



## The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Level 3 Extended Project Qualification provides opportunities for the development of critical, reflective and problem-solving skills through the planning, research and evaluation of a self-selected Project topic. Students also develop independent learning skills, which lay down excellent foundations for when they go into further education or into the world of work.

Through in-depth study, students will develop and apply skills creatively, resulting in one of the four following Project outcomes: a dissertation; an investigation or fieldwork; a performance; or an artefact.

Level 3 Project is ideally suited to 16 to 19 year olds and is graded A\* to E. It holds the equivalence of half a GCE at A – E and is worth extra UCAS points.

At BIST the EPQ is available to both Year 12 and 13 as an academic ECA, with a submission date of May 2024.

### **Completing an EPQ has many advantages to the student.....**



#### **Stretches learner potential**

Students who undertake a Project qualification will develop a broad spectrum of skills. At Level 3 these include: planning, managing, completing and evaluating their Project. Students will learn to work independently, use their initiative, project-manage, research, solve problems and present to a group.

Level 3 Project offers students the opportunity to stand out from the crowd. Students get the opportunity to specialise in a subject that isn't available at GCE and study it in greater depth. This will place them in good stead for their chosen career or discipline at university.



#### **Motivates learners**

The Project qualification is all about student choice.

In consultation with their tutor-assessor, students can choose a topic relating to a subject they're currently taking or to an area of wider, personal interest.

This choice serves to empower students and provides inspiration and motivation for disengaged learners.

The flexible nature of Project also means learners can demonstrate their abilities through the outcome they prefer. And since there are no exams, it will appeal to those students who are better suited to coursework.



#### **Earns students extra and UCAS points**

Project is recognised as being equivalent to half an A Level. By taking the respective levels of Project alongside their GCE or GCSE subjects, students can earn additional UCAS. The EPQ is also recognised by universities across the world.

**“** *Not only did our students love the experience but the skills acquired are now having a knock on effect in their A2 courses.* **”**  
Teacher, Marlborough College

**“** *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.* **”**  
University of Cambridge

**“** *It was the best course I have done – really liberating and refreshing. I would absolutely recommend others to do it.* **”**  
Undergraduate student, Durham University