

Beal Sixth Form Opportunity: Extended Project Qualification (AQA)

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a single piece of work, of a student's choosing that requires evidence of planning, preparation, research and independent learning. An Extended Project can be:

- *a 5,000 word research report **or***
- *a creation/artefact with a shorter written research report of 1,000 words*

*The EPQ is based on something that **you** decide it to be on. Therefore you should undertake the EPQ **based on a topic that you have a genuine interest and curiosity about.***

It is an independent topic and you are expected to spend c.90hours on this project.

- The EPQ should *complement* your other A level subjects but **cannot** be based on an area of specification that you are studying in your A levels
- Transferable skills: independent research, critical thinking, verbal and written communication skills and innovation Many universities value the EPQ highly and include it in their UCAS offers
- **Counts as half an A-Level and UCAS points are awarded accordingly**

University Quotes

Working on an EPQ encourages students to develop research and academic skills relevant to undergraduate study.

University of Oxford

The University of Southampton believes the EPQ offers an unparalleled introduction to the skills needed for students to thrive in higher education.

University of Southampton

The skills that students develop through the EPQ are directly relevant to and useful for university-level study. Students can refer to the EPQ in their UCAS personal statements and at interview to demonstrate some of the qualities that Universities are looking for.

The University of Manchester

Completing an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is great preparation for studying at University.

The University of East Anglia

EPQ titles at Beal High School

- *God is dead and we have killed him*
- *Designing a Hindu temple which increases devotion (artefact)*
- *Are IQ tests an accurate measure of intelligence?*
- *To what extent is society responsible for anti-microbial resistance*
- *Cancer research is going backwards*
- *To what extent is FIFA corrupting football?*
- *Designing a sustainable farming system for the home (artefact)*
- *A poem to address gender dysmorphia amongst girls aged 11-18 (artefact)*