

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)



Introduction

The EPQ provides an opportunity for students to extend their abilities beyond the A Level syllabus, stand out and prepare for university and their future career. It can also be used to earn extra UCAS points.

The EPQ is a stand-alone qualification which allows students to embark on largely self-directed projects. Through taking responsibility for the choice and design of an individual project, or an individual role in a group project, students will:

- become more critical, reflective and independent learners;
- 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, and
- demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.

Course Content

Entry to the AS qualification can take place in either November or May.

The extended project can develop and extend from one or more of the students' study areas and/or from an area of personal interest or an activity outside of their main programme of study. The topic is chosen by the student(s) and agreed by the coordinator. The EPQ will involve some teaching of the necessary skills as well as supervision and assessment of the students' progress. It will involve extended autonomous work by the student and requires a total of 120 guided learning hours.

Students are required, with appropriate supervision, to:

- choose an area of interest;
- draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the coordinator;
- plan, research and carry out the project;
- deliver a presentation to a specified audience, and
- provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment.

Examination Board: AQA (Specification A)

Mode of Assessment:

The evidence for assessment will comprise of the following:

- A completed Production Log and Assessment Record including the Project Proposal Form, Presentation Record and Candidate Record Form.
- The project product including a written report and any other evidence, as appropriate, depending on the topic or subject area chosen

This is the only AS qualification that carries an A* certification.