

# The Extended Project Qualification

EPQ

# What is the EPQ?

- ▶ The EPQ allows you to lead your own project. You get to plan and carry out research on a topic that you've chosen and isn't covered by your other qualifications.
- ▶ Then you will produce an essay and presentation to submit which is worth 50% of an A level.
- ▶ The qualification is 100% coursework

# The value of the EPQ

- ▶ **Taught Skills** Element of the course can be applied to your other **A-level courses** and are essential for **University**.
- ▶ **Confidence** to work independently and creatively.
- ▶ Your own individual idea, you take **ownership**.
- ▶ An opportunity to **explore a specialised topic**, e.g. medical research, politics or astronomy, that is closer to your preferred university course.
- ▶ **UCAS points**/potential of reduced offer.

# AQA

By taking responsibility for the choice, design and decision making of an individual project (or an individual role in a group project) students:

- ▶ become more critical, reflective and independent learners
- ▶ develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- ▶ increase their planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- ▶ learn to apply technologies confidently
- ▶ demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.

# The Taught Skills Element

- ▶ Time Management
- ▶ Research Methods and Evaluation of Sources
- ▶ Collecting and analysing material
- ▶ Effective report writing
- ▶ Referencing (including creating a bibliography)
- ▶ Avoiding plagiarism
- ▶ Presentation Skills
- ▶ Reflection and Evaluation

## UCAS points

Grade	UCAS points
A*	28
A	24
B	20
C	16
D	12
E	8

# Examples of EPQ titles from last year at Gateacre.....

- ▶ What impact has Covid 19 had on children at Primary School level?
- ▶ What are the main challenges faced by the NHS?
- ▶ Can the gender gap in sport ever be closed?
- ▶ Will developments in AI be to jobs and skilled labour?
- ▶ How can engineering help combat climate change?

[600 EPQ Ideas - The Ultimate List For an A\\* - Oxford Royale Academy \(oxford-royale.com\)](https://www.oxford-royale.com/600-epq-ideas-the-ultimate-list-for-an-a-oxford-royale-academy)

# Overview of the EPQ

- ▶ **Written report** (5000 words) or production or artifact (with 1000-5000 words).
- ▶ **Presentation** (approx 10 mins) of the completed project.
- ▶ Completed **production log**.

# Who and what is involved?

- ▶ You will have one/two form time per week timetabled for EPQ
- ▶ Your project will be supported by your form tutor, then checked by the Centre Co-ordinator, Miss Thomas
- ▶ You will be expected to do at least 80 hours of independent study over the course of the year
- ▶ There will be assemblies and form time activities focusing on the taught skills
- ▶ You can see Miss Thomas in study for help/support

# What do students say?

- ▶ *“The Extended Project has allowed me to work independently on an area that really interests me, I really enjoyed the whole process and I’m proud of my finished product”*
- ▶ *“It taught me very useful skills and techniques that I will be able to apply to everyday life.”*
- ▶ *“It made me realise how doing simple things can improve the quality of my essay writing in all subjects.”*

## Your task...

- ▶ Start to think of an area of interest/potential topics your project during form time
- ▶ Begin broad research and look at pros and cons of a few ideas

# Student tips for A\* in EPQ

- ▶ [how to get an A\\* in epq! 🍀 \(epq tips\) - Bing video](#)