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The magic of EPQ

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Key Points for the Session

- What is an EPQ?
- What experiences a student will gain from completing an EPQ, including wider benefits?
- What is involved in completing an EPQ and the commitments required?
- Any Questions?

What is an EPQ?

- The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is a standalone qualification designed to extend and develop your skills in independent research and project management
- It is an additional qualification adding to existing programme of study
- Open to anyone – university or apprenticeship students

'What is in it for the students?'

- Develops new skills which will enable them to get university or workplace ready
- Gives them a chance to show how they have developed learning outside of their main subjects
- It allows a student to become a 'mini-expert' in a topic of their choice
- Forms a key part of their personal statement
- Makes for a good discussion at university or apprenticeship interviews
- It is worth half an A level

'What is in it for students?'

Development of Transferable Academic Skills.....

Extend planning, research and presentation skills

Develop & improve their own learning and performance as critical, reflective and independent learners

Apply decision-making, and where appropriate problem solving skills

Improve analysis, evaluation and critical thinking skills

Understand how to reference and write academically

Learn to apply these skills creatively, and so take the initiative - chance to show enterprise

Become more confident as e-learners, using technology to enhance studies

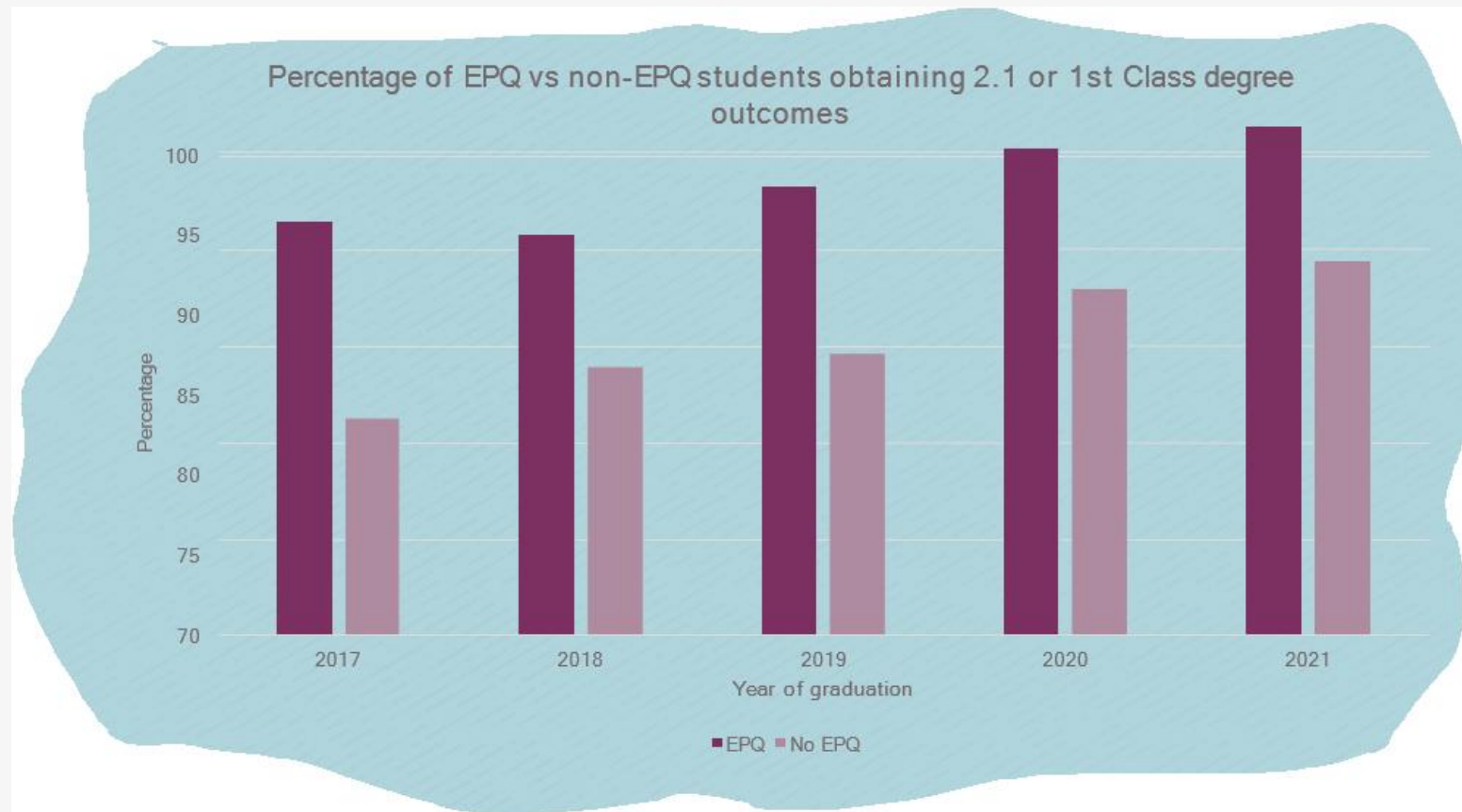
'What is in it for students?'

Development of skills..... University of Leeds & University of Southampton recognise the following skills developed through the EPQ



'What is in it for students?'

Wider Benefits... Quantitative Indicators from recent research show.....



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'What is in it for students?'

Wider Benefits...

- The EPQ carries a UCAS tariff (28-8 points A*-E)
- Student **may** get a lower university offer because of it

In 2025/26
EPQ students
held over 190
university offers
which included
their EPQ

Provider name	Provider code	CONDITIONAL OFFER
University of Leicester	L34	
Course name	Course code	Date of offer
Economics and Data Analytics	LL15	16 Jan 2024
Course start date	Point of entry	Application reply deadline
23 Sep 2024	Year 1	-
Conditions for acceptance		
This offer is subject to you obtaining Grades ABB at A-Level in 3 subjects or grades BBB plus grade B in the EPQ.		

So what is involved in completing an EPQ?

- Choose a topic – can be pretty much anything! (Avoiding Dual Accreditation)
- Plan, research and carry out a project
- Write an essay or produce an artefact/essay
- Complete a production log and journal to document the process (Project Q)
- Prepare and deliver a presentation in a 'Market Place Presentation' setting

What is the commitment?

- Research starts May/June of A1 academic year
- Timetabled sessions start September and finish early March of A2 academic year
- Attend all weekly sessions – as focus is on the development of skills
- Be self-motivated and sign up to the additional EPQ activities – University Library visit, workshops, EPQ conference, master classes, writing challenges, 'Shut Up and Write' and the 'Writing Café' sessions

EPQ Additional Activities provide:

Additional support and detailed development of skills such as: research skills, critical thinking, creating effective research questions, academic integrity and the use of AI in research projects, referencing using APA 7, self-management of an independent project, data collection and analysis whilst maintaining ethical considerations....



What does EPQ really look like....



Thank you Any Questions?

Since 2022/23
to current date
over
630 students
have achieved an
EPQ

Since 2022/23
462 EPQ Students
have progressed
into full time
university places
with 230 students
attending Russell
Group universities

