

St John's Curriculum Overview – Year 12

Subject title	The Extended project Qualification – Level 3
Setting arrangements	Mixed – taught in options through the enrichment programme
Time allowance each fortnight	Two lessons

Introduction

The level 3 EPQ is a valuable qualification, highly rated by the best universities in the country. It puts the student in charge and allows them to explore an area of interest to them; this usually overlaps with one or more of their courses. It is worth up to 28 UCAS points, depending upon grade achieved. Students can choose to write a dissertation, conduct an investigation, produce an artefact or perform. Students go on to complete their projects during Year 13 with teacher support throughout the year.

Topics, Skills and Assessment covered during the course

	Topics covered	Skills developed	Assessment
Term 1	Introduction to the Level 3 EPQ – its value, options, choosing topics.	Study skills, decision making	Checking topics
Term 2	How to choose a question or focus, introduction to research, the proposal form and keeping a log. Looking at exemplar studies.	Research and study skills, time management	Log and proposal form checks
Term 3	The overall format, design, word limits, reviewing previous research, value of websites.	Research and making decisions	Overview of research
Term 4	Working on the basic structure and research review, updating log, keeping a bibliography. Checking with exemplar studies.	Research, planning and independent organisation	Overview of research
Term 5	Planning and structuring work, updating log and continuing research. Starting to draft own findings.	Research skills, making decisions, resilience	Checking progress
Term 6	Continue to draft own findings and also focus on presentations. Looking at requirements and preparing own PowerPoint slides for presentation. Sharing ideas with others.	Research skills, planning and presentation skills, and group work – sharing of ideas.	Checking presentation work and general progress

Resources Recommended for Revision and where they are available:

Tutors, online resources.

Homework:

Expected time allocation for the subject – research as required in own time.
The project is completed in the students' own time during Year 13, being in mind that it is worth half an A level.

Additional support and help for the course

Sixth Form Tutors and the Sixth Form Team offer guidance and support throughout the two years and students will receive 1:1 guidance when necessary.

Extra-Curricular

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