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# EXTENDED PROJECT

COURSE GUIDE 2017

“A challenge is an opportunity to prove your ability to yourself and others.”

JOE BROWN

# Extended Project

Exam Board AQA

## What does EPQ involve?

You will have the opportunity to choose an area of research you want to study. You complete a logbook to document the process and the decisions you have made along the way. You plan, research and carry out your project and then prepare a presentation to share the outcomes. Along the way you will be taught how to develop your research skills and you will be supported by your supervisor who will advise you and act as a sounding board but you make the decisions, justify them and then evaluate the whole learning experience at the end. You will become a more critical, reflective and independent learner.

The finished product can take a variety of forms such as a traditional dissertation but really it is only limited by your imagination.

Universities look very favourably on EPQ as they know it develops the higher level skills they are looking for. Carmel students have had offers for medicine, veterinary science, aerospace engineering and pharmacy as well as offers from Oxford and Cambridge Universities. We feel that the EPQ really

gave them a distinct advantage in their Personal Statements and at interview. The EPQ also attracts UCAS points.

EPQ is also an excellent option for you if you simply have a passion for a certain field and would relish the opportunity of spending time indulging in researching a topic of your choice.

## How will I be assessed?

To complete the course you need to submit a product, which is based on your research, a production log, which has recorded the experience, and a presentation.

## Entry Requirements

This course is offered to students in June of the first year. Anyone can apply and there are a series of tasks and activities as part of the application process to demonstrate that you are capable of independent work.

## Results 2016

A\* 33% A\*-A 73% A\*-C 100%

who haven't shown this ability. You are able to talk about completing the EPQ in interviews, especially if the project links to your subjects, which could lead to a reduced offer as it shows your dedication towards your chosen subject and the genuine interest necessary to study at university level. I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who wants to improve their Personal Statement and develop the skills needed for university.



**Megan Boardman**  
St Cuthbert's

**Studying:**  
EPQ, English Language & Literature, Graphic Design, Psychology

## Our students say...

Carmel provides an excellent environment which enables students to fulfil their potential.

The quality of teaching and the support provided is second to none which will hopefully allow me to reach my goals of studying Pharmacy at university.

EPQ has provided me with further research skills, outside of the normal curriculum, that will stand me in good stead in the future. I would recommend this course to any student who wants to undertake research into a particular topic area that interests them because it is the ideal starting point for developing skills that you will need after 6th Form education.

Carmel draws on a wide geographic area which means that I have made lots of new friends which has broadened my outlook on life. There is a strong social side to Carmel which at times provides a welcome distraction from A Levels.



**Calum Duck**  
Wade Deacon

**Studying:**  
EPQ, Biology, Chemistry, Maths

## Our students say...

**Studying at Carmel has helped me to reach my full potential; it has a friendly and supportive atmosphere and has given me opportunities that I could not have got anywhere else.**

Participating in the Extended Project Qualification has allowed me to work with more freedom than my other subjects and on a topic that I am genuinely interested in. Even though it requires you to organise your own research and manage your time effectively it has been so rewarding and beneficial. It demonstrates to university Admission Tutors that you have the organisational skills which are crucial at university, giving you an advantage over other candidates

## Meet the Tutor

**Carole Williams**  
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