

EXTENDED PROJECT

COURSE GUIDE 2019

A challenge is an opportunity
to prove your ability to
yourself and others.

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Extended Project

Exam Board: AQA

What does EPQ involve?

You will have the opportunity to choose an area of research you want to study. You complete a logbook to document the process and the decisions you have made along the way. You plan, research and carry out your project and then prepare a presentation to share the outcomes. Along the way you will be taught how to develop your research skills and you will be supported by your supervisor who will advise you and act as a sounding board but you make the decisions, justify them and then evaluate the whole learning experience at the end. You will become a more critical, reflective and independent learner.

The finished product can take a variety of forms such as a traditional dissertation but really it is only limited by your imagination.

Universities look very favourably on EPQ as they know it develops the higher level skills they are looking for. Carmel students have had offers for medicine, veterinary science, aerospace engineering and pharmacy as well as offers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities. We feel that the EPQ really gave them a distinct advantage in their Personal Statements and at interview. The EPQ also attracts UCAS points.

EPQ is also an excellent option for you if you simply have a passion for a certain field and would relish the opportunity of spending time indulging in researching a topic of your choice.

How will I be assessed?

To complete the course you need to submit a product, which is based on your research, a production log, which has recorded the experience, and a presentation.

Entry Requirements

Anyone can apply and there are a series of tasks and activities as part of the application process to demonstrate that you are capable of independent work.

Results 2018

A*-B 54%
A*-C 80%
A*-E 94%

Meet the Tutor

Emma Smith
Centre Co-ordinator

OUR STUDENTS SAY...

Carmel has offered a fantastic opportunity to me by allowing me to complete an Extended Project Qualification.

Not only is it a chance to study to an AS Level equivalent qualification on a subject of your own choice, but it's also a great way to enhance university applications, whether your project is on your desired degree or not!

The project is carried out over the course of a full year, which gives you plenty of time to co-ordinate and plan your research and organise your project into manageable steps. This means that the project isn't actually a great deal more to do on top of studying each week!

Troy-Francis Beaumont

Tower College
Studying: EPQ, Chemistry,
Psychology, Maths



Carmel has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere with supportive staff that push each student to achieve their potential, making the college a great place to study.

Completing an EPQ has allowed me to venture out of my comfort zone and investigate a topic that, beforehand, I had little prior knowledge about. Over the course of my project, I have broadened my knowledge about this topic area outside of the normal curriculum of my other subjects.

As my project is linked to the subject I want to study at university, along with being mentioned on my personal statement, the EPQ has been an interesting talking point at university interviews. This demonstrates to admission tutors that you are dedicated and have genuine interest in the subject you've applied for, making you stand out from other candidates.

Melody Lloyd

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