

WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES THINK?

The EPQ is well received by universities who are welcoming the qualification as an indicator of realised skills and potential ability in the fiercely competitive entrance market.

Here's what they have to say:

"We welcome the introduction of the Extended Project and would encourage you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school/college to higher education. Completion of an Extended Project will not, however, be a requirement of any offer made." University of Cambridge

"Some admissions tutors may make two alternative offers, one of which involves success in the Extended Project (eg either AAA at A level or AAB at A level plus Extended Project)." University of Bristol

"Qualifications taken in addition to your main exams, such as the Extended Project, will improve your application by enabling you to develop study skills that will be useful in higher education. We encourage applicants to take them and to note them on their application form." University of Birmingham

"We certainly welcome students who have undertaken the EPQ, as it provides an excellent introduction to the type of work they will be expected to do at university. It encourages development in all the skills required of our undergraduates, such as research, analysis, independent work and thought, and the ability to communicate ideas. We recommend that students discuss their project in their personal statement and illustrate the ways it has helped to build on both their academic skills and intellectual curiosity." University of Southampton

If you would like to study more about a certain topic

- and you are interested in developing skills for the future
- or want to be able to understand a topic of interest in more detail
- or you would like to study for a qualification which is highly regarded by universities and greatly valued by employers

... then an Extended Project Qualification may be for you.

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EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION



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WHAT IS AN EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)?

The EPQ is a stand alone qualification that is equivalent to half an A Level qualification that has been developed with the intention of strengthening the programme of Post 16 study by testing a wider range of skills.

It provides a toolkit for you that better prepares you for higher education and employment. The skills that you develop through the Extended Project are excellent preparation for university-level study, and many universities have endorsed it.

You can refer to the Extended Project in your UCAS personal statements and at interview, to demonstrate some of the qualities that universities are looking for.

You will be allocated a project supervisor who you will be timetabled to see once a week which will include a 1:1 meeting.

There is a taught element and you will attend tutorials from time to time, but a lot of this project is down to you, your time management, your planning, your research and meeting deadlines independently.

WHAT CAN I RESEARCH?

EPQ comprises of a single piece of work of your choosing and requires evidence of planning, preparation, research, and independent learning.

An Extended Project might be:

- A report with findings from an investigation or study
- An artefact designed and created by the student
- A dissertation presenting an argument
- A performance
- A book
- A film/video/CD
- A photographic/artistic study
- A product

The list is endless. What you need is enthusiasm and a passion for what you have chosen to study. This could be for personal reasons or for reasons of further study / employment.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Your final outcome will be assessed by your project supervisor.

The marks will be allocated as follows:

- 20% for planning
- 20% for research and showing a variety of sources of research
- 40% for your findings / main body / creation
- 20% for your evaluation and reflection at the end.

WHEN COULD I UNDERTAKE AN EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION?

- In Year 12 as an AS option
- In Year 13 as an AS option to enhance your current study

You will ideally be following a programme equivalent to 3 A levels although all students will be considered.

