

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Exam Board: AQA

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

The EPQ is a unique and exciting course. It is different to other qualifications as it can be about anything the student is interested in. You pick your title and you work to complete your project. The EPQ is regarded highly by Higher Education institutions as they see it as equipping students with crucial skills such as independent learning and research skills.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

To develop student's ability to:

- Manage their own learning and design an extended project of their choice.
- Develop and improve their own learning and improve their ability to approach coursework and extended writing.
- Apply decision making and problem solving skills.
- Carry out research that is academically rigorous.
- Plan, create and evaluate their findings.
- Be creative and present in front of a wide audience.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The course involves some taught elements which will be provided in the first two terms and students then need to work independently on their project and will attend regular tutorials with their supervisor to track progress.

Students will produce either:

- An artefact and report – this could be anything from a musical score to a remote controlled car – with this the students would need to write a 1000 word report.
- A 5000 word written report – this is also on anything the student chooses. It may be based on a hobby or something you wish to study at University.

All candidates must also complete a production log throughout their project and they must all present to an audience about their project.

ASSESSMENT

Supervisors will assess the candidates report, production log and presentation and students will be graded A* - U.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Students will need to have achieved at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9-4 (or equivalent).
- Students will benefit from an interest in a particular area and the ability to self-motivate and monitor their own learning and progress.
- All students who apply will be interviewed before acceptance onto the course.