

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

EPQ stands for Extended Project Qualification, which is an additional qualification you can take alongside your academic studies. It helps to develop research skills, time management and a number of other skills that are necessary for higher-level study.

The EPQ course is offered to students aiming to study at elite universities. Studying an EPQ demonstrates valuable proof of your capacity for independent learning, as well as your passion for the subject you want to study at a higher level.

The EPQ is an independent research project that can but does not have to relate to an A-level subject that is being studied. It is important therefore that students choose topics that they are interested in and relate to further study so they are motivated to complete it. Students who undertake the EPQ will be expected to complete a 5000-word research task and a presentation relating to their research task.

So what are the benefits of doing the EPQ:

- Practice academic writing which is necessary for studying at a university
- Supports your university application
- Increased chance of being given a conditional offer for your first choice university
- Potential lower admissions criteria for those who have completed the EPQ
- Development of key skills needed for university and employment