AQA EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

This course is studied in Year 13 only

EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. Students must **choose a topic, plan, research and develop their idea** and decide on their finished product.

We encourage creativity and curiosity. A project topic may be directly related to a student's main study programme, but should look beyond the specification.

A **finished product** may take the form of a:

- research based written report

- production* (eg charity event, fashion show or sports event etc)

- an artefact* (eg piece of art, a computer game or realised design)

*A written report must accompany these options.

Students must also record their project process in their Production Log. The process of recording and completing a project is as important as the finished product. Both the Production Log and Product will be assessed.

So what are the benefits of an EPQ?

The benefits of an EPQ for your CV, personal statement or university application are undeniable. If you work continuously and set aside time every week the workload is very manageable, and you will find it leaves you with many transferable skills to apply in later life or at university.

What you need to do

- **Choose** an area of interest and draft a project title and aims.

- **Plan, research** and carry out a project.

- **Keep a production log** of all stages of the project production, reviewing and evaluating your progress.

- **Complete** the project product.

- Prepare and **deliver a presentation**.

- Review the outcome of your project and presentation.

During the EPQ, you will learn to:

- **manage** – identify, design, plan, and complete a project (or task within a group project), applying organisational skills and strategies to meet your stated objectives

- **use resources/research** – obtain and select information from a range of sources, analyse data, apply it relevantly, and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate connections and complexities of their topic

- **develop and realise** – use a range of skills, including using new technologies, to solve problems, to take decisions critically, creatively and flexibly, and to achieve your aims

- **review** – evaluate the outcome, including your learning and performance.