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Grammar School
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Level 3 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

SPECIFICATION

A Level: AQA Level 3 Extended Project Qualification

OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSE

The EPQ is designed to encourage students to do the following:

- Choose an area of interest, whether that extends from a personal interest or one based on a profession in the future.
- Plan, research and carry out the project independently with help from a chosen supervisor.
- Deliver a presentation to a non-specialist audience.
- Provide evidence of all stages of project development.
- Write a 5,000-word based research piece

OR

- Write a 2,000-word research piece with an artefact- e.g. historical, art, engineering etc that has been made by the student to a high standard.

CONTENT AND ASSESSMENT

The course is made up of taught lessons with a focus on research methodology, prearranged meetings with a supervisor and the remainder of the time is allocated for students to work independently.

Students will be assessed in 4 areas.

1. The planning and the ability to carry out a project applying a range of skills, strategies and methods to achieve their objective.
2. The use of resources and being selective in what they use, making links, and connections in their writing.
3. To develop their new learnt skills, make use of technology and find ways to help with problem solving.
4. The student should also aim to evaluate all aspects of the extended project, including the objectives, and be reflective of their own learning. The student should also be able to select and use a range of communication skills and

media to present evidenced project outcomes and conclusions in an appropriate format.

METHODS OF STUDY

The course requires students to have good communication and time management skills, work to a deadline, and have the initiative and drive to work independently and act on constructive criticism.

Students will need to research a variety of primary and secondary sources, take notes, discuss their work with a supervisor, be reflective and examine a range of different issues with an overall aim to write a well-structured essay.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE COURSE

The EPQ is unique and set apart from other A-level courses simply because it is personal to each student. The EPQ allows students to research, create and explore areas of interest. The course will build on developing skills that are transferable to other courses taken and beyond. The independent nature of the course allows the student to delve deep into a topic that they may not get the chance to do during their time studying other subjects.