

### **SUBJECT:** Extended Project Qualification

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## **EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:** AQA 7993 / QAN: 60095349

#### **SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:**

The final piece of work will be in the region of 4,000 words but can be fewer if the EPQ is based on an artefact/competition/event etc. Previous titles that students have investigated are: How far was French society changed during the Vichy years, to what extent is political apathy the cause of increasing support for UKIP, to what extent is Marxism relevant in modern China, to what extent is our press free.

Others have undertaken the production of an artefact as the core of their project. This has ranged from creating a 19<sup>th</sup> century dress, composing a song to producing a film. The options available to students are huge.

#### WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

The Extended Project is a Level 3 qualification You will need to identify, design, plan and complete an individual project which will ideally develop and extend one or more of your study areas and/or from. The project may also have a link to an area of personal interest or activity outside you A-Level programme. In consultation with a supervisor you will choose and develop your final project. The EPQ is studied as either part of the AIB programme of 3 A Levels and 1 IB Standard or, in exceptional circumstances, as part of the A Level programme with 4 A Levels. There will also be a taught aspect of the course where you will learn vital research, organisational and presentational skills.

#### SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

You will need to be motivated to work on your project independently. AQA provide a range of suggestions as to how to get started with your research and many university libraries are happy to help with extended research.

#### **HOW IS IT ASSESSED?**

Your final project will include: A production log detailing the research and planning stages as well as final reflections on the outcome of your project. A presentation of your findings to a non-specialist audience. Your final project will usually be in the form of an essay, but it could be an artefact.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Extended Project Qualification will give you an opportunity to develop your time management, research and essay writing skills, this is something that is very good preparation for further study at degree level.

	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you must have at least a grade 5 in English Language and/or a Humanities subject.
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