

What is an Extended Project Qualification and why should I choose to conduct one?

The EPQ is a largely independent project which runs throughout the entirety of Year 12, with the final product being a 5,000 word essay on a topic of your choice.

Under the guidance of your Supervisor, you will keep a 'Production Log' where you will detail and reflect upon each stage of your Project, from devising your research question, to conducting research, writing your essay and presenting your findings.

The EPQ is worth half of an A Level and is welcomed and encouraged by universities, because it 'helps ease the transition from school/college to higher education'. Research has shown that students who complete an EPQ perform better at university, with many reputable institutions making alternative grade offers for applicants with an EPQ.

Student Perspective

During the process of completing this project, I have been able to significantly improve my research and analysis skills. This project has been invaluable to me, and has improved my extended writing skills and writing style which will benefit me during my future at university. My organisation and time management skills have also seen improvements, with enhanced organisational development which allowed me to complete the project within the timeframe. Sticking to deadlines throughout the project also strengthened my time management skills overall, allowing me to create frequent time plans to keep up to date with deadlines.

Madi, EPQ Student.

What have students chosen previously?

- To what extent has the event of 9/11 shaped popular culture in New York City since 2001?
- To what extent has social media been the main influence of misogynistic attitudes in the UK in the last 15 years?
- To what extent does social media impact footballers in the premier league?
- To what extent can changing gun laws be the main factor in reducing school shootings in Texas over the next 15 years?

Assessment

100% coursework.

30 taught hours.

90 independent study hours.

Study trips, visits and events

A trip to Bristol Central Library to gather tangible sources for your EPQ.

Subject entry requirements

Recommended 5+ in English Language or Literature.