Subject: Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Exam Board: Edexcel



The EPQ is a single component linear qualification and an internally assessed qualification. Students undertake their Extended Project in the context of a project topic they have selected, in agreement with their mentor. The outcome of the project can be a design, performance, report, dissertation or artefact. EPQ will only be offered in year 12.

EPQs are currently graded A^* to E and they are worth up to half an A level, as well as UCAS points. An A^* in the EPQ is worth 28 UCAS points, an A 24, B 20, C 16, D 12 and an E 8.

- Many universities and employers look favourably at EPQs when assessing applications
- Develop skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, presentation and creativity
- EPQs help prepare you for managing independent research and project management; common features of university study and the world of work
- The subject is your choice, so it helps you develop and become an expert into topics you feel passionately about
- An EPQ can give you a unique topic to talk about in interviews - an advantage if it's related to the university course or job you're applying for.

Course Outline

Students need to produce a project proposal, project log, a written report and a presentation. Students will be assessed against four objectives:

AO1 Manage - Identify, design, plan and complete the individual project or task within a group project, applying organisation skills and strategies to meet stated objectives

AO2 Use resources -Obtain and select information from a range of sources, analyse data, apply relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate linkages, connections and complexities of their topic

AO3 Develop and realise - Select and use a range of skills, including new technologies, to solve problems, to take decisions critically, creatively and flexibly, and to achieve planned outcomes

AO4 Review - Evaluate outcomes including own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to convey and present outcomes and conclusions