

A Level preparation

AQA Extended Project Qualification

What is the EPQ?	Why do we do the EPQ at Wood Green School?	What can I do my EPQ on?
<p>This is an independent piece of work which you will undertake from September to March in Year 12.</p> <p>It will be based on a topic chosen by you, which is likely to be an area of personal interest, or in an area you wish to work in or study in the future.</p> <p>You will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • choose an area of interest • draft a title and aims of the project • plan, research and carry out the project • deliver a presentation to a non-specialist audience • provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment. <p>One lesson per week will be on taught skills, and the other will be independent work in computer rooms.</p>	<p>Universities value it:</p> <p><i>At the University of Birmingham, applicants who take the EPQ and meet our offer criteria will be made the standard offer for their programme of choice, plus an alternative offer which will be one grade lower plus a grade A in the EPQ. For example, where our standard offer is AAA, the offer would be AAA; or AAB plus A in the EPQ</i></p> <p>Birmingham University</p> <p><i>If you take the EPQ alongside A levels and apply to study at Bath, you could get an offer for most of our courses that is one grade below our typical A level offer.</i></p> <p>Bath University</p> <p>Newcastle/Bristol/ Southampton may make two alternate offers e.g. AAA at A Level or AAB at A Level plus EPQ</p> <p>Cambridge: Students who use the EPQ as a focus for valued content within the personal statement are looked upon favourably</p>	<p>It should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On a subject you find interesting • On a subject useful for your study or work in the future • Realistic and achievable • Possible to analyse, evaluate and argue. <p>It can't be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something you have already studied or will be studying for your A Levels/BTEC. • Something you'll be too emotionally attached to. • A project that encourages you to narrate and describe. <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1kUmk20I74o</p> <p>https://vimeo.com/223416964</p> <p>https://www.mytutor.co.uk/answers/1029/A-Level/Extended-Project-Qualification/What-makes-an-A-EPQ/</p>

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Types of EPQ	Task: Begin to choose a topic	Task: narrow your focus
<p>There are two possible outcomes:</p> <p>1. An essay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research driven (secondary/primary) • 5000 words • Formal essay/report with introduction, footnotes, structured discussion of the topic, conclusion <p>2. An 'artefact' (i.e. making something, or producing something)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driven by research. • You must show the entire process through sketches, photographs etc. • 1000 words explaining process, problems, and the improvements that could be made, the decisions, choice of materials etc. • Detailed bibliography required 	<p>On a blank piece of paper, write down as many as possible in a spider/diagram or mind map</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Topics that interest you which is directly related to one of your A Levels/BTEC 2. Topics related to your preferred Uni course, preferred apprenticeship, and/or preferred job 3. Topics you talk about with your friends and family 4. Topics related to your long term career aspirations 5. Topics related to your work/work experience 6. Topics from the news 7. Topics you no longer study but particularly enjoyed 8. Topics related to special interests of yours <p>Look for any possible links, overlaps, or commonalities between your ideas</p> <p>Use arrows, lines, notes, to jot down your thoughts about possible connections</p>	<p>Cross out or change any topics which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are still too ambitious or broad or, conversely, is too narrow and specific 2. Are too emotive – too closely linked with your own views or personal life. You need to maintain objectivity. 3. You have already got a clear view on, e.g. capital punishment 4. Are too socially sensitive – especially if you may need to do some primary research with people. 5. Are already being studied at school/will be studied in your A Levels/BTEC. You can't get credit twice for the same work: dual accreditation. 6. Is too original, and where there won't be enough evidence available online or in the library. <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbrUjLASxc</p> <p>https://www.mytutor.co.uk/blog/epq-ideas/</p>
<p>By the start of Year 12, you should have an idea of a topic or area you wish to research for your EPQ. You could spend time before September doing some initial research on this topic area. If you do that you must keep a record of any notes or information you gather, as well as the name of the book/website, author and the date you accessed it.</p> <p>You may find other resources at: https://www.futurelearn.com/</p>		