

EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)

Enrichment Qualification



What will I learn?

In completing an EPQ you will demonstrate your ability to work independently, set your own goals and targets and to see a project through to completion. It is also an opportunity to explore an area of interest in greater depth.

EPQ is a skills based course. You will choose a topic to research, either linked to a current field of study or an area of personal interest.

You will produce a single piece of work and present your findings. This can be a report, artefact, design or performance.

How will I learn?

You will learn through a series of taught sessions and supported independent work.

How will I be assessed?

- Standard control forms completed over the period of the project
- Internal assessment by teachers
- External moderation
- All coursework – no examination
- You will need to make display and oral presentation.

FAQs.

What subjects complement EPQ?

All subjects! EPQ is appropriate for all students. The skills you develop will support university applications and also be attractive to future employers.

Do universities care about EPQ?

Universities want good candidates. They want students who can think outside of the box, take the initiative, and people who have the motivation to work hard. The EPQ is designed to showcase all of these things and universities rate them very highly.

What about if I'm planning to do an apprenticeship after Sixth Form?

The EPQ is highly valuable for apprenticeship-bound students as it develops exactly the skills employers seek: independent working, project management, problem-solving and communication. It strengthens applications by demonstrating commitment, maturity and workplace readiness – particularly if students choose topics related to their career interests. With apprenticeships becoming increasingly competitive, an EPQ helps students stand out.

Does the EPQ give UCAS points? And can you get an A* in EPQ?

Yes, you get up to 28 EPQ UCAS points. Your EPQ will be graded between A* – E. The higher the grade you get the more UCAS points your EPQ will be worth (which is the same for your A-level qualifications).

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Skills Gained

Project management
Planning
Research skills
Analysing and validating sources
Synthesising ideas
Academic referencing

Careers

An EPQ will support all career and education pathways