

# What is the Extended Project Qualification?



**Exam Board: Edexcel**

**Taught at Beaumont from summer of Yr12 as students use this to support their university application when specific areas of study have been highlighted.**

*The Extended Project* is an exciting new qualification that puts you in control, giving you the chance to explore something that really interests you. It's worth half an A Level that will earn you extra UCAS points and teach you skills that are valued by universities and employers.

## Is it right for me?

The Extended Project has no exams, just coursework, so if you're self-motivated and enjoy working independently – whether in a practical way, like designing or performing, or researching, investigating and writing - then Project is for you. You can:

- learn more about something that interests you
- investigate a controversial topic
- expand your knowledge of one of your A level subjects
- gain practical skills that will help you in Higher Education and the workplace

## What do I have to do?

With the Extended Project, you get a say in what you want to study. With the help of your teacher, you choose a topic to explore in-depth – usually one that interests you, which you might like to study in Higher Education, or pursue as a career. It's a good idea to link it to one of your A Level subjects, because you'll already have some background knowledge of these and you'll be able to gain a greater understanding of them.

For the Extended Project, there are four types of Project to pick from:

- Write a dissertation: **a long essay of 5000-6000 words**
- Produce an artefact, like a sculpture, model or DVD **1500-3000 words**
- Develop and showcase a performance (sport, drama or music) **4000-5000 words**
- Conduct an investigation/field study **1500-3000 words**

## UCAS:

The Extended Project earns you valuable UCAS points you need; this extra qualification could help to take you where you really want to be. E.G. A\* = 70 A = 60

## What will I learn and how will I be marked?

Once you've agreed the title of what you want to study with your teacher, you'll be given guidance to help you develop the skills you need to manage your Project. Whatever Project you chose, you'll be expected to work independently, supported by your teachers.

You'll learn and be assessed on:

- How well you manage your work, such as planning your time and choosing what methods to use
- How you select and use information and resources throughout the Project
- The range of skills you develop and use to achieve what you set out to do
- How effectively you review your own work

In other words, it's not what you produce but the process you used to manage your Project. What you learn and how you perform throughout the time spent on your Project all count towards your final grade. The skills you learn to complete your Project will be really helpful, whether you want to go into higher education, or get a job.