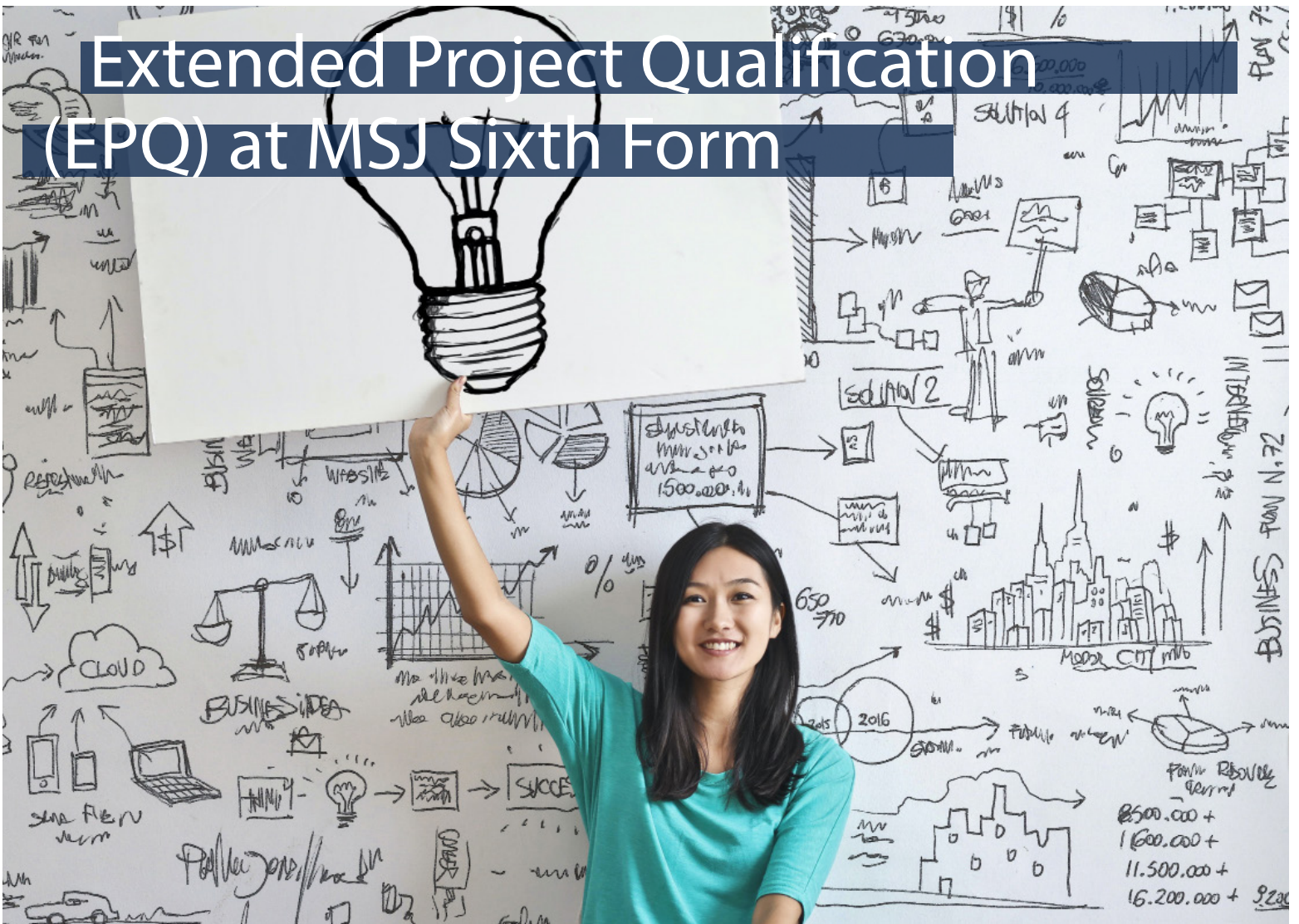


# Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) at MSJ Sixth Form



EPQ is a fantastic opportunity to expand and broaden your knowledge in an area or subject that interests you. Alongside deepening your understanding of your chosen focus, you also develop invaluable transferable planning, research, analysis and project management skills.

The EPQ allows you to experience real university-style independent learning and develops personal responsibility and motivation amongst students. The EPQ allows you to pursue your interest in areas outside of your A-level choices and can take the form of an essay or a more practical based product plus report. You are in charge of the direction and development of your project and are supported throughout by individual guidance from your supervisor.

EPQ is equivalent to 50% of an A level and worth more UCAS points than an AS. It is highly regarded by many universities and can result in a lower offer or place a student in a more competitive position. Your choice of project enables you demonstrate skills and subject focus.

## WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

You will have 30 hours of teaching to support the development of your research and project management skills to enable you to access, analyse and complete your project within an agreed timescale. Academic research and contextualising your project is an important aspect of the EPQ and you will be expected to engage with a range of different resources, including primary research and to gather evidence, where appropriate. You will need to spend 90 hours of independent work on your project.

The Qualification also requires you to complete a production log where you include details of the processes you have undertaken and justify the decisions you have made throughout your project, including a self-evaluation of your strengths and weaknesses. Finally, you deliver a Presentation which provides you with an opportunity to discuss your findings and analyse your learning journey.

### The product of a Project can be in 1 of 3 formats:

A research-based 5,000 word extended essay

A production\* (for example a, charity event, sporting event or drama event)

An artefact\* (for example, a piece of art, a

computer game, a realised design, a creative piece, an investigative documentary or podcast)

*\*supported by a written report of 1000-5000 words*

You will decide the precise format and scope of your project with your supervisor. The EPQ is completed in Year 12.

## IS IT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ME?

### What skills will I need?

Girls taking an EPQ need to be curious, motivated and determined to succeed as each project requires a high level of independence, however this is balanced with the satisfaction of developing new knowledge and skills in an area that has been carefully chosen by each individual.

### WITH WHICH OTHER SUBJECTS DOES IT WORK BEST?

An EPQ works well with any combination of subjects as the focus of the project is individual and unique and is designed to extend any area of study outside of the taught curriculum.

The EPQ provides you with a set of skills that are vital for higher study and also valuable in the workplace.

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## HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

EPQ assessment is holistic which means all the elements combine to give you your final mark including presentation skills, time management and academic research. The following assessment objectives are used in the marking and moderation of the EPQ:

A01 Manage the project

A02 Use resources

A03 Develop & realise

A04 Review