

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Examination board & syllabus: AQA

Entry Requirements: Open to students on an academic route of 3 A Levels

This course is accredited at Level 3 and is equivalent to half an A Level

Course Outline:

The EPQ allows students to extend their abilities beyond their A level syllabus and stand out when applying to Universities and Higher Level Apprenticeships. The EPQ develops independent study and research skills. Students can choose to research and essay question or produce an artefact. The project is support over one year with entry in November of Year 13.

Assessment details:

- Both practical work and written work can be counted towards this qualification.
- The units are checked by an external moderator from the exam board and internally moderated by qualified staff.
- There are no exams for this course. The qualification is all based on work done throughout year 12.
- Students are assessed on their planning, research, development of project, presentations skills and evaluation

This course is designed to enable students to explore an area of interest further, extending current study or other interests. It is supported by University Admissions teams with some universities offering lower entry grades for students with an EPQ.

Examples of recent EPQ topics include researching Fidel Castro's leadership of Cuba, platinum metals and their uses, how to build a 'High Performance' Desktop PC and evaluate it against commercial pre-built alternatives.

Top Tips:

- Take part in the activities and discussions. This course is designed to help you show what you can do.
- Keep up to date with paperwork and file recording. The paperwork is as important as the essay/artefact.

Useful Websites:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/projects/aqa-certificate/EPQ-7993>

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