



The Independent Project Journey

A Step-by-Step Overview

The Independent Project is a structured but flexible journey. Below is a summary of how your project will develop from first idea to final presentation.

Explore Your Ideas – February 2026

You begin by identifying possible project areas and reflecting on:

- Why this project interests you
- What you already know
- What you will need to learn
- Possible challenges

You then submit a Project Proposal by **Monday 2nd March 2026**, including:

- A working title
- A clear aim
- Specific objectives
- Intended outcomes

Your proposal is the starting point and not the finished plan.

2. Mentor Matching – March 2026

After proposals are submitted:

- You are matched with a mentor by **Wednesday 4th March 2026**
- Your proposal is refined
- You agree realistic next steps
- A timeline is developed

Mentors support planning, reflection and review but the project remains yours.

3. Plan & Begin – March 2026

You will:

- Break your project into stages
- Create and update a timeline



- Begin your research and skill development
- Start your log of hours and journal

Project Studios and Research & Skills Workshops support you during this phase.

4. Develop & Document - Ongoing

Throughout the project, you must keep evidence of your learning:

- Bibliography of sources
- Research notes and drafts
- Log of hours
- Reflective journal (minimum 10 entries)

This shows not just what you produced but how you developed.

5. Mid-Project Review – April 2026

At the halfway point, you will reflect on:

- What is going well
- What has changed
- What challenges you have faced
- How you have adapted

Projects are allowed to evolve as long as changes are reflected upon and recorded.

6. Final Outcomes – July 2026

You will produce:

- A substantial written, practical, performance or presentation-based outcome
- Evidence of sustained work
- A final reflection drawing conclusions from your learning

Your presentation should clearly communicate:

- What you did
 - What you learned
 - How you developed
 - What you would do differently
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7. Assessment – August 2026

This is a regulated Level 2 qualification.

To achieve the module, learners must:

- Meet all published learning outcomes
- Provide required evidence
- Demonstrate organisation, research, skill development and reflection

Standards are externally set. Mentors and facilitators will support you in demonstrating what you are capable of but the criteria must be met in order to achieve the award.

A Final Note

Projects do not need to be perfect. They do need to show:

- Independent thinking
- Sustained effort
- Clear planning
- Evidence of development
- Honest reflection

This journey is about depth, growth and ownership of learning.
