

Jess presents EPQ findings into the causes of addiction



Those of you who are regular readers of the newsletter will know that Jess has a passion for psychology. It will therefore come as no surprise that when tasked with choosing a topic for her EPQ, she followed her interests and remained in the field of psychological research.

Having spent over a year researching and producing a 5000-word academic report in a style not dissimilar to a university dissertation, this week, it was time for Jess to present her findings to an audience.

Jess's topic went beyond her A Level specification to explore the causes of addiction. In particular, Jess chose to research the genetic, physiological and psychological explanations for drug addiction.

Her presentation was superb with excellent details provided about both her research process and the conclusions themselves which support that whilst there is no predominant cause, genetic factors may lead to susceptibility to addiction, psychological factors are perhaps more involved in the initial administration whilst physiological will most likely be involved in prolonged drug use.

This was a fascinating presentation that demonstrated clear understanding of some very complex processes so very well done Jess!

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