



## EPQ LEVEL 3 (Extended Project Qualification)

### Awarding Body

AQA

### Who is the course for?

Learners are recruited onto the course by staff

### What can it lead to?

The Extended Project Qualification offers opportunities for learners to:

- make a significant contribution to the choice and design of an extended project and take responsibility either for an individual task or for a defined task within a group 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
- where appropriate, develop confidence in applying new technologies in their studies
- develop and apply skills creatively, demonstrating initiative and enterprise
- use their learning experiences to support their aspirations for higher education and/or career development
- transfer skills developed as part of their extended project to other areas of study.

### How will I be assessed?

Learners are required, with appropriate supervision, to:

- choose an area of interest
  - draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the centre
  - plan, research and carry out the project
  - deliver a presentation to a specified audience
  - provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment
- The Extended Project Qualification is equivalent to an AS Level and is graded on a six grade scale, A\* to E.

### Preparing for university

The EPQ actively encourages students' aspirations to achieve in higher education, by developing, and providing evidence of, the **skills** that universities look for. EPQ also prepares students for university study by giving them:

- experience of **deeper study** than is possible at A-level
- an opportunity to **explore a specialised topic**, eg medical research, politics or astronomy, that is closer to their preferred university courses
- **confidence** to work independently and creatively
- practice in essay writing and independent research
- The EPQ also attracts extra UCAS points

EPQ grade A\* A B C D E

UCAS points 70 60 50 40 30 20

## **Does the EPQ affect university offers?**

In our conversations with universities, there is increasing evidence that they take the EPQ into account when formulating offers.

## **What are the entry requirements?**

MTG : C and above

## **What will I Study?**

The Extended Project will develop and extend from one or more of the learner's study areas and/or from an area of personal interest or activity outside their main programme of study. It will be based on a topic chosen by the learner(s) and agreed as appropriate by the centre

## **How will I be taught?**

There will be a taught element to the EPQ based on research skills, sourcing, presentation skills etc.

## **What equipment or materials will I need?**

Depends on your topic.

The Log book will be given to you