

Overview

An EPQ is an opportunity to showcase your skills and interests. It is an invaluable opportunity to demonstrate to a university that you can achieve at the very highest level.

Awarding Organisation: Edexcel

Minimum course requirements:
This is taken in addition to your A level programme

More information: Mrs S Chamberlain

Curriculum and assessment

The initial part of the course in Y12 is a theory course in how to construct an EPQ: we teach you how to construct a question, select a structure, research through more than just Google and construct a bibliography. All of which will help you at university and beyond. Along the way, we check your academic written style and round off with lessons and practice for your presentation.

P301 – Dissertation

This is on the subject of your choice and you would create between a 6,000- 10,000 word extended essay

P302 – Field Study/Investigation

This would be an opportunity for you to come up with your own hypothesis, collect data, analyse it and then submit your findings and research. Your project might have a lot of quantitative data to analyse and to reflect this, a shorter essay of around 5-6,000 words would be submitted.

Assessment is through the timely admission of preparation work near the beginning of the course, plus your chosen option from the above and, in all cases, a presentation in which you showcase your project and take questions.

P303 – Performance

This could be a dance piece, a music composition, a play or a short story performance and your creation is assessed, alongside a shorter extended project detailing your research and reasoning.

P304 – Artefact

This could be a 3D animation or a self-made guitar or an art installation or photography exhibition alongside a much shorter extended project which showcases your design brief, research and reasoning behind your project.

Skills

This course facilitates students with strong planning and management of their time, academic research and writing, research and presentation skills.

Post 18 opportunities

Current students are looking at a range of university options: computer science to geography and history to medicine and fashion marketing. They are applying to a range of Russell Group/Oxbridge universities.

Some universities may lower their offers if you have a strong EPQ grade alongside your

Expenses

If undertaking an artefact or performance EPQ there may be expenses involved in materials. Students should be prepared for these and budget accordingly. For some research, publications may charge unless the school can obtain access for free. In most cases, students source their material from other internet sites or modify their requirements.