



The Extended Project Qualification

An introduction to what it is and why you should consider doing it.

What is the Extended Project Qualification?

Created to provide additional stretch and challenge

Definition : “offers the opportunity for learners to produce an extended piece of work either in an area that they are already studying or in which they have a particular interest”.

Show ability to work independently and manage a project.

Also equips you with the research, reflection and independent study skills that you will need to succeed at university or in your future career.

Employability skills

By doing the EPQ you can also gain valuable project management skills that companies are really looking for when recruiting.

Indeed the skills of planning, self management of learning, collecting and analysing data, reviewing and evaluating (all needed to do an Extended Project) will enhance your personal aspirations and career development.

What does EPQ actually mean for you?

- Select a topic / area of interest
- Identify and draft aims of your project and justify your choices of project
- Plan, research and carry out your project
- Provide evidence of all stages of the project
- Deliver a presentation to a specified audience

Do Universities value EPQ?

- Many universities make reduced offers to students taking EPQ alongside A-level qualifications, including prestigious Russell Group universities such as:
 - Exeter
 - Leeds
 - Sheffield
 - Leicester
 - Bath
 - Southampton
 - Bristol.

From the **Cambridge University** website:

"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..."

What can I do my EPQ about?

- Short answer anything!
- Here are some examples of EPQ's my previous students have completed:
- " Is the fear surrounding AI justifiable? "
- "To what extent is ice skating undervalued and unsupported in Britain. Evaluating the positives and negatives, is the sport worth pursuing when factoring the results currently being achieved in the UK today?"

- “Considering the financial climate of 2016, should Britain invest more money in nuclear power?”
- “ Doping in Cycling- an analysis of the consequences both on riders and the sport itself.”
- “To what extent do environmental factors influence and affect young athletic performance?”

How is EPQ delivered?

- You will be taught a range of skills essential to the successful completion of the EPQ including:
 - Plagiarism and Academic Referencing
 - Visualisation and Presentation of Data
 - How to be an Active Researcher
 - Presenting Data
 - Critical Thinking Skills
 - Structuring arguments
 - The role of assumptions
 - Evaluating arguments
 - Bad habits in critical arguments
 - Delivering a Presentation effectively

Mentoring sessions

- In addition to the taught sessions you will also have regular mentoring sessions.
- Your mentor acts as a supervisor and guides you but we do NOT spoon-feed you. You need to take risks, make decisions and solve problems by yourselves.

Next Steps

- If you are interested please contact Mrs Hurley, Mr O'Neill or Mrs Davey and we will advise you as to when the course will start