

Extended Project

Qualifications

Exam board: EDEXCEL ZPJ30

Year 12 – AS Level (one year course only)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or grade C (including English and Maths).

Skills Required

The course centres on your capability to develop, explore, record and realise ideas. The course is not taught, but you will have a mentor and this will demand that you are good at managing your own time and can keep to deadlines with minimal supervision. It is important to be open to new ideas, techniques and processes as well as having a willingness to accept a challenge and take a risk. You are required to give a presentation to a small audience at the end of your project.

Course Outline

The Level 3 Extended Project supports students with the transition to Higher Education or into the world of work. It provides opportunities for the development of critical, reflective, problem-solving and independent learning skills through the planning, research and evaluation of a self-selected project.

You will study a topic area which extends your learning in your chosen area of study, and select one of the four units, which is usually completed over one year. You should select a project topic which expands your learning in your field of study, in a related area, or that is relevant to your own personal interests. Each of the four units offers a different type of project and you select the one most appropriate to your project. Throughout your in-depth study, you will develop and apply skills creatively, resulting in one of the four following project outcomes:

- A dissertation
- An investigation
- A performance
- An artefact

Student Testimony

"It really helped me to develop my independent research skills and gave me the opportunity to explore an area of interest in depth."

Career Paths & Degree Courses

This course provides an excellent stepping stone for those wishing to pursue Higher Education, and is valued by many universities. Although it may not form part of a particular offer for entrance to university, it can be used to demonstrate a particular interest in a career which has not been possible through subject choices.

"We welcome the introduction of the Extended Project and would encourage you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school/college to higher education." Cambridge University.

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Assessment

You will be assessed on your ability to plan, manage, complete and review your project. It is assessed by a tutor-assessor from within school.

Externally moderated by Edexcel.