

Extended Project Qualification

Full Time / Level 3 / Callywith College

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The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) provides a unique opportunity to gain a qualification whilst studying a topic entirely of your own choice. It is equivalent to half an A Level and to be taken in addition to 3 other A Levels, rather than as a stand-alone subject.



Why choose this course? ▾

The EPQ allows you to explore in depth a subject which you find interesting and engaging. Providing it can be researched in an academic way, anything is possible: you really are limited only by your imagination. You will develop a range of functional and transferable skills to enhance university or job applications and be able to demonstrate passion for your intended degree and career path. Pursuing an area in which you have a genuine curiosity also means you are highly likely to enjoy it and do well.

What will I learn? ▾

You will research a topic that significantly extends your knowledge in your other subject(s), or one based on personal interests. With the help of a dedicated supervisor, you will identify a focused title and aims then learn how to plan, research and carry out your project. Expect to become an expert in your chosen field!

The outcome may be a 5000-word report or an artefact (a practical outcome) with an accompanying 1000+ word report, which you can tailor to your strengths.

Though the focus is on independent learning, the EPQ includes a taught element of relevant skills such as:

- Project/time Management
- Organisation
- Planning
- Research
- Source evaluation
- Critical analysis
- Report writing
- Referencing
- Presentation
- Self-reflection

Assessment Arrangements ▾

The EPQ is a process-based qualification, meaning you are assessed on your entire project journey as well as outcomes. For example, the assessment criteria will consider how well you plan and manage your project, use resources, develop and realise your product, and self-reflect.

You will submit:

- A product (either a 5000-word report or a practical outcome and a 1000+ word report)
- A presentation
- A Production Log (recording your EPQ journey)

Information and Support ▾

The EPQ encourages proactive learning and is largely based on independent research, but you will have access to guidance from a project supervisor through weekly taught lessons and regular one-to-ones. You may also identify an appropriate technical mentor if appropriate to the needs of your project.

What will I need? ▾

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above, to include English Language or Literature at grade 6 or above.

Where will it take me? ▾

Skills gained from the EPQ will not only benefit your other courses, but they are highly sought after by employers and universities. You will be able to discuss what you have learnt in personal statements and at interviews, really helping you to stand out in applications. The EPQ is worth up to 28 UCAS points and many universities lower course entry requirements based on a successful outcome (e.g. AAA or AAB with an EPQ). In fact, research suggests completing one enhances your chances of not only completing your degree but also obtaining a 1st or 2:1 (Southampton University, 2018).

Additional Information ▾

Awarding Body: AQA

Further information

To obtain more information about this course, please call: 01208 224000 or visit www.callywith.ac.uk

