



# BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

## EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

**QUALIFICATION:** Level 3 EPQ

**EXAM BOARD:** AQA

**COURSE LEADER:**  
Mrs Collingwood

### COURSE CONTENT

The EPQ is an additional, stand-alone project which can earn you up to 28 UCAS points. It helps you to develop skills which will be invaluable at university and in the world of work, like research, recording, reporting and presenting.

In a number of cases, students completing an EPQ are given more favourable offers from universities.

EPQ is different from A Levels in that YOU are in the “driving seat”. You will be allocated a supervisor from the staff, but you will be responsible for setting up meetings and working with them. You will be setting (and meeting) the deadlines. You will decide when things happen. You will be guided to record the whole process on AQA’s Project Q software.

In addition, you will choose the topic, either relating to you’re A Levels, your future choices or a personal interest.

Previous EPQ topics have ranged from String theory to artists’ representations of schizophrenia.

### PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- You MUST have a genuine interest in the subject you choose! It could be a topic you already know something about or something new but either way you’ll need to read widely about it AS YOU START thinking about your title.
- Also think about where the extra 90 hours of required study are going to come from out of your life. Yes, seriously!
- Enrol on one of the free Futurelearn online EPQ preparation courses available.

### ASSESSMENT

There are 3 parts to the assessment:

- A 5000-word written report
- A presentation in front of a non-specialist audience with Q&A afterwards
- A record of your progress through the project kept in a logbook provided by the exam board. This is completed online as you go along - making a journal of your progress in real time.



### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Some of our previous students have gone on to study Medicine, Dentistry, Midwifery, Nursing, Architecture, Law, English, Physics, Computer Science in every type of university including several Oxbridge undergraduates.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

*“I would tell people to do it because it is extremely rewarding and you learn much more in depth than you originally plan to; it’s nice to know I have a specialist area which I know masses about that not many people do.”*