

COURSE GUIDE 2021

EXTENDED
PROJECT
QUALIFICATION

A challenge is an
opportunity to prove your

ABILITY

TO
YOURSELF
AND OTHERS.

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Extended Project Qualification

Exam Board: AQA

Full course specification:

www.aqa.org.uk

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.

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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 2020

A*-B 81%

A*-C 96%

A*-E 100%



I have thoroughly enjoyed EPQ at Carmel College. I believe it has prepared me well for future life especially at University because of the structure and methods being taught which will undoubtedly come in useful in the future.

EPQ has given me a good insight to what my strengths and weaknesses are when tackling a big project and has really given me in-depth knowledge of a field which I previously had an interest in. The structure and the taught element of EPQ has been especially helpful in learning about the key skills I will need and how to apply them in later life.

Christopher Hurst

Great Sankey
Studying:
Economics, History, BTEC
Business, EPQ



I enjoy the independence you get with EPQ and how you are required to carry out your own research for your chosen project.

However, your supervisor is always there to offer support and guidance to help you develop your project further. I would recommend taking this subject at Carmel, as they offer weekly sessions which help to guide you on how to complete your project efficiently and to the best of your ability. This subject will help me in my next steps after Carmel as it has enabled me to demonstrate project management skills in my University application. EPQ has taught me transferable skills such as resilience as well as time management and research skills which will be extremely useful for my degree and dissertation.

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