

# EPQ Introduction

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# What is the EPQ?

A project based qualification that is equivalent to half an A-level. Three options:

## Written Report

- 5000 word report
- Log book
- Presentation

## Artefact and Report

- Artefact
- 1000+ word report
- Log book
- Presentation

## Group Project

- Groups of up to 4
- Each member produces their own EPQ
- Log book
- Presentation

# Why do an EPQ?

- Freedom of Study
- Beyond the curriculum
- Has UCAS points
- Looks good on personal statements
- Interesting project
- Teaches valuable skills

# The log book

- Forms a record of the your progress through the EPQ
- Is the main source of marks for the EPQ
- Can have additional pages added:
  - Mind maps, journal pages, Gantt charts, etc.
- Is mostly filled in by you
  - 4 pages by the Supervisor
  - 1 page by the Coordinator

# Choosing a title

- Think of an area of interest for you
- Think of reasons why this interests you
- Try to develop these reasons into ideas for titles
- Consider how you will try to answer your title

# Choosing a good title

## The 5 point checklist:

1. Does the working title of the project and proposed action allow the student to investigate and to access the higher-level concepts and skills in the assessment objectives, i.e. plan, research, analyse, evaluate and explain, rather than simply describe and narrate?
2. Are the working title and proposed action clear and focused on an issue which can be managed within the timescale, available resources and word total?
3. Do the working title and proposed action indicate that the student will be capable of investigating and researching the topic or carrying out the activity or task independently?
4. Is there a danger that the student will be unable to approach the project impartially and in a balanced way?
5. Is the student likely to face difficulties understanding the concepts associated with the project topic?

# Problems with EPQ titles

- Not enough resources
- Not clear what the aim of the research was
- Too much based on the student's opinion
- Multi part titles
- Titles not definitive (To what extent...)

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# What title might you have for your EPQ?

- Take a minute. based on today's talk to think of a title that you might use for an EPQ
- Consider the pros and cons behind this title

# Any Questions?