# Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

**Subject Leader: Mr Sawdy**

**Syllabus: AQA**

**Course Code: 7993**

**Course Requirements**
5 GCSEs grades 5 – 9 including English and Maths
Clear motivation and enthusiasm for the course and project chosen.

**Course Information**
EPQ is a Level Three qualification which is graded A* - E. It is an excellent opportunity to develop your skills of independent research and to undertake a highly respected qualification which is valued by both employers and universities.

It is worth half an A Level with up to 28 UCAS points, and many universities make lower offers to students undertaking an EPQ.

A large part of the EPQ is students forming and then leading their own projects. Students get to plan and undertake research on a topic that they choose and that isn't covered by their other post-16 choices.

Students may choose to present their final product as either a 5000-word essay or an artefact, which could be anything ranging from a work of art, a performance, or an experiment to name a few possibilities.

**The EPQ Process**
The EPQ is your chance to undertake an independent research project on a topic of your choice. You can choose to present your final product in the form of a 5,000-word essay or an artefact, which could range from a portrait, a performance or an experiment. In your EPQ sessions you will carry out research in discussion with your supervisor and complete your project. You will present your project to an audience of peers and submit your full Production Log for moderation and submission to AQA.

**Assessment**
Assessment of the EPQ is based on the completion of a Production log and a final presentation which will be marked and moderated internally before being sent to AQA.

The Production log provides a clear structure for students that is based on meeting university expectations for creative projects and scientific experiments.

Completion of an EPQ grants additional UCAS Tariff points that can go towards university offers, as well as demonstrating a level of dedication and research that shows preparedness for university study.

**Teaching and Learning Styles**
There are 30 hours of Taught Skills Sessions covering the skills necessary to successfully complete an EPQ. Students will learn how to undertake effective research, including managing time effectively, referencing work, and how to present a project.

The rest of the time, you will be encouraged to undertake independent research that helps develop your project, with the help of your supervisor.

**Transferable Skills**
Students that successfully complete the EPQ demonstrate that they are capable of coping with the academic demands of further study at university. The EPQ also enables students to develop transferable skills such as public speaking, independent research, time management and critical thinking which are highly valued at university and in the workplace.

