



Extend Project Qualification (EPQ)

EPQ stands for Extended Project Qualification. It is an accredited course, equivalent to about the size of an AS qualification and is graded A* to E.

You will choose an area of interest, write the aims and title of the project and have this formally approved by the centre before beginning the project. You will need to plan, research and carry out the project, deliver a presentation to a specified audience and provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment. The final 'product' may be either a 5000 word research-based report or an 'artefact' e.g. a piece of art, a computer game or a realised design. Artefacts must be supported by a 1000 word research-based written report. Part of the qualification involves keeping a 'production log'. Completion of the project involves 120 Guided Learning Hours:

- 30 hours are 'taught' sessions during College Enhancement time
- 30 hours are completed as independent study within College Enhancement time
- 60 hours must be completed independently, outside college hours (roughly 2 hours per week)

Why complete an EPQ?

Undertaking an Extended Project *can* support your application to Higher Education by:

- **Reducing the level of an offer**
- **Giving your application preference**, on highly selective courses over students who have not undertaken *EPQ*
- Providing a focus for valued content within your **personal statement**
- Providing a **major focus for interview** discussion

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we work together?

No students may work together on their EPQ unless their titles are significantly different to not overlap.

Can I research an area I already study?

No your project cannot overlap with anything that is already on a syllabus you study.

Are EPQ lessons compulsory?

Yes every lesson is compulsory and you will be registered.