



The Extended Project LEVEL 3 Qualification (EPQ)

WHY SHOULD YOU DO THE EPQ?

The EPQ is a Level 3 qualification which can give you additional UCAS points for when you are applying to university. It helps you to develop many key skills whilst showing academic commitment to your chosen subject and allowing you to explore a topic you enjoy.

The EPQ is graded A* - E. The EPQ is graded A*-E and is weighted as half an A-level in UCAS points but known to be the same difficulty as a full A-Level.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

For a topic of your choice, you will need to create a project where you are able to demonstrate that you manage the objectives, utilise different resources and develop and evaluate the outcome. You can pick a topic that complements your current subjects or it can be based on your future interests or hobbies.

There are four pathways you can choose:

- A dissertation (academic essay)
- An Investigation (scientific or field study)
- An artefact (a product you would sell)
- A Performance (something live)

You will need to produce the below items:

- A written report (which included evidence of research carried out, analysis and evaluation)
- Sketchbook or design sheets (for Artefact unit)
- Project proposal form and activity log
- Evidence of performance (for Performance unit)
- Evidence of oral presentation

WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

All pupils need to work towards a skills development checklist, and if they go on to fully complete their EPQ project they will develop key skills such as independent learning, research, and critical thinking which are valued by both employers and universities.

Universities widely welcome the EPQ, and admissions tutors recognise it as a positive attribute when selecting among applicants with similar levels of achievement.

