



Roycemore's short term lets students study what they love

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Roycemore school was founded in 1915 by professors of Northwestern University seeking a home for academic excellence for their children. More than a century later, that tradition continues with a school tradition called January Short Term.

JST occurs during three weeks in January when all regular Upper School classes are put on hold. Instead of their usual classes, students are given the opportunity to do an intensive study on a topic that is of particular interest to them. JST projects can take place in Evanston or anywhere around the globe.

Each student prepares for JST project by conducting research, drafting a proposal, and presenting their topic to a committee for approval. During the three weeks of JST, students are required to keep a daily account, with analysis, of their activities and reflections. They are evaluated on their project based on the work produced and the digital artifact created upon the conclusion of the experience.

Roycemore Senior Damon tries his hand at new upcycling techniques as part of a Fashion-themed JST.

The culminating event is a JST Expo where members of the school and the community can see firsthand the variety of projects that were completed by students. This year's Expo will be held on the evening of Jan. 30. Because JST is a requirement for all four years of high school, Roycemore graduates end up with a full portfolio of digital artifacts by the winter of their senior year ready to share with college admission counselors and employers.

Senior Sooliat gets help with her JST project from Roycemore alumna, Alanis, while studying the biological and social effects of Ebola across the globe.

Past projects include app design, foreign language immersion, zoology, medical research, fashion design, derivatives and stocks, first response support, glass blowing, creative writing, pediatric memory research, music preparation and technique, culinary arts, website design, and flight school.

Information about JST and other aspects of the Roycemore program will be provided at an admissions event from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Jan. 28. A panel of Upper School students will be available to talk about their JST projects and other aspects of the high school experience at Roycemore.