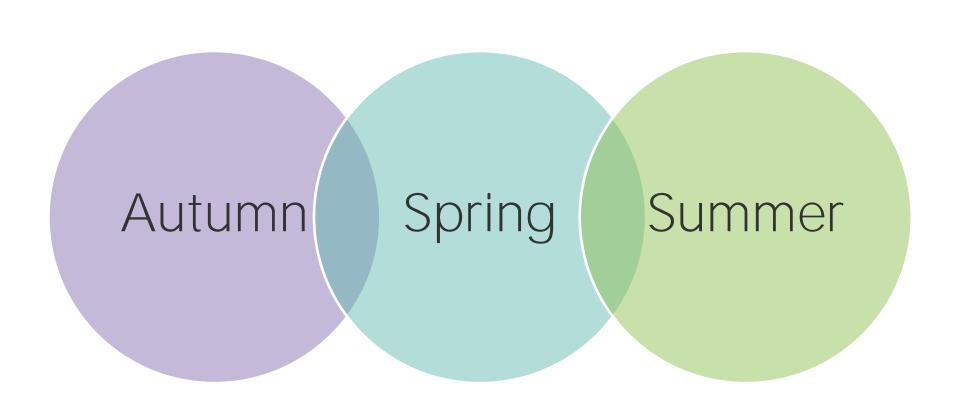
Focus on the individual

3-5 students

Highly student-led

Three meetings with mentor

Guided by internal deadlines and tips





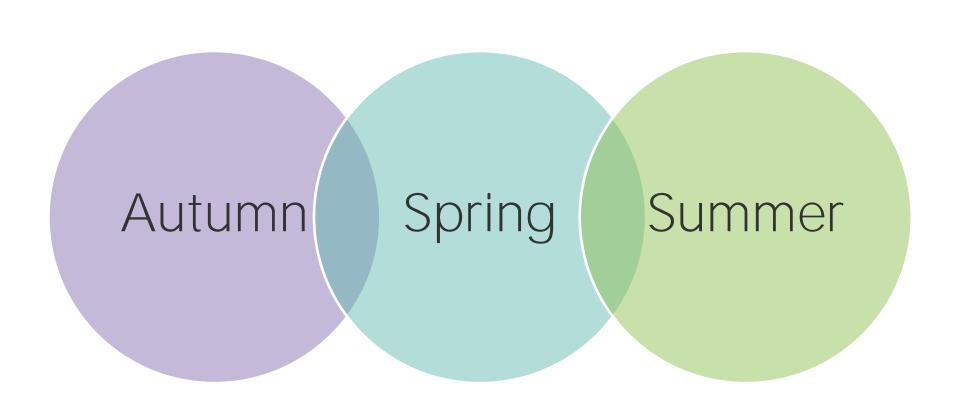
Focus: basic skills and reading

Classes:

- Referencing
- Planning
- Application writing
- Research ethics
- Finding / analysing sources

Group work:

- Mentor meeting 1
- Introduction and lit review





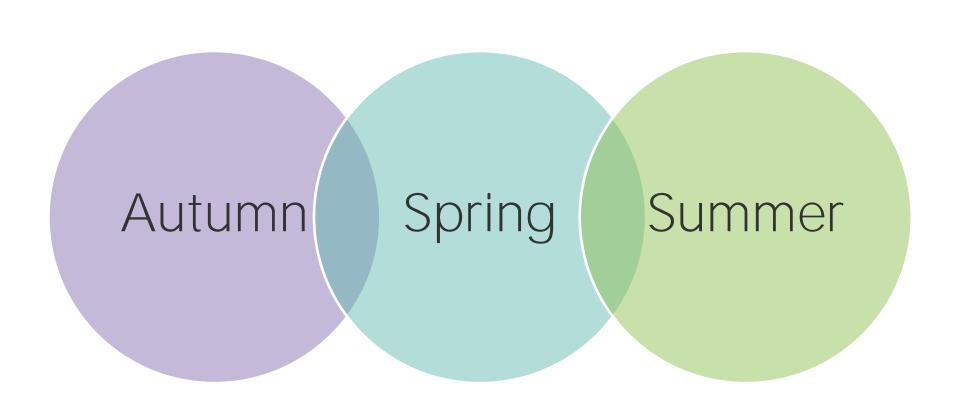
Focus: writing and speaking

Classes:

- Editing
- Academic writing and style Using LaTeX
- Independent presentations

Group work:

- Mentor meeting 2
- Methodology and initial results





Focus: polishing and relfecting

Classes:

- Guided work sessions
- Prepping for final meeting
- Responding to feedback
- Exemplars

Group work:

- Mentor meeting 3
- Full article
- Final presentation

SUCCESSES!

- Improved confidence with writing, researching, and using resources
 - Both in EPQ and the core subjects
- High-quality outcomes
- Strong reflection and self-assessment
- Positive feedback...

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"Learning to research well and write properly has been super interesting and I feel a lot more confident now."

"I'm sure that after this year my writing and speaking will be at a good standard."

"It makes the task of writing a whole journal article seem a lot less daunting."

"It was great to use LaTeX and this information will be very useful for my university days."



Fraud detection through analytics

King's Certificate

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CHALLENGES

- Recruiting good mentors and developing project briefs that are appropriate
- Diverse project briefs that are interesting
- Grouping students effectively
- The balance between support and challenge
- Where next?

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- Collaborative work between maths schools to share resources and perhaps teaching
- Greater standardisation?
- Doing good through research
- Build relationships and mentor networks
- Seek funding for:
 - Prizes
 - Mentors



This is in progress!