

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) provides an opportunity for students to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus, stand out and prepare for university or their future career. It can also be used to earn extra UCAS points.

## EPQ at Sixth Form

The EPQ is an independent research project and students identify their own questions or artefacts.

Teaching is provided through the extra-curricular period on Wednesday afternoons together with identified support lessons.

Our EPQ is linked to Southampton University and students will take part in two visits to where they will have access to the University Library and online resources and individual support from university research staff.

The course will be delivered by staff with expertise in supporting outstanding independent research and study including Simon Pugh-Jones and Kelly Barker.

## Examples of titles from 2017

- Do the forces exerted on the human body when bouncing on a trampoline pose a danger to preschool age children who take part in trampoline gymnastics?
- Are Referendums the best way to make decisions when the public has elected a government of paid professionals' to do just that?
- How the new laws and regulations in child protection and safeguarding have made teaching certain sports such as swimming unrealistic if not impossible
- How can the power and efficiency of modern internal combustion engines be improved?
- Will globalisation be the best way to prevent child poverty in Uganda?
- How has Brexit affected the UK food retailers and their share price?
- Are serial killers born or made?

## Overview of the course

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a single piece of work of a student's choosing that demonstrates evidence of planning, preparation, research and autonomous working.

Students can undertake a project on a topic of their own choosing, which may or may not be linked to their A-level subjects.

Worth 50% of an A Level, compared to old AS Levels which are only 40% of an A Level.