

AQA Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

The project develops and demonstrates your ability to independently plan and organise a research project, obtain and analyse relevant data or evidence, use and develop skills to achieve planned outcomes and to evaluate those outcomes at the end of the project. You will have one lesson per week and it carries up to 70 UCAS points if an A* is achieved.

Course structure and assessment (100% coursework)

Though the emphasis of the EPQ is on independent research and self-regulation, you will be assigned a mentor who will advise and assist you at each stage of the project. In broad terms, the project will be organised and assessed like this:

- Initial planning meeting with your mentor
- Weekly target-setting meetings
- Submission of research topic and outline plan
- Mid project review with mentor
- End of project review with mentor
- Submission of research project
- Presentation of research project

A project should be approximately 5000 words, for example a research report of scientific investigation, exploration of an hypotheses or an extended essay or academic report in appropriate form. Each essay is accompanied by a completed product log.

AO1	
Manage your Project	20%
AO2	
Use Resources in your Project	20%
AO3	
Develop and Realise your Project	40%
AO4	
Review your Project	20%

Examination Board:

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Duration:

One year

Enrichment opportunities:

- Independent research activities

Skills developed:

- Independent research and evidence analysis
- Selection and evaluation of data
- Time management
- Self-evaluation and reflection
- Giving a presentation on a complex subject

Is this the right course for you?

- Are you able to manage your time effectively to complete independent study?
- Are you interested in exploring a topic in depth by producing detailed and often original research?
- Are you committed to reading widely in order to become an expert in your chosen topic?

If your answer is 'yes' to each of these questions, then this is the course for you!