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EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is equivalent to half an A Level and gives you the freedom to research what inspires you, while building the skills you'll need to succeed at university and beyond.

WHAT IS THE EPQ?

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) has the points equivalent of an AS Level and allows you to complete an academic project on an area of your choosing, or to develop an artefact. The EPQ is valued by universities as it demonstrates your ability to project manage and complete individual research according to recognised academic standards.

AT A GLANCE

- Equivalent to an AS Level - graded A* - E
- You may complete a referenced research project - 5000 words/or produce an artefact and 1000 words
- Overseen by a supervisor with two supervision sessions per week
- Research and referencing skills taught
- Project includes a presentation
- Course delivered from September - March

IS THE EPQ FOR ME?

You should undertake an EPQ if there is a topic or aspect of the world around you that you have genuine curiosity about and if you would like to gain skills to allow you to satisfy this curiosity. You will choose your topic with guidance from your supervisor who will introduce you to the skills necessary to complete an academic or practical project. You are responsible for planning and realising the project and recording your progress.

BENEFITS OF THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

- **Stand out for university and beyond:** The EPQ is highly regarded by universities and employers, strengthening applications and CVs.
- **Potentially lower entry requirements:** Some universities may make reduced offers if you achieve a strong EPQ grade.
- **Get ahead for higher study:** Gain valuable experience in essay writing, independent research, and presentation skills that prepare you for university-level work.
- **Develop transferable skills:** Build confidence, organisation, problem-solving and communication skills that are useful in any career.
- **Follow your passion:** Choose a topic that excites you and enjoy the freedom to explore it in depth.

EXAMPLES OF 5000-WORD PROJECTS

- To what extent has Ancient Greek Mythology influenced the creative minds of the modern era?
- Is custodial sentencing for women in England and Wales in need of reform for minor offences?
- The advantages and drawbacks of the use of mobile applications in NHS General Practice
- To what extent will the emergence of AI in media benefit or harm the creative industries?
- What would be the effect of replacing fossil fuels with bio-fuels?
- Can we cure dementia?
- Are cultural differences the only reason why Mauritius and Haiti have different versions of Creole?

EXAMPLES OF EPQ ARTEFACTS

- A piece of creative writing
- A computer programme or game
- A short film
- A poetry anthology
- A piece of furniture
- Clothing or costumes
- A piece of music
- A drama script or play
- A photography portfolio
- An artwork or design project
- A translation project with commentary
- A bilingual magazine or podcast

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A 5000 WORD PROJECT AND AN ARTEFACT?

Question	5000 word project	Artefact + shorter report
Do I need to do research?	Yes	Yes - all your design decisions should be influenced by research
Should I seek a conclusion?	Yes- your conclusion should be based on evidence gathered during your research	Yes - this will relate to your artefact: Does it work? Is it fit for purpose? What feedback have you received?
Should my project be referenced?	Yes	Yes
How long will I spend on my project?	Minimum of 90 hours	Minimum of 90 hours
Should I produce a bibliography?	Yes	Yes
Should my artefact have a purpose/intended user?	N/A	Yes



SUCCESS STORIES...



ASHA RAJA

"For my EPQ I researched an area of medicine that has always interested me, and learnt how to write an academic paper on the subject. It taught me so many skills in preparation for the future, especially when studying Medicine. This exposure to academic research helped me work more independently and make better use of resources around me."



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"The EPQ gave me the skills to carry out research effectively, use academic referencing, and analyse the reliability of sources with confidence."



ANN MARIYA ANTONY

"The EPQ allowed me to carry out independent research on a topic of my choice, helping me to develop skills in critical thinking, research, and project management. It also improved my academic writing and time management. Overall, it prepared me for university-style learning and will support my applications by showcasing expertise in a subject I'm passionate about."

USEFUL LINKS:



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