

# Extended Project

Edexcel



## Benefits of undertaking an Extended Project

The Extended Project Qualification will allow you to develop your critical reasoning skills, analytical skills and ability to manage a project independently. It is highly valued by Universities: they may include it in offers, ask about it at interview and welcome its inclusion in personal statements.

The Extended Project is an Advanced level qualification worth half a full A level in terms of UCAS points. The Project offers you the opportunity to study a subject that interests you and allows you more control over your study than ever before.

## What does it entail?

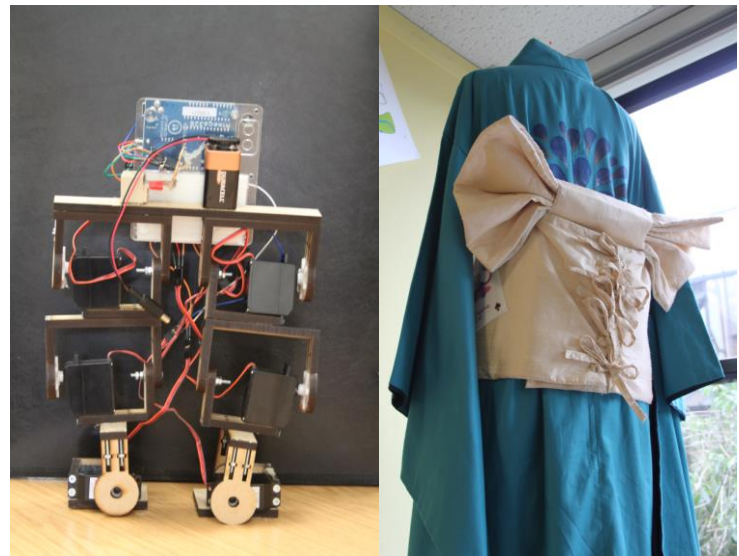
You have a choice of project topic; you can choose to explore an aspect of a subject you are currently studying or choose a topic in which you have a personal interest. You will be assigned a Supervisor who will guide you through the requirements and process of completing the project.

The finished project can take many forms – a well-researched dissertation, a scientific investigation, a performance, a piece of art, a community project or a film.

As part of the project students compile evidence of their planning and management of the project, the research undertaken and the development process. They finish by reviewing their work and presenting it to an audience.

To complete the project successfully you will need to produce:

- **a record of the process** that has been followed indicating that you can reflect on your progress and explain how you overcame obstacles and difficulties
- **evidence of research** – either finding out about something or finding out how to do something
- **a final product** – the essay, report, artwork, film etc.
- **a presentation** to others with a chance to answer questions.



## Points to consider:

- The Extended Project is demanding in terms of time, effort and commitment.
- It is undertaken in addition to other subjects you will be studying.
- You will need good independent working skills and the stamina to complete and meet deadlines.
- It is essential to have an inquiring mind and dedication to a task.
- You will need to manage the progress of your project to ensure that your objectives are achieved.

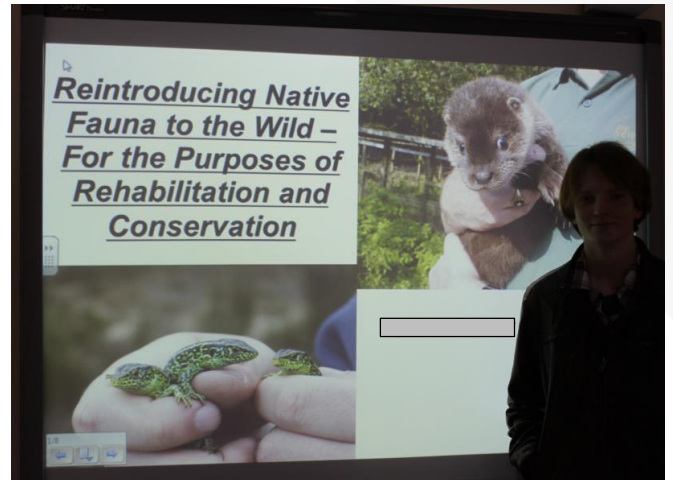
## Assessment

It is important to note that students are not just assessed on the final product that they produce but on the process itself. Marks are awarded for planning, management and organisation as well as for the selection and use of resources. The student must demonstrate that they have achieved what they set out to do producing an outcome that reflects their objectives. They are expected to review their work and to give a presentation to their peers about their work.

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## Some examples of project titles:

- Could an Artificial Hand ever achieve the Functionality, Sensitivity and Aesthetics of a Human Hand?
- Can nuclear power be made safe?
- What are the Top Down and Bottom Up approaches to Criminal Profiling, and How Effective is Criminal Profiling?
- Which major principles established by Florence Nightingale are still in evidence in modern healthcare systems?
- To what extent is the Trinity doctrine based on biblical foundations?
- How was Shakespeare Influenced by Classic Greek Mythology in his play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'?
- The reasons for the extent and scale of the Huguenot exodus from France in the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries, and the impact that the refugees had on the UK
- Is Autism a genuine neurological disorder or is it a self-taught behaviour?
- How successfully did Leonardo Da Vinci's 'Last Supper', Raphael's 'Madonna of the pink's' and Michelangelo's 'Pieta' accurately depict the gospels of the New Testament?
- What would be the best option to contain Foot and Mouth disease if there was an outbreak in the United Kingdom in the future?
- Why has there been a decline in the Honey Bee population?
- Is graffiti art or vandalism?
- Why were the Germans defeated at the Battle of Stalingrad?
- How have we come to our current understanding of black holes?
- Should the voting age be lowered to 16?
- The environmental challenges faced by Belize
- An investigation into biological luminesces in marine organisms



- Is it right to give someone a pill which we know has no active benefit?
- Why did Yugoslavia fall apart so violently in the 1990's?
- To what extent is there monopoly power in the Barclays Premier League?
- How effective is rehabilitation for Traumatic Brain Injury patients?
- How did the relationship between the military and political leaderships of Nazi Germany affect the outcome of the war on the Eastern front in the Second World War?
- Is the Value of Equality achievable in the Olympic Games, or is it an unrealistic Ideal?
- To what extent do Oliver Cromwell's actions in Ireland justify his reputation as a brutal tyrant?

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