

Extended  
Project  
Qualification



Exam Board  
AQA

Syllabus number  
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EPQ



King's  
School

*“By seeking and blundering we learn.”*

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## **Course entry requirements**

Students can apply to study this additional qualification and is particularly recommended for students who are thinking of applying to university courses with highly competitive entry requirements.

## **Why should I study the EPQ?**

The EPQ allows each student to embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project. It is an opportunity to look deeply at a topic you are passionate about and explore it fully in a range of different ways. Students must choose a topic, plan, research and develop their idea and decide on their finished product. The course encourages creativity and curiosity.

A project topic may be directly related to a student's main study programme but should look beyond the specification.

A finished product may take the form of:

- a research based written report
- a production (charity event, fashion show or sports event, for example)
- an artefact (piece of art, a computer game or realised design)

A written report must accompany these options. Previous student projects have included: 'Will antibiotics become useless?' 'The history of drumming in rock music' 'The impact of the portrayal of women in the media' 'Drugs and the Tour de France' Students must also record their project process in their production Log. The process of recording and completing a project is as important as the finished product. Both the Production Log and Product will be assessed.

## **What does the course look like?**

It is divided into a neat process and structure, allowing you the best opportunity to develop your project.

- Choose an area of interest and draft a project title and aim(s).
- Plan, research and carry out their project.
- Keep a production log of all stages of the project production, reviewing and evaluating their progress.
- Complete the project product.
- Prepare and deliver a presentation.
- Review the outcome of their project and presentation.

## **How will I learn?**

During the EPQ, students will learn to identify, design, plan, and complete a project, applying organisational skills and strategies to meet the stated objectives. Students will also need to obtain and select information from a range of sources, analyse data, apply it relevantly, and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate connections and complexities of their topic. All these elements require a range of skills, including using new technologies to solve problems, taking decisions critically, creatively and flexibly, and to achieve their aims. Lastly, students will need to evaluate the outcome, including their learning and performance.

## **What kind of things might the subject lead me to?**

The EPQ can be the deciding factor for top universities who have lots of students applying with the top grades. Extended projects can help students to develop and demonstrate a range of valuable skills through pursuing their interests and investigating topics in more depth. It has also been praised by universities for guiding students into higher education and is an excellent component of any outstanding UCAS application.