



Extended Project Qualification



What our students say:

“The Extended Project Qualification is a unique opportunity for students to complete research and a project in an area of their own interest. I have found that the process of completing an EPQ has allowed me to develop my own independent research skills, whilst also enabling me to understand how to complete and compile my own research. I have also found it incredibly valuable when applying to university, as it has allowed me to specialise in a particular area of study that I wish to continue to pursue in Higher Education.”

Entry Requirements:

Students will be considered for the EPQ based upon their capacity to undertake the project, which will be determined through discussions with the Sixth Form Team.

Exam Board and Specification Link:

OCR Extended Project H857: [OCR EPQ H857 Specification](#)

Why complete an EPQ?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a stand-alone project that is worth up to 28 UCAS points in the new tariff (equivalent to 70 UCAS points in the old tariff). It can be a practical, work-related project, or an extension of your A Level studies.

The EPQ provides you with an opportunity to develop skills that higher education is looking for, by encouraging independent study, critical thinking and teamwork.

The EPQ will help you ‘stand out from the crowd’ when you are applying for university.

The flexibility of the EPQ means that you can choose a topic to suit your personal interest and individual needs.

The course also encourages you to apply appropriate technologies, improving transferrable skills such as planning, research, analysis and evaluation.

What skills will you develop?

You will learn a range of skills that you will develop and apply throughout your project. These include: how to select a project, project management skills, how to conduct research, presentation techniques, methods of evaluation and analysis.



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How will you be assessed?

You will be assessed on how you progress throughout the project, particularly your ability to plan, manage and evaluate your work. There will be a written component to your project that will be assessed. As a guide a dissertation should be approximately 5000 words. Written evidence can however take other forms. Any written work should be of sufficient depth to explore the issues and demonstrate the skills assessed through the project.

Contact Information

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