

Equivalent to half an A Level (AS Level standard), the **EPQ** is a 1-year independent research project that allows students to explore a topic of their choice in depth.

It is not assessed by examination, but through a combination of research, presentation, and an evidence-based production log.



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While undertaking the EPQ, students will be required to:

- Choose an area of interest which must not be linked to their current studies
- Draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the centre
- Plan, research and carry out the project
- Deliver a 10-minute presentation to a specified audience, discussing the process of completing the project in detail
- Provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment
- Answer questions about their project

Evidence can be provided in a variety of forms appropriate to the type of project chosen, which could include:

- An artefact, model of construction
- A recording of performance or activities
- An audiotape/multimedia presentation
- A journal of activities or events
- A slideshow or PowerPoint presentation
- A photographic record of the project

If a project consists entirely of written work, it should include a report of approximately 5,000 words. For projects where the primary evidence is presented in other formats, the accompanying report should be at least 1,000 words.

The EPQ equips students with versatile skills in independent research, critical thinking, and problem-solving, making them highly attractive to both universities and future employers.