



# Extended Project Qualification (Level 3)

## Course Information

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an opportunity for students to produce a piece of high level research into a topic of their choice. This project, similar to a university style dissertation, will allow students to develop an idea over a prolonged period of time and extend their learning of a particular interest. This project is becoming increasingly popular with universities as students are demonstrating deeper interest in the chosen subjects and are developing higher level skills relevant to study in higher education. It is equivalent to half an A level.



## Course Content

The candidates are assessed using four assessment criteria:

- 1. Managing a Project - 20%**  
The ability to identify, plan and create a project applying a range of skills, strategies and methods.
- 2. Use of Resources - 20%**  
The ability to research, critically select, organise and use appropriate material including the analysis of data.
- 3. Develop and Realise - 40%**  
The ability to select and use a range of skills in order to take decisions critically in order to achieve planned outcomes.
- 4. Review - 20%**  
The ability to assess how far the project met its intended outcomes and how successfully the candidate managed their project.



The Project is assessed in three ways:

1. Successful completion of the project to assessment criteria. The outcome can be an essay of 6,000 words, a film, a drama performance, a model or a dance.
2. Successful completion of the production log detailing the progression of the project.
3. A presentation evening which demonstrates the candidate's ability to disseminate their findings and respond to questioning.

This project is an option to be taken during Year 13 for students to supplement their A levels. It is taught for three hours per fortnight with the candidates to arrange meetings with their project supervisor in their own time.

Successful previous projects have included:

- What information can we learn about the body from dance?
- How has technology changed the way in which we purchase music?
- A comparison of the theme of revenge in Macbeth, Hamlet and Othello.
- Will all children benefit from learning to read using phonics?
- A piece of creative writing in the style of LA Noir.

