

### **What is the Extended Project Qualification?**

An EPQ is a self-motivated project qualification has a similar weighting of UCAS points as an AS level.  
It is a research opportunity to pursue interests beyond the current curriculum.

### **What does the EPQ involve?**

There are two main routes through an EPQ.

You could:

- Develop a 5,000 word academic dissertation.
- OR
- Create an artefact and write a report.

Your EPQ could involve independent field work, performance, creative design, music, film, multimedia or much more. There is almost no limit to what can constitute an artefact as long as it has research at its core.

### **What are the benefits of completing an EPQ?**

You could:

Develop academic breadth, autonomy and a personal skill set valued by universities and employers.  
Acquire an extra AS Level in an increasingly competitive world  
Realise personal aspirations for higher education and/or career development.  
Pursue an area you are really interested in.  
Support your application to higher education.

Having an EPQ can:

Reduce the level of a university offer.  
Give your application preference, on highly selective courses over students who have not undertaken EPQ  
Provide a focus for valued content within your personal statement.  
Provide a major focus for interview discussion.

### **Are there any drawbacks?**

Time consuming  
Management around the requirements of other subjects and commitments  
Independent – you are directing it  
Academic



### **How do you complete an EPQ?**

The EPQ is an independent qualification. You are responsible for the choice, design and development of your projects content.

You do not get taught lessons. Instead, you get allocated an EPQ supervisor who guides you through the process within an allocated 'lesson' on your timetable. You meet with your supervisor regularly to ensure your project is developing appropriately and reaching its potential.

In addition, you get a series of study skills sessions (30 hours) to equip you with the necessary academic skills to complete your EPQ. These include how to read, write and analyse academically, how to use the Harvard system of referencing and how to find the right research.

You will also have the opportunity to study and research at local universities.

### **How is it assessed?**

The EPQ is divided into three separate parts:

A Project

A Production Log that records the development of your project and decisions you have made.

A Presentation

These are marked holistically as one against four assessment objectives that analyse how well you have managed your project, used resources, developed your ideas and reviewed your progress.

### **Person specification**

Motivated	Able to manage your time and commitments effectively
Organised	Really interested in your research area
Committed	Willing to take on a project that will be time consuming.
Reliable	Above 95% attendance
Critical	Above 98% punctuality
Analytical	Able to manage other A-Level or vocational courses with no previous or current issues
Creative	
Independent	Working at or above a C average in your other subjects