

Extended Project Qualification

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Course Outline:

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a uniquely exciting opportunity for students to explore a subject they are passionate about and showcase their independent research and critical thinking skills. With the EPQ, students have the freedom to choose their own topic, allowing them to explore areas beyond the confines of their regular curriculum. Whether it's investigating a scientific hypothesis, looking at historical events, or creating a piece of artwork, the EPQ empowers students to become experts in their chosen field. Students produce either an artefact (such as a piece of artwork, a performance, or a prototype) or a written report.

Through this immersive experience, students learn how to conduct independent research, gather relevant information from various sources, and critically evaluate the credibility and reliability of sources. As a self-directed project, it requires students to manage their time effectively. You will learn to set goals, plan tasks, and meet deadlines, developing essential time management skills that are valuable in higher education and the workplace. Students are required to communicate their research findings effectively through a variety of mediums, such as written reports, presentations, or creative projects.

This qualification attracts the same UCAS tariff points as half an A Level, and therefore students who receive a points offer from university will benefit from studying the EPQ. Some universities also routinely give alternative offers to students who have studied the EPQ, increasing their chances of attending first choice and competitive universities. It is highly regarded by employers due to the valuable skills and attributes that are transferable into the workplace.

Assessment is via the production of a 5000 word written report or an artefact and 1000+ word written report. Students also have to deliver a presentation on their project to members of the Sixth Form team.



Progression Post-18

All universities like this qualification as it develops skills and teaching methods that they will build on. The independent approach is something employers will look for too.

Qualification: Extended Project Coursework 100%

Examination Board : AQA