

EXTENDED PROJECT



The Extended Project Qualification is aimed at students who aspire to a place at a top university, ultimately looking to demonstrate their academic capability.

Many students will embark on this qualification due to their passion and enthusiasm for their favourite curriculum subject. The qualification provides a platform to achieve enviable advanced study skills, coupled with an opportunity to develop their passion and knowledge for their chosen subject in a way that is beyond the A level specification. With weekly access to a Supervisor the student embarks on a 5000 word dissertation or an 'artefact' accompanied by a 1500 word report, on a subject of their choice.

Who should follow The Extended Project qualification programme?

To access the qualification, you will need to have a good selection of high grades at GCSE.

What activities can you expect to experience?

- Students will be offered opportunities to visit Russell Group universities, both city and campus based. Previous destinations have included Sheffield, Durham, Newcastle, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester
- Participation in Study Skills Seminars led by PHD research scholars from Leeds and Manchester universities
- Participation in Manchester University Access Programme, which can potentially lead to a reduced offer from Manchester University. Participants complete some independent work as set by Manchester University and attend various sessions there.
- Participation in Lancaster Mentoring Programme, this includes visits from a 'Student Mentor', a current student at Lancaster University. It involves help with completion of personal statements for university applications and a visit to Lancaster University where participants get the opportunity to sample lectures in their chosen subject area. This also leads to a reduced offer to study at Lancaster University

You will develop the following advanced study/employability skills:

- Project Management skills; planning, target setting and evaluation
- Library skills, using academic resources, accessing journal systems
- Evaluation and analysis of resources
- Time Management skills; meeting deadlines
- Academic writing skills; how to plan the layout of your report, referencing

- Self-reflection and evaluation
- Presentation skills
- Decision-making, adaptability and initiative

What about Trips and Visits

Scheduled trips for 2016-17:

Visits to prestigious universities including the University of Manchester and Lancaster University among others

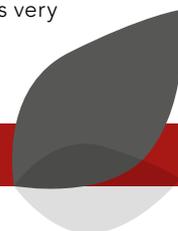
What will this elective lead to after SJR?

The Extended Project Qualification will be a great benefit when applying for prestigious universities as the skills developed can be discussed in students' personal statements as part of the application process. It also demonstrates passion for a subject area and students being prepared to take on an extra commitment. In effect, students will have used university level skills before having actually started university. Some of the most prestigious universities in the UK are very keen on applicants who have completed the Extended Project Qualification:

Cambridge University "We welcome the introduction of the Extended Project and would encourage you to undertake one as it will help you develop independent study and research skills and ease the transition from school/college to higher education."

Warwick University "Applicants presenting the Extended Project are encouraged to discuss their research in their personal statement and reflect on how undertaking the project will help prepare them for studying their chosen degree at Warwick."

Manchester University "The skills that students develop through the Extended Project are excellent preparation for university-level study. Students can refer to the Extended Project in their UCAS personal statements and at interview to demonstrate some of the qualities that universities are looking for. As a research-intensive university, The University of Manchester is very supportive of the skills the Extended Project encourages learners to develop."





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