

# Extended Project Qualification (AQA)

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## Entry Qualifications

This course is available for Year 2 students only and by application during your first year of study. Overall good progress in Year 1 is required.

## What will I study?

The Extended Project Qualification is part of the government's new initiative to stretch and challenge young people in an area of work that they are already studying or in which they have a particular interest.

The finished project can be a written report, a performance, a piece of art, a community project, a CD or DVD, or even computer software.

This level of choice and flexibility means students are engaged and motivated, and gain valuable research and project management skills along the way.

Students have to:

- Choose a topic to study
- Complete a production log to document the project process
- Plan, research and carry out their project
- Prepare a presentation.

## How will I study?

The EPQ will develop study outside of the main programme and will include attending two lessons and a 30 minute lecture block, plus independent study.

## How is the course examined?

Students are assessed on the production log, the project and the presentation. The qualification is equivalent to half an A-level, awarded grades A\* to E.

## The EPQ offers opportunities for learners to:

- Have a significant input into the choice and design of an extended project.
- Develop and improve their own learning and performance as critical, reflective and independent learners.
- Develop and apply decision making and, where appropriate, problem solving skills.
- Extend their planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills.
- Develop and apply skills creatively, demonstrating initiative and enterprise.
- Use their learning experiences to support their personal aspirations for higher education and career development.

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## College Entry Requirements

We normally expect applicants to have achieved good GCSE passes in at least six subjects; these must:

- demonstrate the suitability for Advanced Level study
- have been achieved at grade 4 or grade C as a minimum
- normally include two at grade 5 or at grade B as a minimum
- include English Language at a minimum of Grade 4

Mathematics - If not achieved within the scope of the above should be achieved at a minimum of grade 3.