

# Extended Project Qualification

Devised by **Sir Mike Tomlinson** in 2006



"Extended projects help students to develop and demonstrate a range of valuable skills through pursuing their interests and investigating topics in more depth."

**David MacKay**- head of the 14-19 curriculum at the **Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA)**

## Entry Requirements: Grade B GCSE English C Maths

The **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** is equivalent to an AS level; candidates receive a grade between A\* to E.

### What is involved in the EPQ?

Learners are required, with appropriate supervision, to:

- choose an area of interest
- draft a title and aims of the project for formal approval by the course tutor
- plan, research and carry out the project (approx. 5000 words)
- deliver a presentation to a specified audience
- provide evidence of all stages of project development and production for assessment.

### What opportunities does the EPQ offer?

It offers opportunities for learners to:

- make a significant contribution to the choice and design of an extended project and take responsibility either for an individual task or for a defined task within a group project
- 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
- where appropriate, develop confidence in applying new technologies in their studies
- develop and apply skills creatively, demonstrating initiative and enterprise
- use their learning experiences to support their aspirations for higher education and/or career development
- transfer skills developed as part of their extended project to other areas of study

As the EPQ will be based on a topic chosen by the student, it allows them to extend their abilities beyond the A-level syllabus and prepare for university or their future career.