

## Extended Project Qualification

Exam Board	AQA
	EPQ can be studied alongside your A Level programme. The course is 1 year in duration and is completed in year 12. Students will be allocated an EPQ supervisor to guide them through the qualification.
Essential skills	<p>The EPQ is a research project and can be on any topic. The only restriction is that it cannot be something you are already studying as part of your A Level courses. You will use your research to produce a final product that shows off your new knowledge and understanding. This could be a written report, an artefact, a prototype, an event, drama piece, dance show or artwork.</p> <p>The project is independent in nature, so students must be committed, and able to motivate themselves to work even without regular deadlines and prompting from a supervisor.</p>
Overview	<p>The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop your independent research and project management skills.</p> <p>The focus of the project is research, and so completing an EPQ will develop your ability to locate, evaluate and use a range of resources critically. For students who intend to go to university, these skills are incredibly important and can set you apart from other candidates.</p> <p>The EPQ lets you choose any topic area to investigate. Past students have chosen to complete projects that are geared towards their career goals (for example an aspiring medic focused their project on NHS spending) whilst others have chosen to pursue an interest that was not covered by any school subject (for example one focused their research on the development of Japanese architecture and another chose to look at the impact of Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies). The world really is your oyster – choose the project that is right for you.</p> <p>By the end of the project you will have learned how to manage your time across a large-scale project, developed presentation skills, academic writing skills and note-taking ability, gained valuable reference and bibliography writing, skills as well as an array of valuable skills that you can carry forward into university and the working world.</p> <p>If you choose to complete an EPQ, you are choosing to prepare yourself for life after Sixth Form.</p>
University requirements	<p><i>The EPQ is awarded UCAS points worth half of an A Level.</i></p> <p><i>The EPQ is highly regarded by universities, who acknowledge the valuable skills that the qualification can develop. Many universities advise that they take an EPQ into account when selecting students and making offers. Some Universities may even make lower offers to students who complete an EPQ relevant to their chosen degree alongside their A Levels.</i></p>