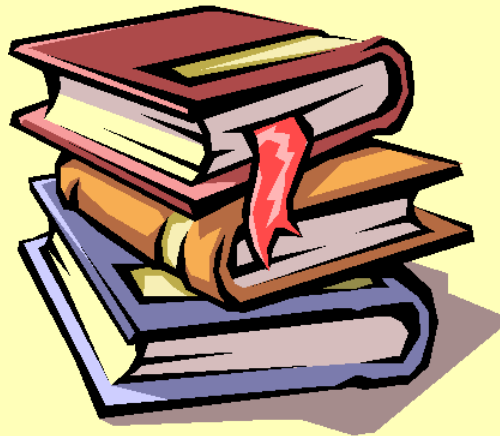


The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

What is it?

How is it assessed?

What do I get for all this hard work?!



The Extended Project – What is it?

The Extended Project -

- Comprises a single piece of work, of the student's choosing, that shows evidence of *planning*, *preparation*, *research* and *autonomous working*
- Is equivalent to about half the size of an A level study programme and is graded on a six point scale A* to E
- 120 guided hours – 30 taught, 90 autonomous

Summary of Assessment Evidence Requirements

The three required elements are:

- Project product
- Production Log
- Presentation

Project Product

- It can take 2 forms:
- A written report of 5000 words
- An artefact and a written report of between 1000 and 5000 words

The written report

- An academic report based on extensive research and referenced appropriately with a bibliography
- Choose a subject you feel strongly interested in.

Recent report based EPQ titles

To what extent could we give artificial intelligence control over the government?

The Prince and Utopia: An exploration of two seminal texts of Political Philosophy

Are stem cells the best treatment for physical illnesses with a focus on Alzheimer's?

How are women represented within Greek mythology?

Artefact examples...

- Artefact (includes a written piece, painting, film performance, sculpture, book)

Recent artefacts include

- A model autonomous vehicle which has been programmed to complete certain tasks
- A triptych of paintings inspired by Francis Bacon
- A documentary on whether surfing should become an Olympic sport
- Re-designing and decorating a room according to the client's brief

Artefact + Written Report...

- If you are submitting an artefact you must also complete a 1000 - 5000 word report with your artefact that explores why you chose the area of study, the issues you encountered along the way
- The exact length of the written report will depend on the nature of the project, the subject area or topic chosen and the other evidence provided
- The report should be of sufficient length to explore the issues, using appropriate terminology, style and form of writing

Production Log...

Provides documentation and evidence of

- **Appropriate supervision** (prevention of plagiarism, avoidance of dual accreditation, record of skills taught, record of advice given and acted upon)
- **Skills development and use**
- **Decision making**
- **Thought and reflection**

Presentation...

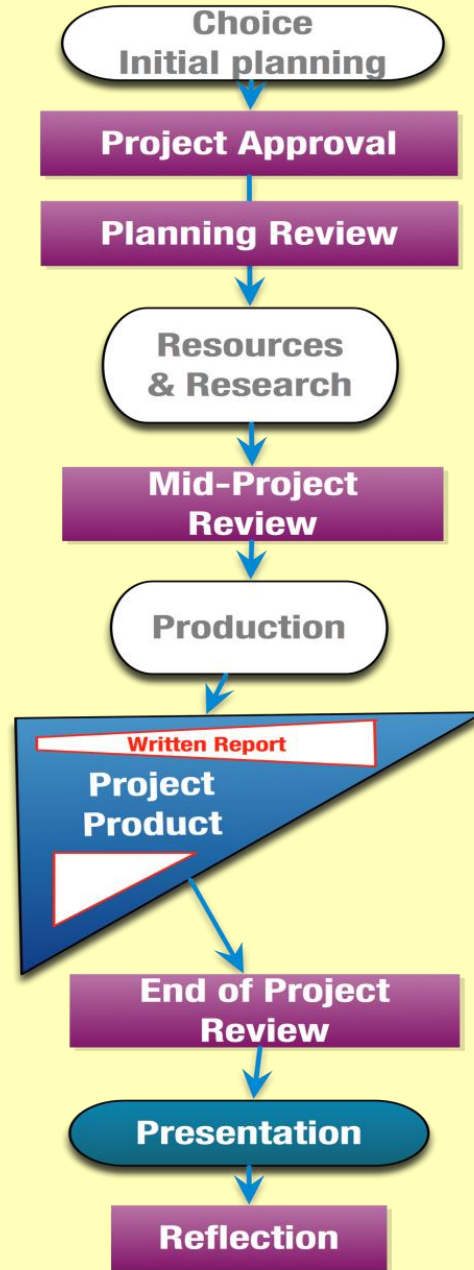
- Presentation given to a **non-specialist audience** using media appropriate to the type of project
- Presentations should be supported by a **record with confirmation of relevant questioning by supervisor (with examples)**

What are the benefits?

What skills are universities/employers looking for?

How will the EPQ demonstrate this?

Taught Skills



Log

Assessment...

- By the supervisor (not the coordinator)
- Once
- At the end of the process
- Using all available evidence
- Using four sets of criteria

The 4 Key Criteria...

	Assessment Objectives	Weighting
AO1	Manage Identify, design, plan, and complete the individual project, or task within a group project, applying organisational skills and strategies to meet stated objectives.	20%
AO2	Use Resources Obtain and select information from a range of sources, analyse data, apply relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any appropriate linkages, connections and complexities of their topic.	20%
AO3	Develop and Realise Select and use a range of skills, including new technologies, to solve problems, to take decisions critically, creatively and flexibly, and to achieve planned outcomes.	40%
AO4	Review Evaluate outcomes including own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to convey and present evidenced outcomes and conclusions.	20%

What are the benefits to me?

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

Points for the Extended Project cannot be counted if taken as part of Progression/Advanced Diploma

What does *Higher Education* think of *EPQ*?

- Higher Education Institutions support and encourage potential students to undertake an Extended Project
- It is recognised that the Extended Project develops skills and approaches to learning that will be of great value when undertaking courses in Higher Education

Choosing to undertake an Extended Project *can* support your application to Higher Education by:

- Reducing the level of an offer in one of your main subjects eg. Southampton, Bath, Liverpool, Birmingham, Sheffield – but CHECK
- Giving your application preference, on highly selective courses over students who have not undertaken *EPQ*
- Providing a focus for valued content within your personal statement
- Providing a major focus for interview discussion

Any questions?

- E-mail me at k.rutter@ralphallenschool.com if you have any questions in the future