



Princethorpe
College

Project Qualification

Sixth Form Parents' Evening
Tuesday 6th February 2018



What is it?



- a stand-alone qualification worth half an A level
- no exams
- student choice
- students are marked on their ability to plan, manage, complete and review their project



- Independent learning skills for higher education and working life.
- Opportunity to develop critical, reflective and problem-solving skills through the planning, research and evaluation of a self-selected project.
- Four possible project outcomes:
 - A dissertation
 - An investigation
 - A performance
 - An artefact

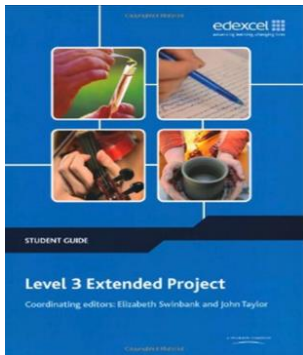


The Project qualification gives learners the opportunity to:

- learn more about an area that interests them
- research a subject that might not be available through other qualifications
- develop independent research and project management skills
- achieve more UCAS points
- learn skills that will help in higher education or the workplace



Delivery



- Four terms
- Timetabled
 - » 1x group lecture every Friday
(Michaelmas Term only for Taught Element)
 - » 1x small group seminar every Tuesday
- Support materials
- Step-by-step guidance
- 1:1 mentoring
- Resources on the VLE
- Exemplars in Sixth Form Resource Centre
- Exam board's first accreditation in 2009
- First submissions from Princethorpe College in 2011

Grading and UCAS tariff

The Extended Project is graded A* to E. All other AS qualifications go up to A grade only. In terms of UCAS tariff, Level 3 Project qualifications are worth half an A level.

Grade	EPQ UCAS tariff	'Normal' AS Level
A*	28	Unavailable
A	24	20
B	20	16
C	16	12
D	12	10
E	8	6

The Extended Project carries UCAS points and is highly regarded by many universities.



University of Bristol * University of Cambridge * University of Edinburgh
University of Glasgow * Newcastle University * University of Oxford *
University of Manchester * UCL - University College London * University of
Southampton * University of Warwick * Queen Mary – University of London

University of Manchester

- “The skills that students develop through the Extended Project are excellent preparation for university-level study. Students can refer to the Extended Project in their UCAS personal statements and at interview to demonstrate some of the qualities that universities are looking for”.





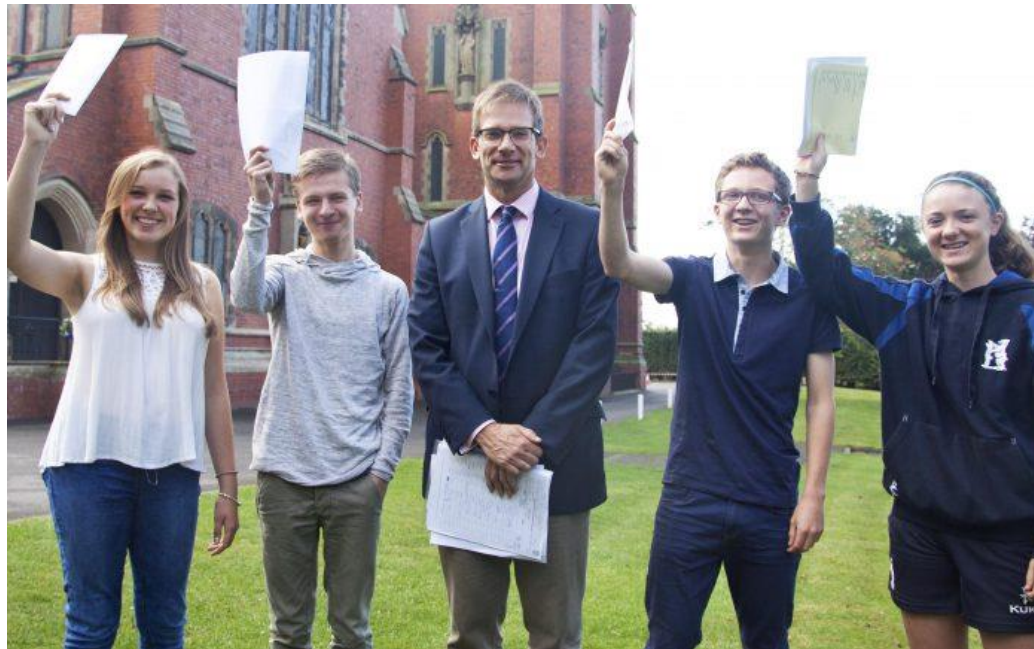
University of Southampton

- "All applicants for our Humanities courses and Human and Social Sciences courses undertaking an EPQ **will be made an alternative offer alongside our traditional offer.** The alternative offer will be **one grade reduced** from our traditional offer in exchange for an A in the EPQ. For example, for History, whose traditional offer is AAB, we would make an alternative offer of ABBa.
- "It is our hope that this will send out a clear message to students that we value the EPQ, and appreciate the hard work that goes into completing one. We also hope that this will serve to encourage more students to undertake the EPQ, reduce the number that drop out once university offers come in, and also result in more EPQ students applying to us. We have an increasingly compelling evidence base that students who did well at the EPQ settle in well to their undergraduate study at a research-intensive university like ours, and so are keen to see more of them in our lecture theatres and seminar rooms.

Documents

- Project Proposal Form
- Project Plan
- Activity Log
- Mini Project (already complete)
- Portfolio (if undertaking a performance or artefact)
- Written report
 - » Abstract
 - » Introduction
 - » Research Review
 - » Main body of report
 - » Conclusion
 - » Evaluation
 - » Bibliography
 - » Oral presentation





Project Management Skills for Life!