

Name of Course	AS EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
Examining board	Edexcel
Link to specification	https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/Project-Qualification/Level-3/2010/Specification/Project-Specification-Level-3.pdf
Course entry requirements	None
Why EPQ?	<p>The EPQ is a skills based project where students are given the freedom to explore an area of their own choosing. The EPQ consists of either a 5000 word essay, or a physical object related to a specific issue within an area of study. The EPQ forces students to develop their research, independence and project management skills. Universities especially value the EPQ because the skills required by universities – research skills, project management and independence are essential for all degree courses. It also is the only AS qualification to have an A* rating, and contributes to University UCAS points in the UK. The EPQ also helps students to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop and improve their own learning and performance as critical, reflective and independent learners • develop and apply decision making and, where appropriate, problem solving skills • extend their planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills • develop as e-confident learners and apply relevant technologies in their studies • develop and apply skills, creatively demonstrating initiative and enterprise • use their learning experiences to support their personal aspirations for further education and career development.
Course content (Year 12/13)	<p>Students will:</p> <p>Create a project question and develop a plan to realise that project</p> <p>Research using a range of different sources, and keeping a record of their research</p> <p>Develop their project – either a 5000 word essay, physical artefact (art piece, science experiment etc).</p> <p>Present their project as part of a an assessed presentation</p> <p>Reflect on and analyse the skills they have learned in creating their project.</p>
Exam structure	None – project is 100% coursework be completed by February/March of the Academic year
Summer suggestions	Students must have chosen a rigorous question to investigate and developed research using books, academic online sources and where appropriate primary sources / personal investigations before the start of the Academic year.