

Extended Project Qualification



Entry Requirements

To study EPQ Level 3 you will need to show commitment to your studies and excellent time management skills.

Knowledge & Skills gained:

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) allows students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career.

The EPQ is worth half an A-level (up to 28 UCAS points depending on grade achieved) so is a chance for students to get extra UCAS points towards University courses.

The EPQ requires students to carry out research on a topic that they have chosen and is not covered by their other qualifications. They then use this research to produce a written report and, in the case of practical projects, an artefact or a production.

Undertaking an EPQ can:

- increase your motivation by allowing you to study topics of personal interest
- enable you to apply your new skills to other areas of study.

Complementary Subjects

There are no requirements to study the EPQ alongside other specific subjects. The EPQ can be used to continue your interest in a subject that you no longer study at A level.



Future Opportunities

University – The EPQ is awarded UCAS points worth half an A-level and is recognised by universities; some leading universities, such as Southampton University, make alternative offers to students undertaking an EPQ.

Employment opportunities – Employers value the EPQ because the EPQ allows students to embark on largely self-directed projects. By taking responsibility for the choice and design of an individual project (or an individual role in a group project) students:

- become more critical, reflective and independent
- develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- increase their planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- learn to apply new technologies confidently
- demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.

