

Extended Project Qualification

Level 3

Examination Board: Pearson EdexcelAQA

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The Level 3 Extended Project allows students to study a topic area which extends their learning in their chosen area of study, as a standalone qualification. Students select one of the four units, which may be completed over one or two years. They will select a project topic which expands their learning in their field of study, in a related area, or that is relevant to their own personal interests. Each of the four units offers a different type of project: 1) a dissertation, 2) an investigation/field study, 3) a performance or 4) an artefact. Learners will be assessed on their ability to plan, manage, complete and review their project. The project is assessed by the centre's tutor-assessor and externally moderated by the exam board. The qualification also attracts UCAS points for those applying to university.

This qualification will enable learners to:

- have significant input to the choice and design of their project and take responsibility for an individual task or a defined task within a group project
- develop and improve their own learning and performance as critical, reflective and independent learners
- develop and apply decision making and, where appropriate, problem solving skills
- extend their planning, research, critical thinking, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- where appropriate, develop as e-confident learners and apply relevant technologies in their studies
- develop and apply skills, creatively demonstrating initiative and enterprise
- transfer skills developed as part of their project to other areas of study
- use their learning experiences to support their personal aspirations for further education and/or career development.

Students can decide in September 2024 if this is a qualification they would like to work towards.

Assessment Objective	Marks Available	Weighting
AO1 Manage: Identify, design, plan and carry out a project, applying a range of skills, strategies and methods to achieve objectives.	9	17%
AO2 Use of Resources: Research, critically select, organise and use information, and select and use a range of resources. Analyse data, apply relevantly and demonstrate understanding of any links, connections and complexities of the topic.	12	22%
AO3 Develop and Realise: Select and use a range of skills, including, where appropriate, new technologies and problem solving, to take decisions critically and achieve planned outcomes.	24	44%
AO4 Review: Evaluate all aspects of the extended project, including outcomes in relation to stated objectives and own learning and performance. Select and use a range of communication skills and media to present evidenced project outcomes and conclusions in an appropriate format.	9	17%
TOTAL:	54	100%