

Extended Project Qualification

Examination Group: AQA

A fast-paced, one-year course that molds around your interests, hobbies or career prospects. Independence, organisation and creativity is key!

The course can be adapted to suit the needs, skills and knowledge of the individual to create a research project that acts like a mini-dissertation; employers and higher education love this! The Level 3 Extended Project Qualification is an opportunity for students to embark on a self-directed and self-motivated journey. Students will be asked to choose a topic, plan, research and develop an idea. The finished product may take the form of:

A research based written report (5000 words).

A production* (eg charity event, fashion show or sports event etc) An artefact* (eg piece of art, a computer game or realised design).

**a written report must accompany these options (1000 words)*

Students must also record their project process in the form of a Production Log.

The process of recording and completing a project is, in fact, just as important than the finished product. Both the Production Log and the Product will be assessed.

Student will learn to:

Manage: identify, design, plan and completed a project whilst applying organisational skills and

strategies to meet the stated objectives.

Use resources/research:

Obtain and select information from a range of sources, analyse data, apply it relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate connections and complexities of the topic.

Develop and realise: Use of range of skills, including using new technologies, to solve problems, take decisions critically, creatively and flexibly and to achieve the projects aims.

Review: evaluate the outcome, including the learning and performance which will require honesty and careful consideration.

What could I do next with an EPQ? A Level 3 Extended Project Qualification is worth the equivalent of half an A Level. Therefore, the completion of the qualification can support the application or further education, apprenticeship and progression into a work place.

Year 12 content

Unit 1: Compulsory Component: Production Log;

This unit is a working document that is continuously adapted through the one-year course. It will show your skills in planning, research, development and execution.

Unit 2

Compulsory Component:

Essay: Alongside your production log, will be an essay outlining all the things you have found along the way.

Unit 3

Compulsory Component:

Artefact; Choosing to build/design/perform an artefact is your choice but should complement your research and essay by giving a physical representation of what you have found out.

Assessment

100% Coursework Production Log Essay Optional: Artefact

Pathways/Careers/ University courses

Universities are recognising the EPQ course more and more, with some even giving grants to those with high grades. This course is designed to develop confidence, organisation, communication, dedication and research skills that can be applied to higher education as well as career prospects.

Entry Requirements

Minimum of Grade 4 in English at GCSE.

For more information see [Miss Panayi](#) EPQ Coordinator