

# The Extended Project



AQA  
AS-Level

## Overview

The Extended Project is whatever you want it to be! It has been specifically designed to help students develop the skills they will need in higher education or employment, in a format that allows you to pursue an academic or personal interest.

## Aims

- ▶ To develop a personal interest in a subject that may not be offered as a specific subject or to develop an extra-curricular interest.
- ▶ To enable students to work independently through research, design, planning and presentation.

## Grade Requirement

Students must achieve 5 A\*-B grades at GCSE, including English Language and Mathematics. The course requires a great deal of independent thinking, learning and research skills so only students taking Level 3 courses can be accepted.

## Complementary Subjects

The Extended Project is designed to complement and supplement your personal and academic interests. As such, the Project can be tailored to meet your individual needs and requirements.

### AS-Level

Research and Pre-production

Plan

Presentation

Evaluation

### A2-Level

Not applicable

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The Extended Project is an exciting new course that offers the possibility of working in a truly different and creative way. The course allows you to gain a real understanding of how to explore an interest in depth - just as you would at university. It offers you the flexibility to choose the kind of assignments that you are interested in. You may want to write a dissertation (extended essay) on the history of medicine or you may wish to choreograph a dance performance. You may wish to make a short film or an animation, write a computer program or a piece of music. You may even wish to submit an item of furniture or investigate global warming. The choice is yours...

Potential applicants should note that The Extended Project is an AS-Level course which lasts for **one year only**. Applicants should also be aware that it is possible to achieve an A\* grade with this course - the equivalent of 70 UCAS points. It will sit alongside your normal A-Level choices and offers an extra dimension to your programme of study. The Extended Project is perfect for students who want to develop an existing interest in a subject or add a creative dimension to a traditional academic pathway. It is crucial that you are an independent learner with excellent organisational skills. The Project will be a demanding but satisfying subject choice for students who want to stretch themselves, academically and personally.

An Extended Project is a very useful point-of-discussion in university and employment interviews, and a well-chosen Project can develop career- or subject-specific skills, as well as demonstrating the extent of your interest in a particular field. It will develop your independent working skills, your ability to research, plan and manage your time, and your ability to present and discuss your work with a range of different audiences in a range of different contexts.



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